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PLANET Europe: a joint European Masters Programme on European Spatial Planning, Environmental Policies and Regional Development.

There is a strong international dimension to spatial planning. The European Union (EU) has become a key influence for environmental policy, spatial planning and regional economic development. Spatial planners now routinely cooperate with colleagues abroad. If you are interested in becoming a 'European spatial planner' who can effectively engage with the international policy context and in cross-cultural communication, PLANET Europe is the choice for you!

An innovative curriculum that prepares for practice and academia

PLANET Europe is a two-year full-time Masters programme (120 ECs). Following a comprehensive introduction to the European dimension of spatial and environmental planning and the spatial impacts of EU policies, this unique Masters programme offers you the possibility to choose between the following tracks :

- European spatial planning and sustainable development (Nijmegen-Cardiff track).
- European spatial planning and regional economic development (Nijmegen-Karlskrona track).

In the third semester, you are on placement with a professional organisation where you can apply your knowledge to planning practice.

In the Intensive Seminar you reconvene with your fellow students to jointly work on a European spatial planning assignment. The Masters programme concludes with an individual Masters thesis on a topic of choice under joint supervision from two of the universities.

Interactive teaching and learning

The three universities are known for their international environments where teaching is interactive and you can specialise in the area of your interest. This programme challenges and stimulates you with small group work on contemporary themes. You will learn to think critically about new developments in a comparative perspective. You receive personal supervision and thorough training in research methodologies for the social and political sciences.

The partner universities

PLANET Europe students will study with two of the three following European universities:

- Blekinge Institute of Technology (Sweden): www.bth.se/schoolofplanning
- Cardiff University (United Kingdom): www.cardiff.ac.uk/cplan
- Radboud University Nijmegen (the Netherlands): www.ru.nl/nsm

Radboud University Nijmegen



in real life



Semester 1 Nijmegen

European spatial planning and development

- Institutional Perspectives on Societal Change and Spatial Dynamics (6 ECs)
- Comparative Planning (6 ECs)
- European Spatial Planning and the EU Territorial Cooperation Agenda (6 ECs)
- International Environmental Politics (6 ECs)
- The EU and Domestic Impact: Economy, Space and Environment (6 ECs)

September - January
30 ECs

Semester 2 Karlskrona

Innovation and cohesion in the EU

- Research Design, Research Methods (5 ECs)
- Innovative Regions - Theory and Practice (10 ECs)
- Regional Disparities - Theory and Practice (10 ECs)
- European Cohesion Policy (5 ECs)

Semester 2 Cardiff

Sustainable development in policy and practice

Core courses

- Researching Sustainability (10 ECs)
- Planning for Sustainability (10 ECs)

Choice between one of the following courses

- Environmental Management (10 ECs)
- Environmental Behaviours: Citizens, Consumers and Communities (10 ECs)
- Local Food and Sustainable Development (10 ECs)

February - August
30 ECs

Semester 3 Nijmegen, Cardiff or Karlskrona

European spatial planning: putting theory into practice

September – mid January

- Professional Development Module (26 ECs)

Mid - end January

- Intensive Seminar (2 weeks) (4 ECs)
- Location rotating each year between Cardiff, Karlskrona and Nijmegen

September-January
30 ECs

Semester 4 Nijmegen, Cardiff or Karlskrona

Masters thesis (research project)

- Masters Thesis with joint supervision arrangements of Nijmegen and Cardiff or Nijmegen and Karlskrona (30 ECs)

February - August
30 ECs



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A European degree

Graduates will obtain an internationally recognized double degree (MSc). Depending on the specialisation you choose, you receive:

- a MSc in Spatial Planning degree (60 ECTS) or a MSc in Social and Political Sciences of the Environment degree (60 ECTS) from Radboud University Nijmegen, and;
- a MSc degree in Spatial Planning (120 ECTS) from Blekinge Tekniska Högskola or a MSc degree in European Spatial Planning and Environmental Policy (120 ECTS) from Cardiff University.

Career prospects

There is great demand for spatial planners with a comprehensive knowledge of the European and international dimension of environmental policy and regional economic development. Our graduates can find employment in EU institutions, national and regional public authorities, private companies and NGOs dealing with spatial planning, regional policy and environmental planning. The international orientation and the extensive academic foundation of the Masters programme produces graduates well prepared to pursue a professional or academic career. The Professional Development module in semester 3 provides students with the opportunity to gain experience in professional practice. The PLANET Europe programme collaborates with a wide network of societal and academic partners.

Application and admission

Students with a Bachelors degree in a spatially-oriented discipline (such as spatial planning, human geography, or environmental planning) or other relevant social sciences qualify for admission. This is an English-language programme and proof of a high standard of proficiency in written and spoken English is required. Admission to the programme takes place once a year in September. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information on application and admission.

Erasmus Mundus scholarships

With the support of the Erasmus Mundus programme of the European Union, PLANET Europe is able to offer scholarships to talented students from within and outside the EU. Scholarships cover (part of) the participation, travel and living costs.



Contact and further information

For further information on the PLANET Europe Masters programme and the application procedure, please contact us or visit our website:

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