

Executive Master in EU Studies

*EU Expertise
for Professionals*

Part-Time Programme

Online and In-Person



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Executive Master in EU Studies – A Part-Time Programme for Professionals

Our **Executive Master in EU Studies** is designed to enhance your expertise in European affairs while allowing you to maintain your professional commitments. This programme combines academic excellence with practical insights, preparing you for leadership roles in EU-related fields.

Thanks to our **long-standing e-learning expertise** in teaching professionals, we offer the perfect blend of online study phases and weekend workshops.

The Executive Master in EU Studies



DURATION

2 years



FORMAT

Blended learning (80% online, 20% in-person)



8 WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

in Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Budapest,
Nice, Rome & Vienna



LANGUAGE

English



CREDITS

60 ECTS



DEGREE

- Executive Master in EU Studies
- Policy Officer in European and International Organisations (professional title recognised by the French state)

CIFE at a Glance

European institute of higher
education and research since **1954**

1 of the 7 designated institutions
supported by the Jean Monnet Actions
of the European Union

8 Master programmes

3000+ students from **120+** nationalities

70+ years of excellence



Why Choose CIFE's Executive Master in EU Studies?

- Enhance your expertise while keeping your current job.
- Learn from academics and practitioners, including high-ranking national and EU institutional representatives.
- Understand the complexity of the current geopolitical situation through an **interdisciplinary approach**.
- Gain insights from **peers representing over 30 countries**.
- Join a **worldwide network** of over **5,000 CIFE Alumni**.
- **95 %** of our graduates attest full satisfaction with the programme.



Curriculum Highlights

Our curriculum is regularly updated to reflect the current landscape of European politics, law and economics. It provides a comprehensive understanding of EU fundamentals, before offering specialised tracks.

YEAR 1 EU Fundamentals

Courses (among others):

- History of European Integration
- EU Institutional Architecture
- EU Law
- The EU in World Politics
- Sustainable Development and the Green Deal
- Enlargement of the EU
- Lobbying and Advocacy

YEAR 2 Specialisation

Advanced Courses

- Explaining the Institutional Evolution of the EU: Drivers and Barriers
- Constitutional Framework of the EU, European Citizenship and EU Fundamental Rights
- The European Union Facing Global Economic Challenges

Skills and Competences

- Strategic Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of Development Programmes in the EU
- Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework Approach

Choose Your Track & Your Discipline!

RESEARCH TRACK

Do you prefer to **work independently** and extensively with a **focus on a topic of your choice**?

Receive in-depth academic guidance, train in methodology and produce a Master thesis?

Then the Research Track is for you!

- Methodology classes
- Individual supervision
- Research paper
- Colloquium
- Master thesis

PROFESSIONAL TRACK

Or are you rather interested in **methods and techniques** on how to write i.a. a legal memo, an economic analysis or a policy brief?

Do you prefer to focus on enhancing your skills **for the labour market** and producing a final paper?

Then you should opt for the Professional Track!

- Specialisation course
- EU Law: legal memos and writs
- Economics: economic analyses
- Politics: press releases, policy briefs
- Professional paper

Individual Study & Group Work

The Executive Master in EU Studies allows students the opportunity to study both individually and together with peers and experts to exchange opinions and views.

During their two years of studies, our students experience group work in various interactive learning formats, such as simulations, case studies and project planning.

During the eight in-person weekend workshops, our students:

- study and practise the different strategies of various actors in international relations;
- learn how to read and understand judgements of the Court of Justice of the EU;
- analyse various strategies of lobby groups;
- practise their presentation skills.

Simulations

Our students put their theoretical knowledge into practice with simulations of two European institutions.

→ **Weigh up priorities, analyse strategies, take action**

At the end of the first year during the Brussels workshop, students take on the role of a Head of State to negotiate and reach a unanimous agreement in a simulation of a European Council summit.

→ **Prepare legal memos, write legal writs, take the stand**

Then, during the second-year Berlin workshop, students put on their black robes for a simulation of a case before the Court of Justice of the EU.

They also train their debating skills in a 'debating society' exercise to discuss a specific controversial motion.

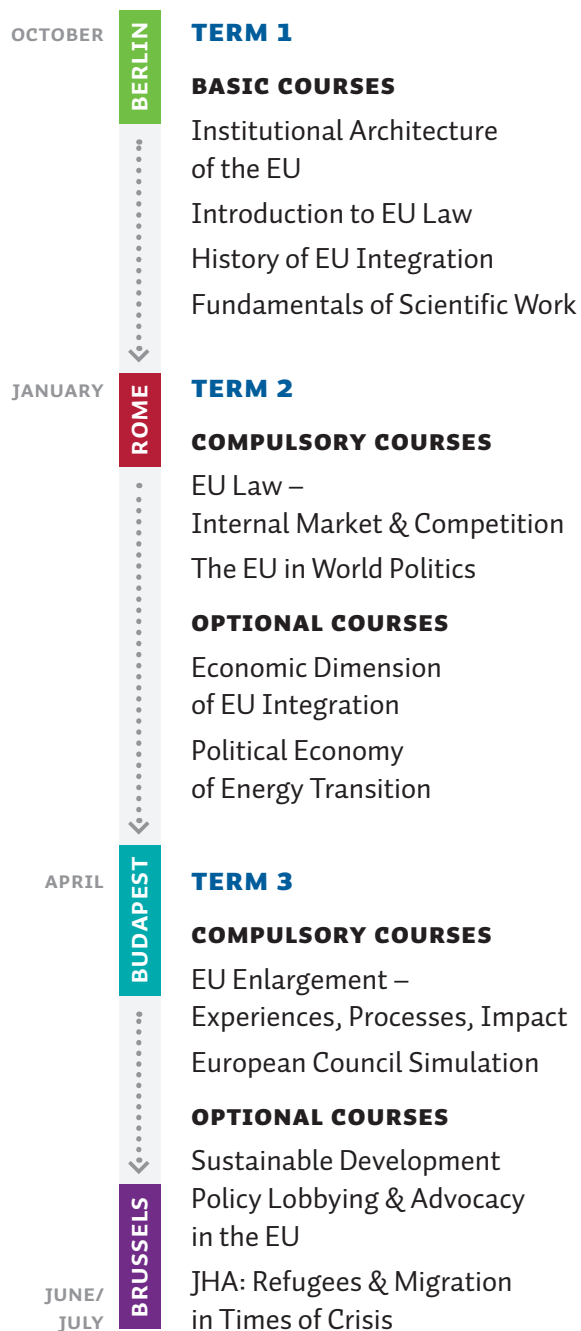
Project Work

At the start of the second year, students can opt for either 'Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework Approach' or 'Strategic Planning of Development Programmes'. They learn how to organise and manage their work in an autonomous way, with the support of our experts, and learn the different steps of project planning.



Courses – Online and In-Person

YEAR 1 EU Fundamentals



YEAR 2 Specialisation



Participate in **8 intensive workshops** in key European cities including Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Budapest, Nice, Rome and Vienna. Meet and exchange with national practitioners and EU experts. Network with CIFE Alumni living and working in these cities.

YEAR 1

BERLIN *October*

Start an intensive two-year academic journey with CIFE in Berlin! The focus is set on the fundamentals of European studies.

ROME *January*

Travel to the city of the founding treaty. Take part in an interactive seminar on communication strategies and meet an Italian MP at the National Assembly.

BUDAPEST *April*

Focus on justice and home affairs, EU enlargement, interest representation and sustainable development with national practitioners and EU experts. Meet a local MP during a visit to the Hungarian National Assembly.

BRUSSELS *June/July*

In the heart of Europe, discuss the latest EU developments and challenges with EU representatives, visit the European institutions and take part in a European Council simulation.

YEAR 2

VIENNA *October*

Choose your research or professional track in EU Law, Economics or Political Science. Improve your professional skills, manage your team project and work on a case study.

BERLIN *January*

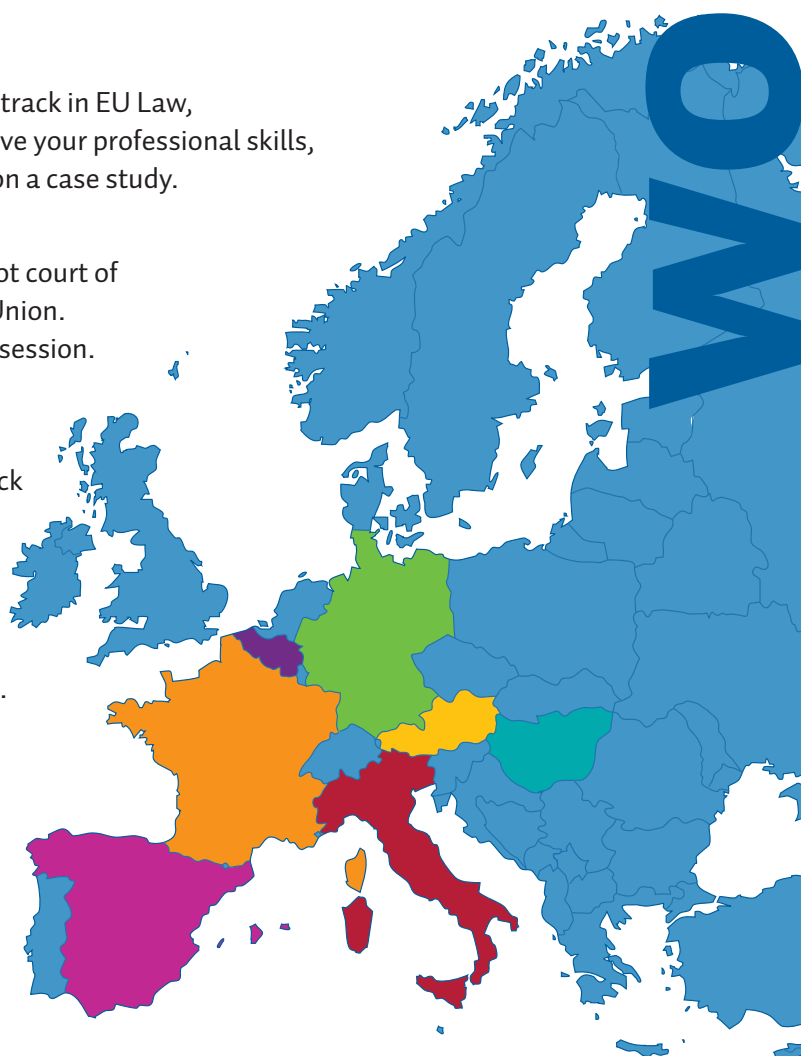
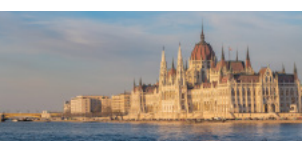
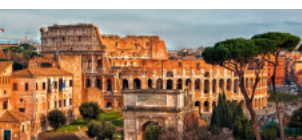
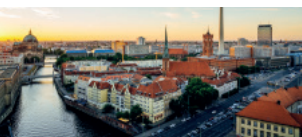
Return to Berlin and experience a Moot court of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Train your skills in a debating society session.

BARCELONA *March/April*

Discover the Parliament of Catalonia, present your research and get feedback from your peers and supervisors.

NICE *June/July*

Defend your Master thesis or professional paper and celebrate the successful completion of your studies.

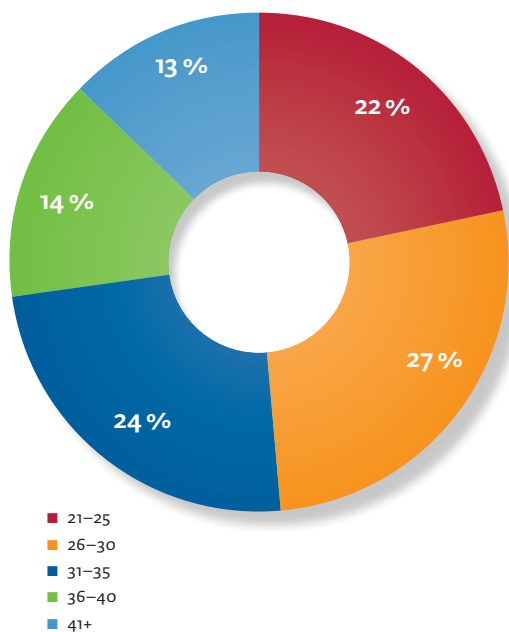


Who Studies the Executive Master in EU Studies?

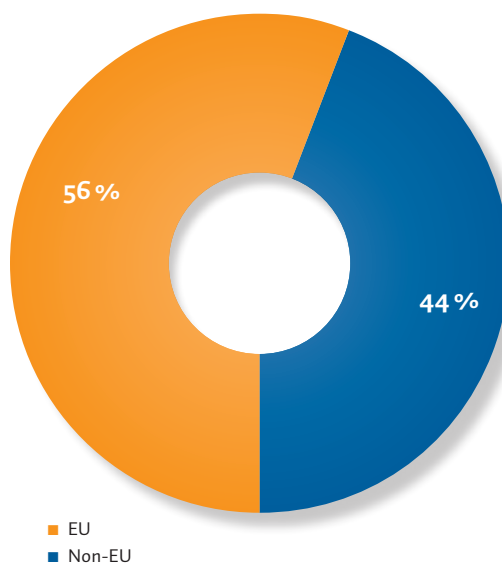
The students of the Executive Master in EU Studies come from diverse backgrounds in various professional sectors. Each cohort is also formed of students from numerous nationalities, thus creating a multicultural dynamic.

Find out more about the graduates of the Executive Master in EU Studies since 2010!

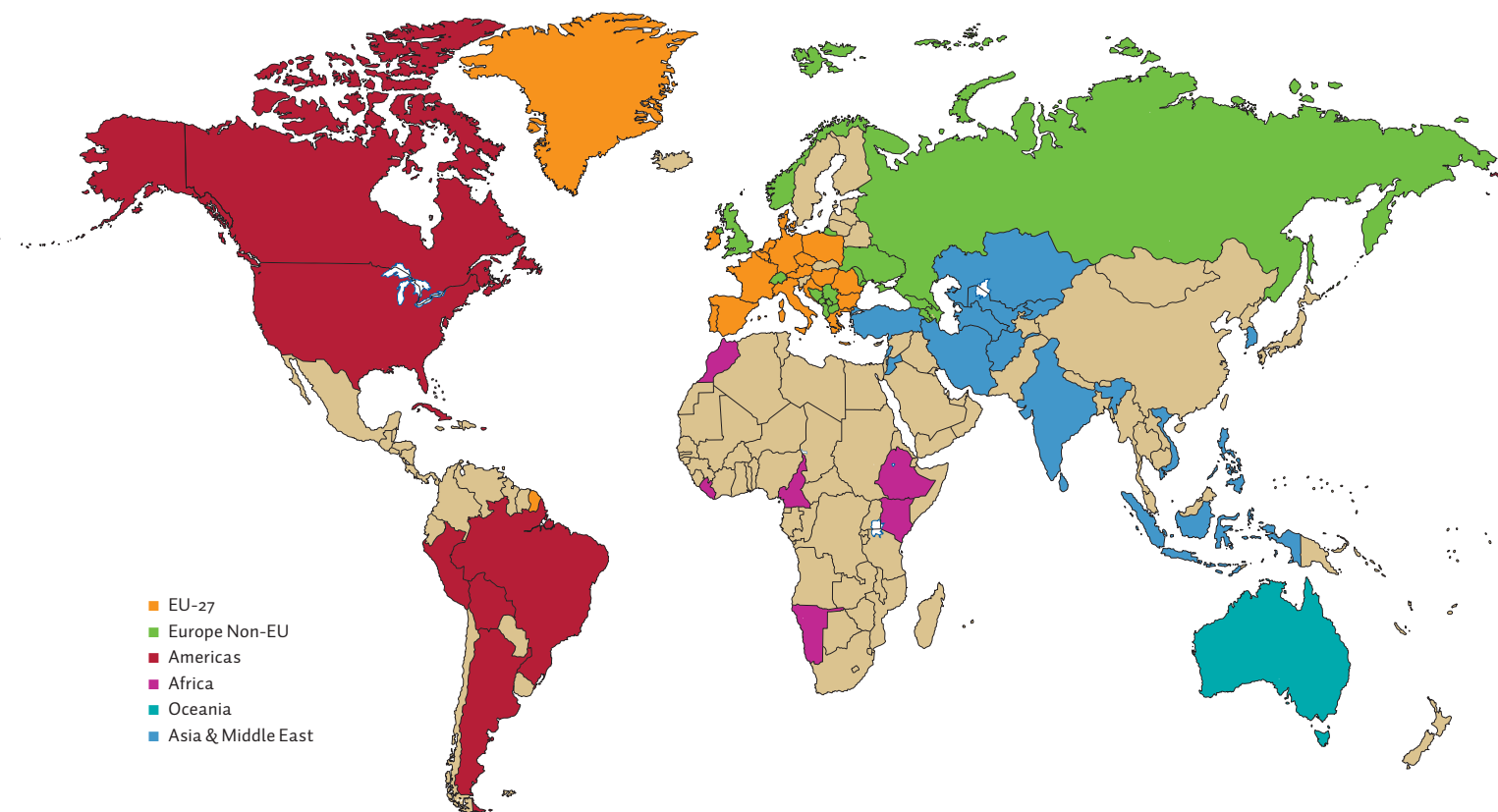
Average Age of Our Students: 32 years



Origin of Our Students



Nationalities



YEAR 1 EU Fundamentals



FRANÇOIS BAFOIL
Political Economy
of Energy Transitions



VERONICA CZINA
Enlargement
of the EU



DORIS DIALER
Lobbying and Advocacy
in the EU



ARTUR GRUSZCZAK
Justice and Home Affairs
in the EU



RACHEL GUYET
Political Economy of Energy
Transitions



GYÖNGYVÉR GYENE
Sustainable Development Policy
and Green Deal



ROBERT KISSACK
The EU in World Politics



KAI KRAUS
■ Introduction to EU Law
■ Internal Market



JACQUES LE CACHEUX
The Economic Dimension
of EU Integration



EDGAR LENSKI
■ Introduction to EU Law
■ Internal Market



MAZHAR MUGHAL
The Economic Dimension
of EU Integration



TAMÁS SZIGETVÁRI
Enlargement of the EU



ANJA THOMAS
■ The EU's Institutional
Architecture
■ Fundamentals of Scientific Work



MATTHIAS WAECHTER
History of
European Integration



WOLFGANG WESSELS
The EU's Institutional
Architecture

- Study with renowned academics and practitioners from all over Europe
- Meet the experts at the face-to-face workshops
- Gain concrete insights into the workings of the EU

YEAR 2 Specialisation**VERONICA CZINA**

- The EU's Global Economic Challenges
- Cohesion and Differentiation

**EMRE GÜR**

Project Cycle Management

**GYÖNGYVÉR GYENE**

EU Programme Management

**RALF KANITZ**

- The EU's Constitutional Framework
- Internal Market, Trade and Sustainability

**KAI KRAUS**

- The EU's Constitutional Framework
- Internal Market, Trade and Sustainability

**NIKOLAUS SCHEFFEL**

- The EU's Constitutional Framework
- Internal Market, Trade and Sustainability

**TAMÁS SZIGETVÁRI**

- The EU's Global Economic Challenges
- Cohesion and Differentiation

**THOMAS TRAGUTH**

- The EU's Institutional Evolution
- Formats of EU Professional Practice

**MATTIAS WENDEL**

EU Law Faculty Member

**WOLFGANG WESSELS**

The EU's Institutional Evolution

- Stay up-to-date with the latest research
- Benefit from regular follow-ups with the experts online
- Receive guidance with any course-related matters



MEGGHI PENGILI

Visiting Research Fellow, University of Leeds, UK and Senior Advisor, TRENDS, US

The singularity and complexity of the European Union as a subject matter requires a multidisciplinary approach comprising a rich plethora of fields such as politics, economics, environment, civil society, law, foreign policy, international organisations, etc. The Executive Master in EU Studies offers not only all of this in a comprehensive platform, but also a unique network of professionals from a variety of countries.



ELENE KOBADZE

Retention Programs & Replacement RRP Executive, Philip Morris International, Belgium

I highly recommend the CIFE Executive Master in EU Studies to individuals who are interested in the operational mechanisms of the European Union. The programme's strength lies in its interdisciplinary approach, effectively covering each aspect of European integration.



VANESSA BREBION

Senior Business Analyst at the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

The hybrid format, combining remote learning with in-person workshops, is indeed ideal to find your own balance. It offers flexibility whilst also fostering strong connections with fellow students.



LUIS C. MELERO

Legal Labour Law Specialist at the International Labour Organisation, Switzerland

My experience during these two years of the Executive Master in EU Studies exceeded all my expectations. Not only was the content well-structured and interesting, but the pace of study was also accessible for everyone that seeks to combine work, domestic life and studies.



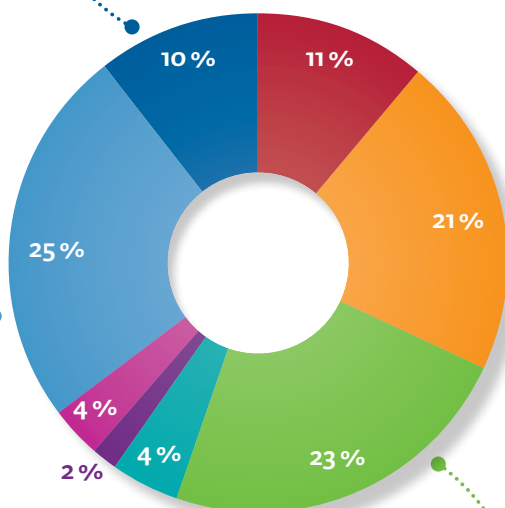
GENTIAN XHAXHIU

Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA), Montenegro

The programme changed my understanding of the EU, its global role and 'modus operandi' and helped me make projections for the future connected to the forthcoming relations between the Western Balkans and the EU.

Professional Fields of Executive Graduates

- Consultancy and Advocacy
- Companies and Banks
- European Institutions and International Organisations
- Banking and Finance
- Humanitarian Sector, NGOs and Social Enterprises
- Media and Communications
- National Governments and Administration
- Think Tanks, Research and Teaching



Degree and Recognition

Graduates are awarded two certifications:

- **Executive Master in EU Studies** CIFE's diploma, certifying successful completion of the curriculum granting 60 ECTS credits at Master level.
- **Chargé de mission en organisations européennes et internationales** (Policy Officer in European and International Organisations).

This professional certification is recognised by the French State as a degree at Master level (Level 7 European Qualification Framework).

Application Requirements and Tuition Fees

A **Bachelor degree or equivalent** (three years of study at university level) and **English proficiency** are required to apply for our programme.

The **tuition fees** are € 4,900 per year, which covers academic guidance, a virtual campus, technical support as well as board and lodging during the weekend workshops.

A limited number of **scholarships** reducing the tuition fees are available.

Apply online at www.executive-master.eu





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For 70 years, the Centre international de formation européenne has been promoting the values of Europe, European integration and governance, multilingualism and student mobility through its European and international higher education programmes.

As CIFE President I am pleased to be able to contribute to the next stage in the development of this academic institution.

Herman Van Rompuy

*President Emeritus of the European Council
Belgian Minister of State
President of CIFE*

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European Institute

CIFE European Institute has been at the forefront of European education since 1954. We are committed to fostering European integration and cooperation.

CIFE is one of the seven “designated institutions” supported by the Jean Monnet Actions of the European Union.

Our offices in Nice, Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul ensure an international perspective, preparing you for the complex world of EU affairs.

Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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