

# Executive Master in EU Studies

*EU Expertise for Professionals*



E-Learning

Weekend Workshops

Professional insight into Europe

Flexible – Interdisciplinary – Skill-oriented

**Blended Learning: Online and On-Site**



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**Interdisciplinary and flexible | 2 years – 60 ECTS**

The Executive Master in EU Studies programme has been organised by the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) since 2009.

This programme provides structured knowledge of EU fundamentals, focused on key issues for in-depth understanding and a future-oriented approach to EU integration.

Designed for professionals who want to study while pursuing their careers, our programme is a two-year academic journey that enables flexible study paths. Upon completion of the first year, CIFE can issue a certificate of acquired ECTS.

Each year's incoming class is made up of participants from diverse nationalities and backgrounds.

## Our Methods – virtual and personal

### E-learning and face-to-face workshops

The Executive Master in EU Studies offers state-of-the-art blended learning through interactive online courses, moderated fora, webinars, instructional videos, individual guidance and face-to-face workshops.

**Barcelona, Berlin, Budapest, Brussels, Nice, Rome and Vienna:** our intensive weekend workshops bring participants and faculty together for exclusive lectures and skills training.



## Our Curriculum – structured and focused

The first year offers a range of compulsory and optional courses on history of European integration, EU institutional architecture, EU in world politics, EU law, enlargement of the EU, sustainable development and more.

The second year allows a specialisation with the option to either follow a research track, leading to a master thesis or a professional track to intensify your skills and competences for the labour market.

Alongside your studies, we provide you with high-level teaching and individual supervision for best learning outcomes.

## Our Faculty – renowned and international

CIFE's faculty brings together some of Europe's most renowned academics and practitioners in their fields, providing latest research and concrete insights from the living practice of the EU.

## Your Studies – enriching and rewarding

- Expand your knowledge by studying with our European faculty in an intercultural and interactive environment.
- Build your own multidimensional vision of Europe's role in a globalised world.
- Choose your specialisation in Political Science, Economics or EU law.
- Follow a research or professional track.

## EXECUTIVE SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- **Negotiate** within an international context
- **Draft reports**, position papers, economic analyses and policy briefs
- **Plan, propose and manage** an international project
- **Identify and balance** competing interests during ECJ and EU Council simulation games
- **Write** legal opinions and writs

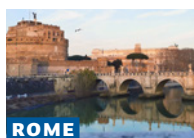
## Overview of the two academic years

Thanks to our long-standing e-learning expertise in teaching professionals, we offer the perfect blend of online study phases and workshops. The eight weekend workshops launch and wrap up each course with group exercises, exams and several visits to EU and national institutions.



### **October** Kick-off workshop

You start an intensive 2-year academic journey with us! The focus is set on the fundamentals of European studies.



**January** We take you to the city of the establishing Treaty. Your studies continue with an interactive seminar on communication strategies and an introduction to compulsory and elective courses.



**April** With national practitioners and EU experts, we concentrate on justice and home affairs, enlargement of the EU, interest representation and sustainable development.



**June** In the heart of Europe, you discuss the latest EU developments and challenges with representatives of the European institutions and build your network.

## THREE DISCIPLINES – TWO TRACKS – YOUR CHOICE

### RESEARCH TRACK

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

### PROFESSIONAL TRACK

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



VIENNA

### October Start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Choose your research or professional track in EU law, Economics or Political Science. Manage your team project, work on a case study and improve your skills.



BERLIN

January Back to Berlin for interdisciplinary sessions and specialisation courses. Work on methodology, experience a Moot court of the ECJ and benefit from a debating society training session.



BARCELONA

April Present your research, get feedback from your peers and supervisors. You are now equipped for the next step of your academic journey.

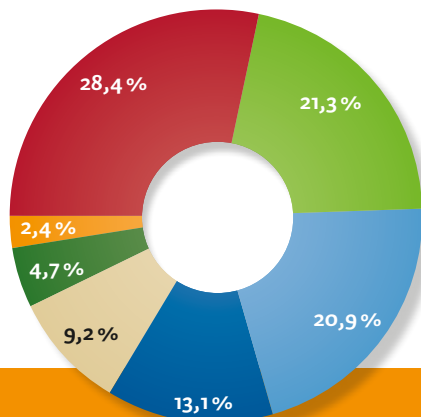


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July It is time to defend your master thesis or your professional paper and to celebrate the successful completion of your studies. Now, you belong to our Alumni network – let's shape the future of Europe!

## Professional fields of recent CIFE graduates

- International and EU Organisations
- Companies and Banks
- National Governments and Administration
- Research and Teaching
- Consultancy and Advocacy
- International Humanitarian Sector/NGOs
- International Media



## 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 fee

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

The **tuition fee** is € 4 900 per year and 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 fee are available.

Apply online at [www.executive-master.eu](http://www.executive-master.eu)

**The application deadline is 5 September.**



Nationality of our participants since 2003

# Alumni testimonials

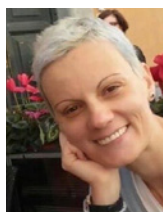
I can only recommend the CIFE Executive Master in EU studies to everyone who is interested in a **deeper understanding of how the EU works**. The curriculum enabled me to better understand how history and the theoretical debates about the EU as a unique form of political organisation shape the practical functioning of the EU institutions and their responses to the current political challenges. At the same time, I also acquired valuable practical skills that are relevant for my day-to-day work.



I appreciated very much how the programme combined the **flexibility offered by distance learning** with weekend workshops in different European cities.

**Frederic Fender** Master 2017–2019  
European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany

No single academic discipline is able to provide knowledge, understanding and explanation of what the European Union is and how it works in practice. Thus, the singularity and complexity of the subject require a thorough and multidisciplinary platform comprising a rich plethora of fields as politics, economics, environment, civil society, law, foreign policy, international organisations, etc. The Executive Master in EU Studies is not only this comprehensive platform, but it is also an experience by **offering the unique and valuable possibility to network with professionals** from various countries that no matter their differences they were able to think independently together.



**Migena Pengili** Master 2016–2018  
PhD Student, Politics and international Studies, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

Pursuing the Master in EU studies was an exciting experience that tailored in a perfect blend the online and face-to-face learning. The **large spectrum of topics** covered provides you with knowledge on the legal dimension of the EU, its standing in the global arena as an economic and normative power as well as very up-to-date topics such as sustainable development, Brexit and the recent migration flow.



**Rovena Muzhaqi** Master 2015–2017  
Sub-Grants Officer, Terre des hommes, Milan, Italy



*For more than 60 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

## Centre international de formation européenne

CIFE is a private institution of higher education and research, founded in 1954 with its head office in Nice and offices in Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. It receives special funding in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Union. For over 60 years, we have been unstinting advocates of European integration through our international and interdisciplinary study programmes.

Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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