



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

## **Call for Applications for Self-financing Applicants**

**Academic Years 2018/20**

*Joint Master Course in Comparative Local Development -  
CODE*



**A European Master Programme**

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### **Joint Master Course in Comparative Local Development – CoDe**

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## JOINT MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – CoDe

Master CoDe is a Joint Master's course degree organized by the Consortium of **Corvinus University of Budapest** (Hungary, coordinator institution), the **University of Ljubljana** (Slovenia), and the **University of Trento** (Italy).

Associated partner universities of the Master CoDe programme are the [Russian State Social University](#) (Russia), the [University of Belgrade](#) (Serbia), the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) (USA) and the [Tshwane University of Technology](#) (South Africa).

Duration: **2 years** (120 ECTS).

Main objective of Master CoDe programme 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 practices. The general approach is comparative and interdisciplinary.

Official language: **English**.

## THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME

I. **Didactic activities** are structured around mandatory and optional courses, and other activities (such as internship). Courses planned to be offered are:

Semester	Mandatory courses (60 ECTS)	ECTS	Location of the course
1st	1. Economic foundations of local development	9	Budapest
1st	2. Social and political foundations of local development	9	Budapest
1st	3. Research methodology, project evaluation and impact assessment	6	Budapest
2nd	4. Data analysis and territorial statistics	6	Ljubljana
2nd	5. The management of diversity in societies	9	Ljubljana
3rd	6. Legal analysis of local development	6	Trento
3rd	7. Economic and social analysis of institutions	6	Trento
3rd	8. Local sustainable development	9	Trento
1st / 2nd or 3rd	<b>Language course (German, Italian)</b>	3	At any partner university
	<b>Elective (optional) courses (27 ECTS)</b>		
1st / 2nd or 3rd	Students are requested to choose elective courses offered by the hosting institution which will provide a list of suitable courses at the beginning of the semester	27 in total	At any partner university

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

II. Participants have the opportunity to attend **Hungarian, Slovenian, or other language courses** upon their request as extracurricular activity.

III. **Internship** (10 ECTS): internship is 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 and associated universities or in international organisations (350 hours).

Students are invited to find other suitable placement opportunities, which meet their research objectives upon authorization by the International Academic Committee of the Master CoDe programme.

IV. **Project Work (Master thesis)** (20 ECTS): analysis, research and fieldwork aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative analysis on local development.

#### Schedule of activities

<b>I semester</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> year) Mandatory courses 1 – 3, language and optional courses; examinations	September 2018 – January 2019 Budapest
<b>II semester</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> year) Mandatory courses 4 – 5; language and optional courses; examinations	February 2019 – July 2019 Ljubljana
<b>III semester</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> semester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year) Mandatory courses 6-8; language and optional courses; examinations	September 2019– January 2020 Trento
<b>IV semester</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year) Internship; Project Work	February 2020 - June 2020
Project Work completion	June 2020
Project Work defence and Graduation Ceremony	September 2020, Budapest

#### MASTER'S DEGREES

Upon the successful completion of all Master activities, including the Project Work defence, the Academic Authorities of the organising Institutions will award a **Joint Master Degree** corresponding to:

- in the Hungarian University system: **mesterképzés (M.A.) (Összehasonlító helyi fejlesztési tanulmányok szakon)** according to the 78. § of the Higher Education Act No. 204 of 2011 and the Decision no. FF/487-1/2013 of Educational Authority (Oktatási Hivatal);
- in the Slovenian University system: **skupni magistrski program;**
- in the Italian University system: **Master di primo livello** according to the DM 509/99 and subsequent revisions, DM 270/04.

#### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

##### Members:

Péter Futó, Academic Director, representative of Corvinus University Budapest

Italo Trevisan, representative of University of Trento

Miro Hacek, representative of University of Ljubljana

##### Permanently invited:

Szidónia Nagy, Executive Director, Corvinus University Budapest

Zoltán Szántó, Master Course Coordinator, Corvinus University Budapest

Bruno Dallago, Head of Research Unit on Local Development and Global Governance, University of Trento

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for the programme candidates have to comply with the following

requirements:

1. a first level (Bachelor) university degree in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Law, Engineering or an equivalent qualification, i.e. relevant to local development. 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. Only applicants who obtained their degree until the deadline for application can be accepted.

2. satisfactory knowledge of English. Compatibility with this criterion for applying to the programme is initially assessed through self-statement. Shortlisted candidates are requested to provide evidence of their English skills, either through international certificates (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or similar) or through an online test and skype interview. The level of English knowledge requested for enrolment is B2.

Candidates meeting these requirements will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Higher educational background and language skills;
2. Project Work proposal;
3. Motivation and references;
4. Post-degree courses and activities;
5. An interview may be requested (in person or through telephone or skype) for shortlisted candidates

The program starts if **minimum 15 students** is admitted based on the excellence of the application material. The program will admit **maximum 25 students**. In case of higher number of applicants, selection will be based on the merit of the candidates.

#### PARTICIPATION COSTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Participation cost (tuition fee and insurance coverage) for Master CoDe: 1 500 EUR per semester.

**The tuition fee for 5 students of most excellent academic quality will be taken over by the program.** This shall be decided by the CoDe International Academic Committee based on the results of the evaluation of the individual applications.

All other costs (accommodation, travel, insurance, living costs etc.) must be covered by the student. In the course of the Programme the Student is obliged to pay the tuition fee and any other fees to the Universities.

Students will be provided with access to the facilities of the partner universities (library, pc rooms, e-mail and Internet) as well as to the universities' cafeterias and restaurants at student rates.

## HOW TO APPLY

The application procedure requires candidates to submit the following forms through the Online Application surface of the Master CoDe website ([www.erasmusmundus-code.eu](http://www.erasmusmundus-code.eu)).

**Online Application opens 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

- Application form;
- Scanned copy of degree certificate;
- Applicants with a non-EU academic qualification that has not been officially recognized as equivalent to a Hungarian, Slovenian or Italian degree have to attach an authorised translation into English of the degree certificate;
- Proof of English language knowledge/ Declaration on English language skills
- An original Project Work outline;
- Letter of motivation;
- Two letters of recommendation written by qualified scholars or experts;
- Declaration on special needs (optional)
- Scanned copy of medical certification in English (if special need is declared, it is compulsory);
- Copy of passport.

Only complete application packages can be accepted. In the absence of any of the above-mentioned documents the application shall be excluded from the selection procedure.

## DEADLINES

Submission of the **Application package** (in e-mail to [master-code16@uni-corvinus.hu](mailto:master-code16@uni-corvinus.hu)):  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, (GMT +1, 12.00 pm)**

## CONTACTS

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