

CoDe
Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development

Duration: 1 year 6 months

Course description:

This Masters Course focuses on how regional and municipal development ("local development") can support economic and social progress, as well as political and social stability. The Course educates and trains students through theoretical and practical learning on local development. It places particular emphasis on issues arising from ethnically complex situations, and provides direct contact with European best practice. Students will be able to introduce, support and co-ordinate transformation at the local level, acting as an interface between organisations and structures engaged locally.

Master CoDe is fully embedded in the "third wave" of local development. The focus of local development has shifted from direct intervention to shaping the entire context, including the institutional, social and business environment more conducive to stabilisation, business and growth. Thus the focus is placed on public/private partnerships, entrepreneurship, sustainability, competitiveness, networking and the leveraging of private sector investments for the public good. Tools used to this end include supporting quality of life improvements, supporting and encouraging networking and collaboration, providing a competitive local investment climate, encouraging workforce development and education, developing a holistic strategy aimed at growing local firms, fostering the development of business clusters.

The target students of the Programme are highly qualified young people, active in the promotion of local development and cohabitation in their countries.

This interdisciplinary and comparative study programme is comprised of lectures and laboratory activities in economics, law, political science, sociology and project cycle management, as well as workshops, internships, language courses, and project discussion groups. The Consortium provides considerable expertise on the subject.

Participating universities are the University of Trento (Italy), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Regensburg (Germany). The Course builds an institutional bridge between "old" and "new" European universities, local authorities, firms and other organisations in these countries. Prospective partners are the University of Belgrade (Serbia), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA) and the Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa). The OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development is among the associate institutions.

Student mobility and teaching staff mobility are both integral to the Course. The students' mobility arrangements will include didactic activities at two partner universities, established on a rotation agreement. The second part of the mobility track treats students individually: each student, according to their knowledge base and interests, chooses at which partner university to pursue the rest of their Master's activities.

English is the general working language of the Programme. The programme offers language courses in Italian and German and, upon request, Hungarian and Slovenian. The core lecturers/students ratio is 1 professor to 3 students. Each student also has a personal supervisor for project work and one for their internship.

The partner universities award a joint Masters degree to successful students. The Course fosters strong ties with its alumni in order to guarantee continuous cooperation among them and with the consortium institutions and countries. Common admission criteria include a university degree in economics, law, political science, sociology or an equivalent qualification. Applicants must be competent in English and have good computer literacy.

Website:

<http://www.unitn.it/mastercode/>

Partners:

University of Trento, Italy (Co-ordinating Institution)
Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
University of Regensburg, Germany

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