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A success story
 Over the last ten years, CIFE has quadrupled the number of its Master's programmes and quintupled the number of its students. At present, more than 100 students are enrolled in CIFE's three Master's courses each year. Over 500 students take part in CIFE's other academic programmes, such as its summer university courses, and approximately 1700 participants attend the colloquia, seminars, and research groups organised by CIFE.

Development of CIFE's Master's Programmes 2002–2012

Year	Trilingual Master	Anglophone Master	European Online Academy	Master EUCAIS
2002	10	5	0	0
2003	12	8	0	0
2004	15	10	0	0
2005	18	12	0	0
2006	22	15	0	0
2007	28	20	0	0
2008	35	25	0	0
2009	42	30	0	0
2010	50	35	0	0
2011	60	40	0	0
2012	75	50	0	0



Nationality of Participants of CIFE's Programmes since 2000



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High-level academic teaching and practical know-how
 CIFE offers excellent academic teaching. This is guaranteed by its own international faculty as well as by its partners, including Sciences Po (Paris), the University of Cologne, Humboldt University (Berlin), the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest), Bilgi University (Istanbul), and La Sapienza (Rome). Partnerships with universities in the USA, Japan, and Central Asia open new perspectives beyond the European borders. Next to its academic network, practitioners from international organisations, most prominently from the European Union, contribute to CIFE's programmes.

Partners, sponsors, and friends
 Since its creation in 1954, CIFE has been supported by a variety of public authorities (both national and regional), by foundations from various European countries, by companies and banks, and – last but not least – by its own students. Germany has supported CIFE for many decades now through the funding of a chair, of academic sessions and through scholarships; France supports CIFE by delegating a senior official; Belgium with an institutional grant; Austria with Vorarlberg region's subsidies for its activities etc. Among the foundations that have sustained CIFE over the years, the following may be mentioned: Bosch, Volkswagen, ASKO-Europe, Haniel, Schuman, Toepfer, Soros, Goethe, Otto Wolff, Schwarzkopf, etc. However, most of the support comes from the European Union, which has been granting CIFE an institutional grant for the past 20 years.



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On the move: Learning and living Europe

CIFE strongly supports the **mobility of its students**: The participants in two of its Master's programmes rotate each trimester, moving their place of study from France (Nice) to Germany (Berlin), and Italy (Rome) or Turkey (Istanbul). This truly European experience plunges the students into the heart of Europe with a perspective on the South, East and Southeast. Study trips to Brussels, Geneva, Strasbourg, and Rostock offer additional insights into specific regional aspects.

Committed to lifelong learning

Offering a continuous, **lifelong European education** has always been one of CIFE's major concerns. Its Master's programmes for young professionals and junior officials, who continue their studies while pursuing their career, attest to this commitment.

Innovative teaching methods

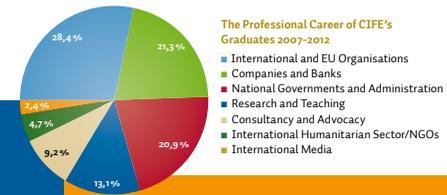
CIFE stands at the forefront of **innovation in academic teaching**. Its online Master's programmes are taught as a combination of online courses and intensive phases of face-to-face-learning. Thanks to specifically designed, innovative e-learning platforms, via communication forums and through presence workshops in different European capitals ("blended learning") the participants gain an enhanced knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process.

Truly interdisciplinary

CIFE embraces an **interdisciplinary approach**, which makes students, with their specialised and often disparate academic backgrounds, aware of the complex problems of our societies. Various practical workshops (simulations, preparation of European projects), as well as the intercultural, multinational exchange constitute an additional value of CIFE's programmes, providing the students with the skills and abilities needed on the job market.

Qualified and recognised

CIFE's Alumni succeed in the professional world. The French state has recognised CIFE's graduate programmes as a qualification of the Master level (level 7 EQF). This recognition demonstrates not only that the graduates of CIFE's Master's programmes are employable, but also that they are in employment. The accrediting body (CNCP) verifies that at least three quarters of CIFE's graduates work in the professional field covered by the qualification.



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The Master in Advanced European and International Studies

Who we are

The Institut européen - European Institute (IE-EI) offers Master programmes in European integration and international relations. It is a department of CIFE, which is registered at the Academy of Nice as a private institution of higher education. IE-EI can look back on a long history. The first class of its Master programme came to Nice in 1964. Since then some 2000 students from more than 100 countries have graduated from the two branches of IE-EI's programme. They now work for European institutions, international organisations, NGOs, universities, public administrations and enterprises.

The IE-EI runs partnerships with various universities, particularly in Germany, Italy, Turkey and Central Europe. IE-EI's diplomas are delivered in cooperation with its partners, among them the University of Rostock, the Interdepartmental Centre Euro-Sapienza of the University La Sapienza in Rome, and the Institut für Europäische Politik in Berlin.

IE-EI is committed to

- **Academic excellence:** Its faculty consists of renowned academics providing students with expert knowledge.
- **Professionalisation:** Our aim is to transmit not only academic knowledge but also those professional skills and competences required in European and international organisations.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** All problems are dealt with from the perspective of different academic disciplines in order to gain an all-embracing understanding of today's world.
- **Internationality:** Each year students come from all over the world, representing on average 15 to 20 nationalities.
- **Tolerance:** In an international community, we owe each other respect and the recognition of our differences.
- **Learning and living Europe:** Students not only learn about European integration, but experience the continent from different perspectives by living in Berlin, Nice, Istanbul or Rome.

Learning and living Europe



One programme – two branches

The Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS) is targeted at students who have completed their undergraduate studies. Its objective is to give students an overarching, encompassing vision of the political, social, economic, and cultural problems of today's modern world. Teaching in both branches of the MAEIS comprises **four modules**.

- International Relations
- European Integration
- Economy and Globalisation
- Federalism and Governance

Organisation of the programme

The MAEIS has a **trilingual branch** (working languages are English, French and German) and an **Anglophone branch**. During the academic year (three terms) the participants study in different locations:

- Nice and Berlin and a prolonged study stay in Rome for the trilingual branch;
- Istanbul, Nice and Berlin for the Anglophone branch.

A study trip to Brussels, Strasbourg and Geneva gives the students the opportunity to visit different international organisations and European institutions (UN, NATO, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Commission etc.). The visits enable the students to gain an insight into the working environment of these organisations, to make useful contacts and to learn about recruitment procedures.

	Trilingual branch	Anglophone branch	
Oct.	Nice	Istanbul	Oct.
Nov.			Nov.
Dec.	exams		Dec.
Jan.	simulation*		Jan.
Feb.	Berlin Rostock	Nice	Feb.
March	study trip	exams	March
April	Nice	study trip Berlin	April
May			May
June	final exams Rome	final exams	June
			July

* for both branches in Nice



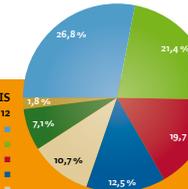
Degree and recognition

Students who successfully complete the programme receive two certifications:

- **Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS).** This is the diploma of the IE-EI, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 60 ECTS credits at Master level.
- **The degree qualification "Chargé de mission en organisations européennes et internationales"** (Policy Officer in European and International Organisations). This qualification is recognised by the French state as a degree at Master level (level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework EQF).

This recognition demonstrates not only that the graduates of our programme are employable, but also that they are in employment. The accrediting body (CNCP) verifies that at least three quarters of our graduates actually work in the professional field covered by the qualification. The profile of "Policy Officer" covers practically the whole range of jobs exercised by the graduates of IE-EI's Master programmes: senior officials in European institutions, policy officers within the UN framework, administrators, diplomats, consultants, researchers for think tanks, lobbyists, and academic experts.

- The Professional Career of MAEIS Graduates 2007-2012
- International and EU Organisations
 - National Governments and Administration
 - Companies and Banks
 - Research and Teaching
 - Consultancy and Advocacy
 - International Humanitarian Sector/NGOs
 - International Media



Teaching methods

Our programmes are designed to offer a teaching method which is academic and at the same time directed towards the professional world. We aim to give students the ability to enter into dialogue with decision-makers from both the economic and the political world, stakeholders, diplomats as well as officials from international and European organisations. This broad outlook is made possible by the wide variety of our lecturers, the visits to different European countries and our close relationship with our carefully selected international partners. Our in-house panel of experts contributes to the rich content of the modules.

Among the **skills and competences** which students will acquire over the academic year are the following:

- Negotiating in an international context
- Drafting position papers, policy recommendations, syntheses
- Designing, planning, proposing and managing an international project (Project cycle management)
- Defending the position of an organisation
- Following the legislative process in the European Union



The Master in Advanced European and International Studies

The modules

International Relations

Complex interdependency, dynamic power figurations and imbalances characterise today's world politics, an arena that is influenced by diverse actors in multi-level processes. This module explores the major theories that draft a comprehensive or holistic explanation of international politics, in order both to identify presuppositions in public debates and to apply those theoretical tools to academic analysis.

Studying in different European countries – while international politics is taking place and being debated – will enrich your understanding of the similarities, differences and interactions of national foreign policies in a globalised world. International guest lecturers coming from universities, think tanks, diplomacy and politics will be invited to present emerging patterns of international politics, including international law and international tribunals, globalisation and transatlantic relations.

European Integration

Europe today faces a challenge concerning its political foundation as a whole: the decisive question is whether and how the Union can overcome the present financial and economic crisis. Though being undoubtedly of global extent, this crisis particularly affects Europe since the EU has to cope with an uncertain balance between its political and economic dimensions and not least since its political system remains unassertive.

This module analyses the process of integration in terms of its historical and systemic developments (policy dimension) as well as in terms of concrete actions and outputs (policy dimension). The objective of this approach is to enable the students to develop an integrated and holistic view on the EU – a synthesis which thereby provides the basis for reflections on options and scenarios for the Union's future. Major topics will be the EU history, the process of decision-making, European Law, competition policy, monetary policy, foreign and security policy as well as other areas of community policies.



Economy and Globalisation

International economics analyses the exchanges of goods, services and capital between countries. It also analyses the conditions in which these exchanges take place. If the rule of free trade appears to have priority, in fact, many countries resort to protectionism, in spite of WTO rules. The key fact of the last twenty-five years has been the manifold increase of exchanges across the world, in the context of a transition of socialist countries to a market economy and of the rise of new powers. Globalisation is at the heart of all the concerns (or fears) of the various players, such as political leaders, unions, businesses, households, civil society, etc. Are we witnessing the shifting of the centre of the world towards South and East Asia? Will it still be possible for the world economy to be dominated by a single power? In order to answer several questions of international economics, we put forward the following topics: methodological tools, typology of countries, key institutions, the measure of exchanges, trade policy, the international monetary system, and regional trade agreements.

Federalism and Governance

This seminar attempts to provide an original perspective of contemporary political societies, especially concerning problems such as sovereignty, minority questions, democratic representation, and economic coordination. This perspective is inspired by methods and different currents of federalist thought. Firstly, the seminar will familiarise students with the analytical tools that are used for the comparative analysis of federal systems as well as processes such as decentralisation and federalisation. Secondly, we will look at federalism from different theoretical perspectives. We will also analyse the links between federalism and European integration.

Admission requirements

Both branches of our Master are graduate programmes, aimed at students who have already completed a first degree (minimum three years of study at university level). Furthermore, students must give evidence of their knowledge of the working language(s) of the course (depending on the branch they are applying for). You can find more detailed information on the application procedure as well as the application form at www.ie-ei.eu.

In case you have any questions, please contact our students' service. The deadline for application for both branches of the Master programme is June 30th.

Tuition and scholarship funds

The tuition rates for both branches of the MAEIS are 8000 €. This sum covers classes, a proportion of students' accommodation (depending on the place and the branch), a proportion of students' travel expenses, the study trip as well as access to local libraries. For a detailed account of the tuition rate's scale of benefits, as well as further expenses which are not included, please have a look at our website.

A limited number of scholarship funds are awarded to particularly qualified candidates who are not able to cover the cost of their studies and stay. The application form for scholarship funds can be obtained at the administration office of the IE-EI. Students are only eligible to apply for the scholarship funds once they are accepted.



Alumni experiences



Isabelle Weykmans, Belgium, MAEIS 2002/03
Minister for Culture and Media, the Protection of Buildings and Monuments, Youth and Sports, German-Speaking Community in Belgium

Die Erinnerungen an mein Jahr in Nizza sind durchweg positiv. Ich habe es genossen, mit Menschen aus verschiedenen Ländern, mit verschiedenen Geschichten und Studiengängen zu lernen und zu leben. Diese Vielfalt war für mich das Bereicherndste an diesem Masterstudien-gang. Ein Jahr im Ausland zu verbringen: das rate ich jedem! Die Kenntnisse, die ich mir dort habe aneignen können, sind heute für mich in meinem Beruf von großem Nutzen.

Mihail Milev, Bulgaria, MAEIS 2003/04
European Commission, DG Competition



The Master's Programme was my first fully fledged international experience where I enjoyed both high quality education and extremely helpful and accessible professors. I am particularly grateful for having had the rare opportunity to meet scholars, diplomats and professionals from so many different fields of International Relations and European Studies, which broadened significantly my personal understanding of the processes taking place, seen from a wide variety of angles. This approach has helped me a lot throughout my professional career and has allowed me to respond to the challenges of working in a genuine international environment where quick learning and good communication are crucial.



Erwan Fouéré, Ireland, MAEIS 1968/69
Ambassador, OSCE Task Force, Special Representative of the Irish Chairmanship

L'Institut a été pour moi un élément essentiel de ma formation; l'année d'études que j'y ai passée a contribué largement à façonner et renforcer ma conviction européenne. J'ai été particulièrement sensibilisé à l'importance primordiale des valeurs humaines, au respect des différences dans l'état de droit (notamment par le fédéralisme). Plus tard, dans ma vie professionnelle et, en particulier, dans les postes que j'ai occupés en Amérique latine et, plus récemment, en Afrique du Sud, j'ai pu mettre en pratique ces enseignements et ces convictions.



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Certificate and Master in EU Studies Online

The European Online Academy (EOA) is organised by the Centre international de formation européenne in cooperation with the Jean Monnet-Chair of Political Sciences of the University of Cologne and other partners.

The EOA offers two postgraduate programmes:

- Certificate in EU Studies Online (one year)
- Master in EU Studies Online (two years).

In accordance with the Bologna process, both programmes apply the ECTS credits system.

EU expertise for professionals

The EOA allows the participants to deepen and to supplement their knowledge of the EU integration process within the global context by applying blended learning methods: a combination of e-learning and concentrated face-to-face learning phases (mainly at weekends).

Thus the programmes provide an ideal training and an additional qualification for professionals, postgraduates and junior officials interested in or already working in national, European and international organisations, in public or private sector.

The programmes are an outstanding opportunity for professionals to continue their studies while at the same time pursuing their careers.

Each year's intake is made up of participants (max. 35) with diverse backgrounds and national origins.



**FIRST YEAR*:
BASIC COURSES**

- EU Law, Political Science, Economic, History of EU Integration
- The EU in World Politics, Transformation process and regional integration models
- Justice and Home Affairs, Sustainable Development, Interest Representation
- Simulation

**SECOND YEAR:
SPECIALISATION COURSES**

- European Law
- Political Science
- Economics

CERTIFICATE IN EU STUDIES ONLINE

MASTER IN EU STUDIES ONLINE

* The first year is common to both programmes

Objectives

- gain an enhanced knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process: Certificate in EU Studies Online (30 ECTS)
- acquire not only academic knowledge but also deepen professional skills and competences
- benefit from the interdisciplinary study of all three core subjects **Political Science, European Law and Economics**
- achieve the Master in EU Studies (60 ECTS) by specialising in one of the core subjects and write a Master thesis

Blended learning methods

E-learning

The study material is delivered in the form of online courses, supplemented by workshops. The participants acquire the contents of the online courses through self-study. Study progress is controlled by online discussions, tests and assignments.

Workshops

The face-to-face workshops, which complement the virtual activities of the EOA, take place in different European cities like **Berlin, Rome, Budapest, Istanbul, Nice or Brussels**. During these the participants have the opportunity to meet representatives of European institutions, national decision makers in charge of European and international matters and experts from the public and private sectors. Thus they gain greater insights into the working environment of these organisations.

Written exams take place during the workshops.

Skills and Competences

Participants acquire a number of skill and knowledge from our academic programmes. For instance, these include:

- negotiating within an international context
- drafting position and policy papers, and summary reports
- planning, proposing and managing an international project (Project cycle management)
- identifying and trade off of different interests
- thinking and arguing in transnational legal dimensions

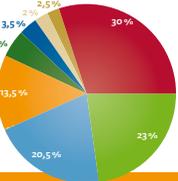
The first year features a **multidisciplinary approach**, and takes on an approach involving **interdisciplinary methods** in the second year.



Renowned experts

The programmes involve recognised experts with academic and practical backgrounds who present their courses online and during the presence workshops. Our experts belong to such prestigious institutions as

- the Jean-Monnet Chair for Political Sciences and European Affairs, University of Cologne
- the Walter Hallstein Institute for European Constitutional Law
- the Institute for World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- German Federal Ministry of Economics
- Sciences Po in Paris
- National Development Agency in Hungary



The Professional Activities of EOA Graduates since 2003

Activity	Percentage
International and EU Organisations	30%
Companies and Banks	23%
National Governments and Administration	20,5%
Research and Teaching	13,5%
Consultancy and Advocacy	5%
Media	3,5%
International Humanitarian Sector/NGOs	2,5%
Freelancer	2%

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The deadline for application is 5 September.



Nationality of EOA Participants since 2003

Alumni testimonials

Meeting with different cultures in different European cities and universities, and at the same time studying online are the attractive points of the programme. The academicians are all experts and you can easily interact, discuss and share your opinions with them on the online platform. I would recommend this programme to everybody who wants to understand and develop their own opinions regarding the current political, economical, and social developments all over the world, and the place of the European Union in the global village.



Gökçen Şahin Master 2008–2010
General Manager / Managing Director of Halic Leasing, Turkey

Both in my role as policy officer at the Dutch Embassies in Vienna and Bern, and as project manager on regional cross-border cooperation in the Dutch, German and Belgian area: the European Online Academy gave me the necessary insights on the European Union process. With ever growing EU activities “European Studies” increasingly becomes a valuable discipline to explore for many professionals. As such, EOA offers a pleasant set of weekend workshops, distance learning, and a great European atmosphere!



Nermin Dizdarevic Master 2009–2011
Cross-border cooperation, EU Public Affairs at Parkstad-Limburg city-region, The Netherlands

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The programmes of CIFE encompass educational and research activities concerning European integration, federalism, regionalism and changes within the structure of contemporary society in accordance with a federalist perspective.



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→ **Benefit** from an intensive study abroad program in Europe contoured to the Texas A&M semester schedule.

→ **Explore** the European Union, its historical foundation and the contemporary political, economic, social and cultural challenges facing Europe.

→ **Study** with the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) – one of the most renowned institutions of high level academic teaching in Europe and one of the five European University Institutes recognised and institutionally supported by the European Union.

→ **Profit** from expertise and insights of renowned experts on European affairs.

→ **Benefit** from CIFE's interdisciplinary teaching approach which will make you aware of the complex structure and issues of Europe.

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Starting with a **five week program in Nice** (France), one of Europe's most beautiful yet multi-cultural centers located on the Mediterranean coast.

Continuing with a **one week study trip** to various European Institutions in **Brussels** (Belgium), **Strasbourg** (France) and **Luxemburg**.

Extensive courses in the field of:

- Contemporary European History
- Political System of the EU and its Decision Making Process
- European Law
- European Markets and Economy
- European Identity, Culture and Integration

Ending with a **seven week program in Berlin** (Germany), one of Europe's leading political centers, offering a rich multi-cultural environment for internationally oriented students.

Upon completion of the European Semester, students may earn up to 15 hours of **transferable credits** awarded by CIFE: 9 hours of Political Science, 3 hours of humanities electives and 3 hours of diversity.

Certificates provided by **CIFE** and **Texas A&M University** for those students wishing to leverage their educational experience with subsequent pursuit of internship and other higher learning opportunities internationally.



program

The European semester's curriculum is based on an innovative module structure and provides the participants with a profound and comprehensive introduction into the study of Europe and European Integration. The curriculum is composed of 4 modules consistent and applying to each other.

Historical Context, Basic Concepts and Approaches to the Study of the European Integration

- module 1**
- Teaching topics of this module are:
- Modern history of Europe and the evolution of the European Integration
 - European Studies seen from a history, social sciences, humanities and law and economics perspective
 - Theories and approaches to the study of European Integration
 - The European Union as a system of multi-level governance
 - European law and economics
- Week 1-5 | Nice**

Visiting and experiencing Europe and the EU

- module 2**
- This module combines the visit of the most important European Institutions (European Commission, European Council, European Parliament, European Court of Justice) with lectures and briefings given by EU officials and internationally renowned experts. The study trip will be enriched by a thrilling expedition through the history of European urbanism and architecture
- Week 6 | Study trip to Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxemburg**



Policies and Policy Areas

- module 3**
- This module is focused on lectures and discussions of important policies and policy areas of the European Union such as:
- The EU in the global economy
 - Regional policy and Common Agricultural Policy of the EU
 - The EU in international politics
 - The EU's social and environmental policy
 - Migration, integration and minorities in the EU and a transatlantic perspective
- Week 7-11 | Berlin**

Issues, Debates and Challenges

- module 4**
- The concluding module addresses some of the current and future challenges Europe and the European Union are confronted with, such as:
- Europe's contested democracy
 - The EU – community of values
 - The EU between deepening and enlargement
 - The EU and the challenge of sustainable development
- Week 8-14 | Berlin**



the modules



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The European semester is an innovative and sound educational platform designed to deliver to Aggies a rich and robust cross-cultural European experience. It ensures a dynamic and rewarding social encounter through the interaction with European educators, policy makers and college-age youth, and a thorough and comprehensive introduction in the classroom and field to the history, culture, institutions and policies of the EU in particular, and the broader European governance system in general.



Hartmut Marhold
General Director of CIFE

CIFE is reaching out over to America, and finds in TAMU an excellent partner for scientific education in a globalized world. Americans and Europeans are bound together by shared values, and should learn more about and from each other. Together with our colleagues and partners all over Europe, we offer specifically tailored European and international studies programs at a level of academic excellence. We look forward to the European Semester program, which will provide us all with challenging new experiences bridging the Atlantic.

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The CIFE (Centre international de formation européenne) was founded in 1954 to train professionals and citizens in the subject of a united Europe. Over the years, CIFE has become an organization without rival. Thanks to its international faculty and its wide network CIFE guarantees excellent academic teaching. CIFE offers different high level postgraduate university programs: Each year around 100 students graduate at CIFE with a Master in Advanced EU Studies. CIFE is one of a very few university institutes in Europe which are institutionally supported by the European Union.

Seven good reasons to support CIFE

1 CIFE is expanding rapidly – in just 10 years

- We've grown from one to 4 Master's programmes
- We've increased 5 times the number of students
- From one publication we now produce 3 regular periodicals

2 CIFE gets students on the move

- With study locations all over Europe
- On study trips and seminars in various European cities
- At summer schools in many different countries

3 CIFE is innovative

- A trilingual Master in EU Studies (English/French/German)
- A new Master in three study locations (Istanbul/Nice/Berlin)
- Two new Online Master's programmes

4 CIFE is flexible

- A mixture of various academic programmes to suit individual demands
- Different supporting teaching activities
- Several individual and periodical publications

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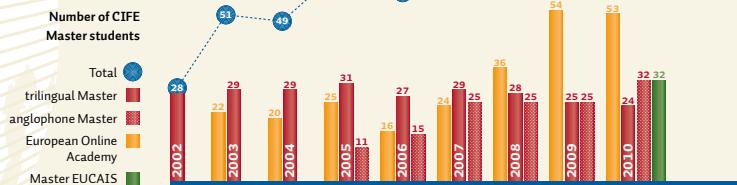
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- With a federal concept of European education: "unity in diversity"

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Owing to the high demand, CIFE has been expanding rapidly over the last decade. For over forty years, CIFE offered just one, albeit excellent Master's programme – with high level academic teaching, trilingual courses, ambitious students. With the aim of broadening its scope, the past ten years have seen the creation of three more Master's programmes, now catering for approximately 140 students: That's four times the number of programmes, five times the number of students attending.



On the whole, approximately 500 students attend CIFE's programmes (Master, Summer Schools, seminars) every year, and about 1,700 participate in all of CIFE's activities (research groups, lectures, conferences etc.).

Incidentally, CIFE has also broadened the scope of its publications, from one to three: *L'Europe en formation* has been CIFE's flagship, and has evolved into a high-level scientific quarterly. Now CIFE has developed another periodical, *Le Courrier de l'Europe*, addressing current European affairs, and an online periodical, *EU-27 Watch*, a permanent survey of the 27 member states European politics.



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CIFE's trilingual Master takes place in Nice and Berlin, with study trips to Rostock (to open up horizons with the Baltic Sea and beyond), to Rome (an opportunity to grasp the Mediterranean perspective) and to the European institutions in Brussels, Geneva, and Strasbourg. Similarly, the anglophone Master starts in Istanbul and moves on to Nice and then Berlin. The European Online Academy brings together its participants in places like Budapest, Berlin, Brussels, Rome, Istanbul, or Nice.

CIFE's Summer Schools are equally as widespread, from Canterbury to Varna, from Rijeka to Passau, from Sofia to Vienna – wherever there is a demand, CIFE moves students in and gives them insight into European integration, combined with a mutual learning experience with local experts and students.



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CIFE firmly believes that European integration is an historical achievement, a model of how people may live together in mutual tolerance and respect, in peace, in prosperity and with a shared responsibility. CIFE's share of responsibility in a Europe looking towards the future, is to teach and learn about European integration and to enable students to share this knowledge, over and above pure scientific interest.

CIFE itself lives up to what it teaches: Its staff is international, with employees from France and Germany, Belgium and Italy, Lithuania and Bulgaria, Poland and Turkey. With offices in Nice and Berlin, in Brussels and Rome as well as in Istanbul, CIFE's decentralised, almost federal structure allows for autonomous teams to run academic programmes to meet specific requirements, and yet binds the whole team together in terms of its European commitment.

In CIFE's vision of Europeans living together, federal structures would best allow for a reasonable balance between diversity and unity. The choice of federalism means an ongoing, open process of addressing each problem, each task and challenge, at the level of governance best suited to deal with it – led by the principle of subsidiarity. Understood in this way, federalism is a method, an attitude, which must be continuously under review. CIFE is committed to this open-end method of reshaping the European model, together with its global academic network of colleagues and its students from all continents.



Jean-Claude Juncker
Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
President of the Eurogroup
President of CIFE

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A trilingual Master's programme on European and International Studies
The oldest of CIFE's Master's programmes has evolved over the years to become one of its most modern and valuable ones: Starting with a trimester at the **Institut européen des hautes études internationales** in Nice, it offers a French experience and a perspective towards the South (the Mediterranean, the Arab world, the Middle East, Africa); the second trimester, in Berlin, offers a complementary German point of view, and a look towards the North and the East of Europe (the Baltic Sea region with Scandinavia, Poland and East Central Europe). This Master's programme is one of the very few with three working languages: French, German, and English. Some thirty students from more than fifteen European and other countries attend this course every year.

A Master's programme which relates Europe to Turkey and the Middle East
CIFE's second international Master starts in Istanbul: for one trimester, students live on the Bosphorus and gain insight into Turkey and the Middle East. They then move onward for another trimester to Nice and spend the last one in Berlin, with France and Germany being the European counterparts of Turkey and the heartlands of European integration. The working language is English. On average, about thirty students from all continents attend this programme.



An E-learning Master on European Studies
CIFE has pioneered the use of modern technology and didactics in its academic programmes. Since 2004, the **European Online Academy** has attracted some fifty young professionals with its 2 year Master's programme every year. It is particularly designed for participants who want to learn, update or refresh their knowledge about European integration whilst continuing to work. Workshops in Brussels, Rome, Berlin, Nice and Budapest allow for face-to-face intercultural communication, to complement the e-learning phases.

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An E-learning Master for Central Asia
More recently, CIFE has implemented another blended learning Master's programme, combining e-learning with presence workshops. This caters for more than thirty young researchers in a very challenging region: Central Asia, in the form of the five former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, plus some participants of Chinese origin (Xinjiang Province) and Afghanistan: EUCAIS, the **European Union and Central Asia in the International System** Master's programme.



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CIFE offers academic programmes to meet specific demands and individual professional concerns. Small groups of some thirty students from up to fifteen different countries are admitted onto each of these programmes. The size of the groups guarantees an intensive individual workload and a real international atmosphere. Students from all over the world are in touch with one another, work together, learn to understand each other and, in short, learn to live the European ideal of community building.

Motivated by the same ideal, CIFE organises Summer Schools in five, six or more countries – anywhere there is a demand for European studies. Every year these Summer Schools are adapted to take on new topics, new challenges, and new partners.



Additionally, seminars, working groups, symposia, research groups, as well as conferences for the larger public – e.g. Lunchtime Debates in Brussels (a selection of recent renowned speakers in the picture line above) – replenish the panoply of CIFE's academic programmes. Here again, topics are continuously adapted to take account of current events and major changes, ranging from EU Treaty changes via new policies or external challenges on a global scale.

CIFE is also, significantly, a publishing house, with its own quarterly, **L'Europe en formation**, as well as other periodicals, such as **Le Courrier de l'Europe** and **EU-27 Watch** (online). Our oldest product, **L'Europe en formation**, is now in its 52nd year. Published four times yearly under the guidance of a prestigious advisory council, it addresses topical issues in European and international affairs.

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Times have changed. Europe has to look beyond itself and assume its role as a global player. CIFE's response to this challenge is to create a global academic network and to implement study programmes with partner universities in other continents, as in Asia and North and South America. Today, CIFE's programmes welcome students from all around the world, offering global perspectives and new horizons, with, for example, the EU-Central Asia Master's programme.



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cife is efficient

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- Excellent audit figures
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With a permanent staff of around fifteen, and thanks to a huge and prestigious international academic network of external contributors, CIFE can guarantee approximately 60,000 hours of teaching every year. With a global budget of around 3.1 million, one hour per student costs approximately 50 €.

The last audit executed on behalf of the European Union, covering a period of three years, concluded with a demand of restitution of less than 0.1% of the annual budgets for the years in question – as a recipient of EU funding, it is vital that we make use of 'European tax payers' money wisely and correctly.

CIFE is economically sound, it has no debts and does not make a profit – thanks to its efficient and sober management, thanks to the EU and its funding, and thanks to some twenty other public and private funding institutions, among them EU member states, regions, foundations, businesses, companies, banks, and – last but not least – our alumni.

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