

First and second year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Module Skills and Competences (6 ECTS)

During the academic program participants not only gain first hand academic knowledge in the specific areas of study, they also acquire a number of skills and professional competences.

Although all course modules contribute to enriching the skills, competences and expertise of the participants (see the details given in the course descriptions), the curriculum of the Executive Master in EU Studies contains this specific module designed exactly with the purpose of endowing the participants with a series of additional competences. These resources and expertise are useful and decisive to complete the Master program and are committed to the professional career. This module equips the participants with several soft skills and competences usually needed in the working environment helping them to improve their ability and expertise when working for national, European or international organizations, in public or private sector.

The module runs over two years of the Executive Master in EU Studies.

1. First part: Soft skills and competences for today's professionals

The first part consists of a series of lectures, exercises, discussions and presentations (mainly during the workshops) and focuses on the development of those skills and competences, which are most needed in the daily work in any international working environment. Meetings with (inter)national experts and practitioners offer on one side the opportunity to discuss in depth current issues affecting the EU and its member states, on the other side provide valuable insights into decision-making procedures, offers dialogue and networking possibilities, allows the participants to make use of the acquired knowledge in a more practical manner.

Theme/Topic: Soft skills and competences

Expert: Several experts

Character: Compulsory

ECTS Credits: 3 ECTS

Teaching methods: Presentations, discussions, exercises, course material, forum activity, webinars (during all workshops and online)

Assessment methods: partially graded , mandatory participation in 80% of all sessions and offers

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- Skills and competences (Selection)
- How does it work? Understanding decision-making procedures in multi-level systems and in regional, national, European and international institutions
 - Negotiation skills (e.g. simulation): identifying trade-offs, interests, capabilities, opportunities
 - Communicating and arguing with success: presentation skills and non-verbal communication
 - Intercultural competences
 - Drafting of position papers, policy briefs and summary reports
 - Working with media and journalists (e.g. press release, information cycle, blog writing)
 - Understanding the functioning of social media
 - Preparing the exam for the s.c. "concours"
 - Improving skills in networking and job hunting
 - Understanding the functioning of European Agencies in Brussels and the EU
 - The professionalism in national and European parliament
 - Planning the career development (e.g. Apcoworldwide) :
 - Writing an EU project application (EU-Calls for application)

2. **Second part: Project Cycle Management**

The second part consists of an separate project-based course where participants are confronted with the typical issues of managing a project in an international context. The course part takes place from June to September.

Theme/Topic:	Project Cycle Management
Expert:	Emre Gür, CIFE
Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	course material online, forum discussions, seminar and discussion at the presence workshops,
Assessment methods:	Final project at the end of first term of the second year will be graded assignments (draft projects, project trees, developing logical frame work etc.) , active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences	to deepen the competences in project management based on already gained professional experience, project cycle management, developing projects , project trees, logical frame work schemes , application for and managing of EU funds