

Joint European Master in **COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CoDe)**



**A European Master Programme accredited by
the European Council for Accreditation**



Master CoDe main objective is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills for introducing, supporting and co-ordinating processes of change and transformation at local level. The focus of the programme is local development, with the following characteristics: public, private and non-governmental actors are the fundamental agents; social stability and economic prosperity are pursued, in conformity with the European standards and best practice. The general approach is comparative and interdisciplinary.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

The 2 year 1st level master programme is proposed by the University of Trento (Italy), the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Regensburg (Germany). The programme builds an institutional bridge between “old” and “new” European universities, local authorities, firms and other organizations in these countries and all over the world.

University of Trento

In its 50 years of history, the University of Trento has been known for its attention towards international relations and mobility and for the quality of its research and courses. These features have led the University of Trento to reach prominent positions in national and international university rankings. 16.000 students and about 600 faculty and researchers: these numbers speak of a university offering an ideal environment for studying and research, and services designed to cater for the needs of the individual. The oldest of the university's faculties, the Faculty of Sociology, was the first of its kind in Italy and remains today, as it has been since its foundation, a reference point for sociologists all over the world

The consortium is strengthened thanks to the collaboration of 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.



Corvinus University of Budapest

It is Hungary's highest-ranking institution and member of various international organizations, such as the elite group of the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS) and the Partnership in International Management (PIM). It won the "University of Excellence" award and the "Higher Education Quality Award" in 2010. In 2011 was chosen as the best network-university, which provides the best international and professional internships. In the same year it received the "Superbrand Title" which is provided for the best brands.



University of Ljubljana

Established in 1919, today includes 22 faculties, three academies and one college. As the largest university in Slovenia, it attracts 50% of annual national research funds, contributes to 60% of all academic output and provides all the country's PhD graduates. The Faculty of Social Sciences, involved in CoDe, is also a partner of Slovenia's most prestigious research centre on local development, the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS). Since 2007, UL has been ranked 124th on the European Universities Ranking (WEBOMETRICS) and it has a distinguished ranking at the Times Ranking (THES-QA).



University of Regensburg

It includes 11 faculties, offering a wide range of academic subjects. Due to its geographical location, the Universität Regensburg has always considered itself a bridge between East and West and accordingly aims to strengthen the dialogue of cultures. With the Europaeum, it has set up an interdisciplinary centre for research and teaching on all aspects pertaining to Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. The Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe (BAYHOST), which is a service centre for all Bavarian institutions of higher education, is also housed at the Universität Regensburg.



University of Belgrade

It has strong competences in research fields such as local governance and socio-economic aspects of local development. These disciplines became a priority on research plans of UB partly to address problems experienced by the Serbian/Yugoslav society in dealing with: underdevelopment, ethnic conflicts and ethnic diversity on local level, decentralization and regionalization, local development within economic, political and social post-communist transition, local governance and European integration, cooperation of local communities within and beyond the state borders.

Tshwane University of Technology

It is the result of the integration of three South African universities focused on conducting teaching and research particularly on the stability between resources for local development and the environment in a country where divisions along racial, ethnic, social and economic lines are still strong. In co-coordination with the UT, TUT has developed the Joint African Master Programme on Comparative Local Development (JAMP) - a partnership with the University of Saint Thomas Mozambique and the Polytechnic of Namibia.

University of North-Carolina, Chapel Hill

It is among the top ten US public universities in terms of research quality and has developed a centre of excellence on entrepreneurial studies, with particular concern for small and medium-sized enterprises. The topics with the highest UNC involvement in the programme will be entrepreneurship (through a multidisciplinary approach), US perspective on social economy and the experience in the integration of research and didactic activities with the local economic and industrial environment.

THE SPECIALIZATION OF THE CONSORTIUM

	Faculty/Department	Specialization
Corvinus University of Budapest	Social Sciences	Rural & urban sociology Migration studies Sociology of global change Local labour market Human & social resources Network analysis Economic sociology of entrepreneurship Policy evaluation & impact assessment methods
University of Ljubljana	Social Sciences	Competitiveness & Innovation Human and social resources Network analysis Management of diversities Territorial sociology Local government Organisational behaviour and corporate governance
University of Regensburg	Faculty of Business, Economics and Management Information Systems; different Institutes affiliated to the Faculty	Models of cross-cultural cooperation and conflict resolution in the framework of intercultural comparative studies Strategic management of technology in the private sector and the relationship between technology, public policy and economic growth Sustainable regional development, clustering and cross-border economic activities
University of Trento	Economics Engineering Law Sociology	Local Development Studies International Economics Environmental Economics Cooperative and Social Enterprises Studies Environmental Engineering Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Development Architecture for the City and the Landscape Comparative, International and European Law Public, Constitutional and Administrative Law Private and Labour Law Sociology of economic, labour and organizational processes Urban and environmental sociology Social stratification and inequalities Political change: state, political participation, social movements

The programme is part of the didactic offer of the School on Local Development established at the University of Trento in March 2007 as an inter-faculty structure that brings together the Faculties of Economics, Law, Sociology, Engineering and Cognitive Sciences. The School aims at promoting, coordinating and managing educational and scientific activities in local development studies, adopting an international, comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Beside the Master CoDe programme the School offers the **Joint African Master Programme (JAMP)** established by a consortium of Southern Africa universities and the University of Trento: the Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa), the Polytechnic of Namibia (Namibia), Universidade São Tomás de Moçambique (Mozambique). Since July 2008 a 3 year **doctoral programme in Local Development and Global Dynamics** was founded.

JOINT EUROPEAN MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Since 2006/07 the Universities of Trento, Regensburg and Budapest issue a Joint Diploma and a Joint Diploma Supplement to students who successfully complete the programme. The University of Ljubljana joined in 2010.

Master CoDe was part of a pilot EU project aiming at a joint accreditation process at the European level. The project implementer was the Dutch Accreditation Agency, while Master CoDe accreditation was coordinated by the Hungarian Accreditation Committee in cooperation with the German Accreditation Council and the Slovenian Council for Higher Education.

The project started in June 2009 and was successfully concluded in June 2010 with Master CoDe accreditation by the European Consortium for Accreditation.



Starting from the A.Y. 2011-12 the joint degree is issued by Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Regensburg, University of Ljubljana and University of Trento, with these definitions:

Name of institution	Title of degree awarded	Type of degree awarded	Date and reference of formal approval
			120 ECTS
University of Regensburg	Joint Master Degree (Mastergrad)	Joint	German Accreditation Council recognized the accreditation of Master CoDe on 29.09.2010.
Corvinus University of Budapest	Joint Master Degree (közös mesterképzés)	Joint	Pursuant to the Hungarian university system enacted by the Law of Higher Education of Hungary (2005/CXXXIX, 117. & (4)). Final accreditation approval as "Összehasonlító helyi fejlesztési tanulmányok MA": received on 04.06.2010.
University of Trento	Joint Master Degree (Master di primo livello)	Joint	University of Trento will award a degree of "Master di primo livello" as for the 2011/13 edition, as approved by the Senate of UT on 08.03.2011.
University of Ljubljana	Joint Master Degree (skupni magistrski program)	Joint	The Senate for Accreditation of the Slovenian Council for Higher Education approved the study programme Comparative Local Development (Primerjalni lokalni razvoj) on 25.02.2010.

The *University of Belgrade* and the *University of North Carolina* are in the process of recognizing the Master CoDe degree in Serbia and in the USA respectively, while Tshwane University will issue a degree as a Master conducting the same programme as JAMP.

Once this process will be successfully completed, these universities will shift to full partnership in Master CoDe.

THE MASTER PROGRAMME

Didactic activities are structured around mandatory and optional courses. Courses planned for the 2012-2014 edition are:

Mandatory modules (60 ECTS)	ECTS
Economic foundations of local development	9
Legal analysis of local development	9
Social foundations of local development	9
Data analysis and territorial statistics	6
Economic and social analysis of institutions	6
Local sustainable development	9
Research methodology, project evaluation and impact assessment	6
The management of diversity in societies	6

Provisional list of elective (optional) modules (27 ECTS)

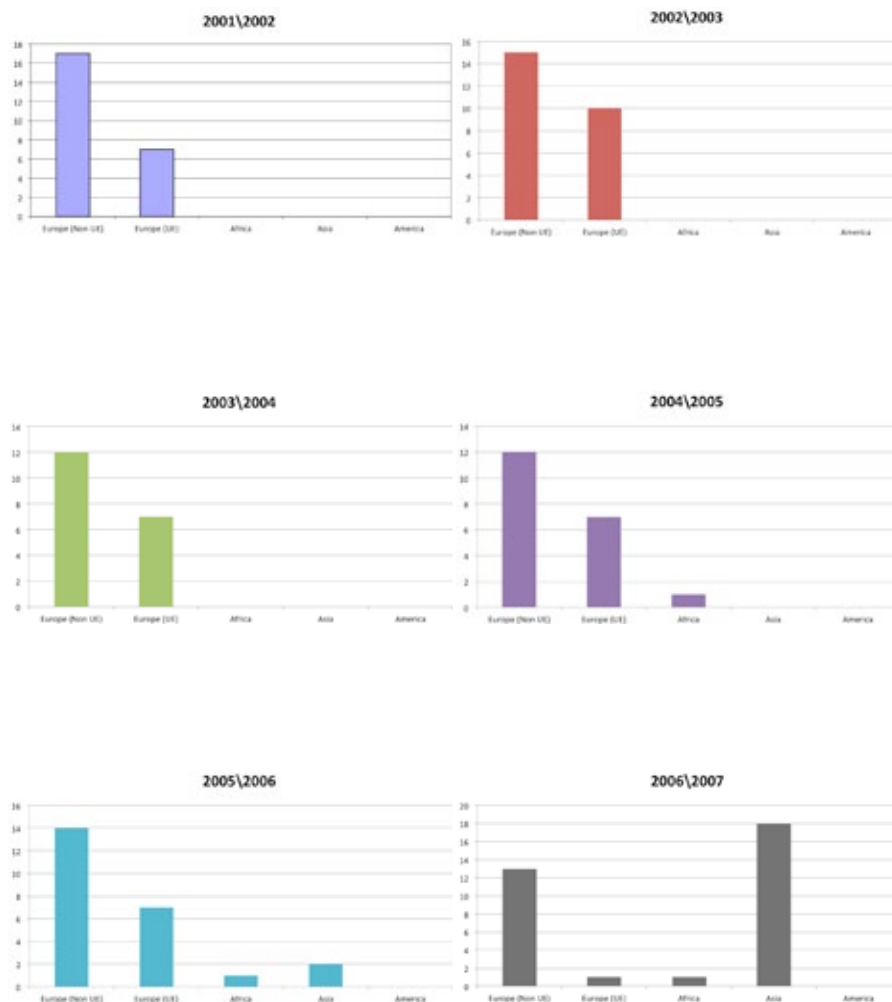
The role of culture, history and language in international relations and business	6
Management Problems in the New Economic Environment	6
A Political Sociology of European Democracy	6
Comparative legal systems of social enterprises and cooperatives	6
Principles and problems of local development: financial aspects	6
The Economics of European Integration	6
Protection and Promotion of Human Rights	6
Human Rights Protection in International and European Law	6
Sociology of International Relations	6
Micro and Macroeconomics of Development	6
International Economic Policy	6
Sociology of Globalization	6
Socio-economic analysis of social enterprises & cooperatives	6
Social Network Analysis: labour market and corruption networks	6
Local Society	6
Migration Studies	6
Inter-governmental Fiscal Relations	6
Gender and organization in labour markets	6

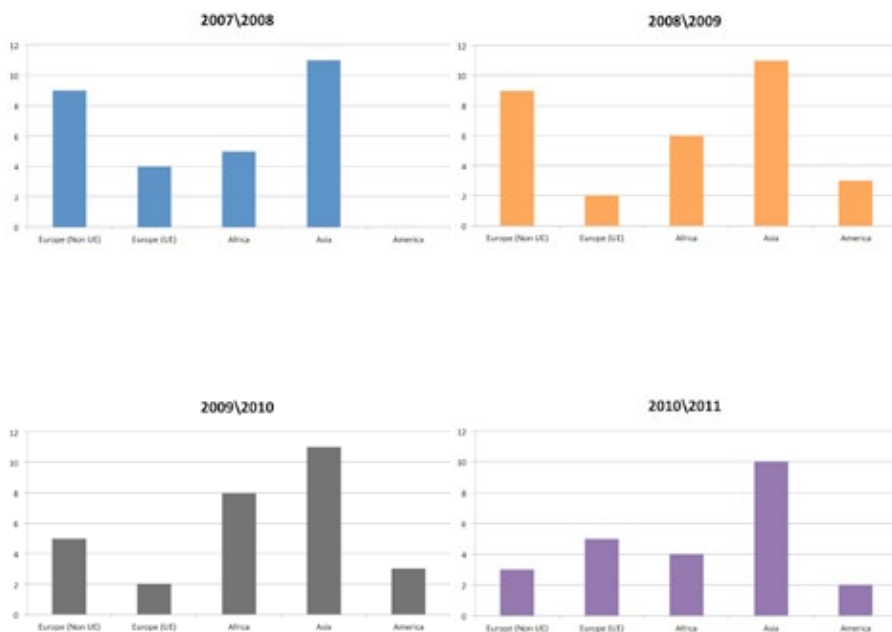
Didactic activities may also include **laboratories** and **guest lectures**.

Participants are required to attend **a module of Italian or German language** (3 ECTS - 50 hours). Slovenian, Hungarian or other language modules might be offered upon students' request.

Internship for research (10 ECTS): internships are held in qualified organisations (institutions of local and regional government, public/private partnerships, decentralised administrations of national government, industrial districts, trans-border co-operation-projects, policies for enterprises and local development, services to enterprises, research centres, local banks, NGOs active at local level or for the promotion of local development) located in the countries of the partner universities or in international organisations (350 hours).

Dissertation (20 ECTS): analysis, research and experience aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative analysis for local development in areas in transformation. The project should be presented as a thesis preferably including an operational activity plan.





SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND VENUES

I term (1st term, 1st year) Modules 1-3, Language module; Examinations	University of Trento
II term (2nd term, 1st year) Modules 4, 6, 8; 2 elective modules; Examinations	
III term (1st term, 2nd year) Modules 5 and 7; 3 elective modules; Examinations	EU Partner University
IV term (2nd term, 2nd year) Internship; dissertation	Any Partner University

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A call for applications is issued every year, usually in early Spring.

Applications are invited from candidates, regardless of sex, age and nationality, who hold a first level (Bachelor) university degree in Economics, Sociology, Political Sciences, Law and Engineering or an equivalent qualification, i.e. relevant to local development and a functional knowledge of English.

The degree should correspond to a 180 ECTS study programme. In case of applicants from countries where ECTS is not in place, only the holders of a degree of at least three years,

eligible to proceed with master studies in the country of origin, are considered to meet the selection criteria.

Applications are also invited from candidates who expect to complete their bachelor degree after the deadline for the application submission. In such cases, admission is conditional and applicants are required to send to Master CoDe offices the relevant degree certificate, or a declaration, that the degree has been conferred before the enrolment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants may be made available by the University or other institutions. The scholarships will be awarded by the Consortium upon request on the basis of the final ranking and within any constraints mentioned above.

FEES

Registration fee for the Master are to be paid at the beginning of each year. The fee is fixed in euro 3.000 per year (edition 2012-2014). Payment must be made by **15 September 2012** for the first year; by **15 September 2013** for the second year.

THE MASTER IN NUMBERS

The geographical diversity of the Master CoDe students is displayed in the figures and statistical diagrams below which represents the 10 edition student cohorts of the programme since its institution.

Since 2001, 259 students attended the master programme: 161 from Europe, 26 from Africa, 63 from Asia and 9 from America. Women participation in the programme has so far been above 50%.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYABILITY

The main purpose of the programme is to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse, plan, implement, and assess socio-economic processes at local level in open economies, polities, and societies. Students acquire through the programme a sound academic background and the capabilities and skills necessary for operating on the different components of economic and social processes at local level, including devising and implementing policies.

Graduates from the course are qualified for:

- a. planner of local development strategies, focusing particularly on sustainability and international integration
- b. manager and promoter of cohabitation and stability as core factors for local socio-economic development
- c. officer for the improvement of central or decentralised, public, private or NGO structures
- d. reform manager in public administration or socio-economic organisations, offering expertise in the interaction among these structures as well as between local and central institutions
- e. expert in project evaluation and impact assessment.

After completing CoDe, students are generally employed in public administration (preferably in local governments/institutions), international organizations (OECD, UNDP), NGOs, consulting firms, private firms or they start their own entrepreneurial activity.

MASTER CODE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Master CoDe Alumni Association has been established to foster ties created amongst students during the Programme and to create ties amongst students of different Master editions.

The Alumni Association usually meets once a year, to coincide with a workshop or conference organised by the School on Local Development or one of the Partner Universities. Alumni and students are available for chatting, posting notes of common interest and exchanging opinions, experiences and information on the common social networks (see contacts below).

LIST OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH REGULARLY HOSTED MASTER CODE STUDENTS FOR INTERSHIPS

ITALY

European Academy - EURAC Bolzano: Institute for Minority Rights; Institute for Regionalism and Federalism

European Research Institute on Cooperatives and Social Enterprises (EURICSE)

Trentino Development Agency

OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development

Trentino Provincial Government (Servizio Rapporti Comunitari e Sviluppo Locale)

Trento Municipality (Youth Department; Tourism office)

Federation of Trentino Cooperatives

International Labour Organization's International Training Centre

Consorzio CTM altromercato Soc.Coop. (fair trade)

HUNGARY

Centre for the development of small and medium size enterprises

Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Budapest

Metropolitan Research Institute Budapest

Demographic Research Institute Budapest

TeTT Consult Kft Budapest

SLOVENIA

Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region

UNICEF Slovenia

Faculty of Social Sciences - UL

Institute for Geodesy Slovenia

Employment Office of Slovenia

Local Touristic organization - Bohinj

Government Office of Slovenia for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy

Chamber of Commerce Slovenia

OZARA - National Association for better quality of life

Ministry for school and education - cooperation in Children facilities in Grosuplje

Technology Park Ljubljana

GERMANY

Institute for Employment Research (The Research Institute of the Federal Employment Agency) in Nuremberg, IAB

Research Centre for Eastern and South Eastern Europe, Regensburg

Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe - IAMO, Halle

United Nations Platform for Space-based Information

Others (in the EU):

Plan International - EU liaison office in Brussels

Word Vision - EU liaison office in Brussels

UNDP Brussels

Outside EU:

The Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, Serbia

Institute for Economic Research of Innovation, South Africa

Academy of Financial Research of Zhejiang Province (China)

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