



## Master of European Studies

### Joint Master in European Integration and Regionalism NewLine

## MEIR NewLine

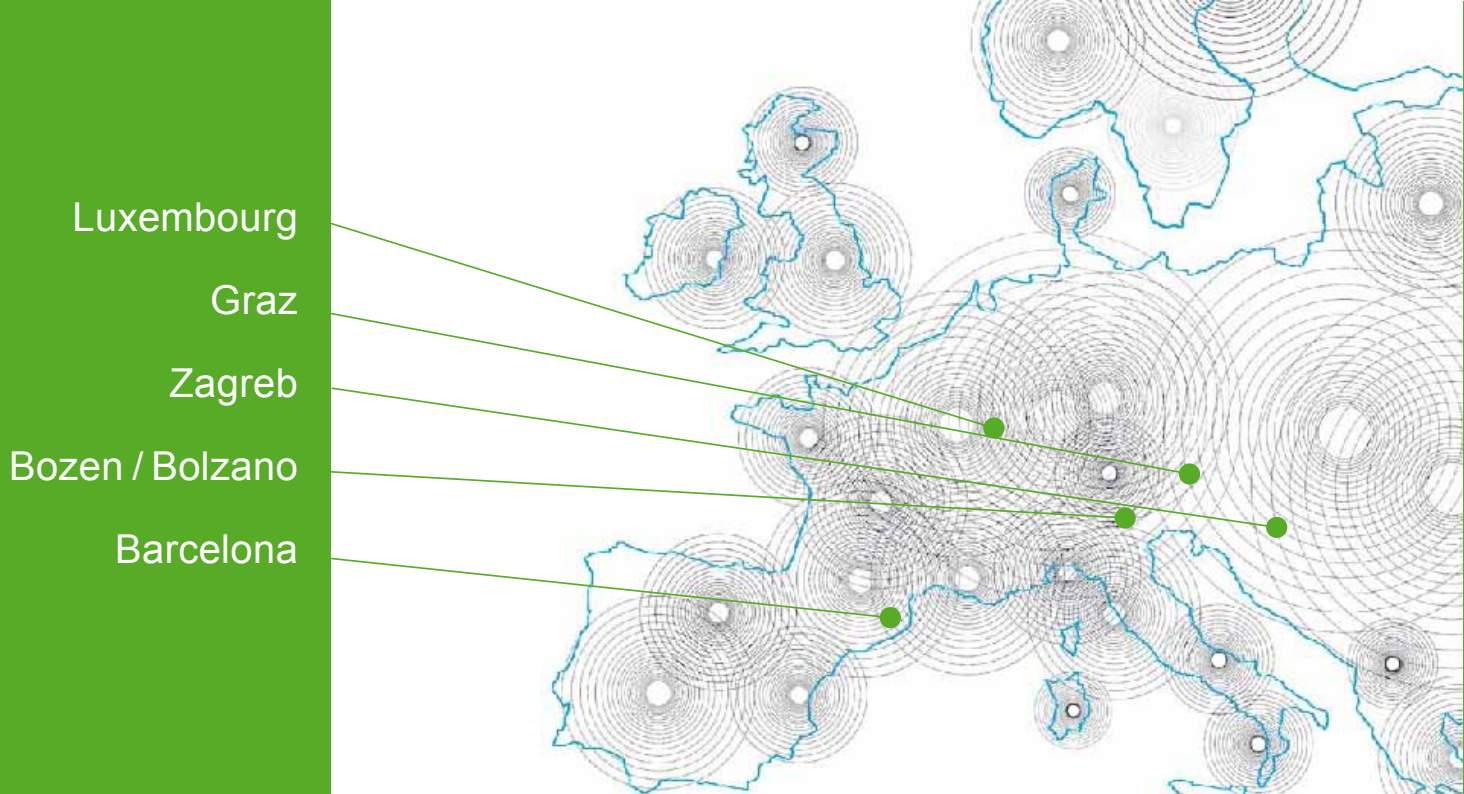
# The challenges of regional and cultural diversity in the EU 27+

## Why you should join us

- **Flexibility: Portal Online**
- **New Project Management Module**
- **Networking**
- **Modulised Structure (5 modules)**
- **Module venues: Luxembourg, Barcelona, Graz/Zagreb, Bolzano**

Is 'Europe' simply Brussels, London, Paris, Rome, Warsaw or Berlin? Is "Europe" simply made of "Eurocrats" sitting in these capitals? No! Europe is also **Barcelona, Bolzano, Graz, Luxembourg and Zagreb**, where the partners and friends of the Master's programme live and work. European integration is not just a bureaucratic, top-down process in favour of abstract market forces with "legalese" newspeak. It has a much broader regional and cultural dimension which finds expression in current tendencies to strengthen regions, to preserve cultural diversity in parallel with the harmonisation efforts linked with the establishment of the Internal Market and to avoid discrimination against individuals. Moreover, enlargement of the European Union has drastically augmented the degree of diversity through an enormous increase not only in the number of Member States, but also in cultures, languages and minorities as well as regional and economic disparities within the states.

The scope of diversity between nearly half a billion EU citizens of different ethnic origins and religious backgrounds is a major concern of our programme. In addition, we address the diversity between the hundreds of European regions in terms of economic and institutional power and the resulting issue of the potential influence of such regions within an enlarged Europe. At the core of the Joint Master's programme is the interrelationship between diversity and unity and how to programme and obtain financing for initiatives and projects, which contribute to establishing a balance between these two extremes.



The management of this diversity in an enlarged and continuously expanding European Union requires vast interdisciplinary knowledge and up to date skills from civil servants, and other professionals engaged in the process of European integration. A strong focus on horizontal integration through trans-regional and functional cooperation and a 'bottom-up' approach differentiate this innovative Joint Master's programme from other European studies courses.

*The multidisciplinary Joint Master's programme provides participants with a sound knowledge of the intricate relationship between European integration and regionalism.*

## Who should participate?

Due to its flexibility (modules and online training), the MEIR NewLine programme is particularly well-suited to accommodate the needs of professionals, who have only limited time available for face-to-face sessions.

### The following groups will find an interest in participating:

Civil servants employed in local, regional or national administrations who primarily work with EU matters and therefore require both theoretical and practical training in EU and regional issues. Persons employed by non-governmental organisations wishing to enhance interdisciplinary skills and to specialise within different aspects of European law, public administration, regionalism and diversity management. Journalists and teachers interested in recent developments and advanced training in the related fields. Graduate students wishing to acquire greater competitive personal competence beneficial for a future career in practice-oriented professions or in academia.

### Admission requirements and application

Applicants for the programme are required either to hold a university degree in humanities or social science or to have 7 years of working experience. The number of participants is limited. Proficiency in English is compulsory. For application forms and deadlines refer to [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu).

### Costs

The registration fee for the Meir NewLine is a) This fee does not include travel, accommodation and meals. OR b) This fee includes accommodation for all Modules, but not travel and meals. For participants of single modules, a registration fee per module will be charged. These fees do not include travel expenses and accommodation costs, which are to be covered by participants themselves. All fees include tuition, access to the MEIR NewLine online learning platform, course materials (both for online and face-to-face learning sessions), exams and tutoring for the Master thesis

## Alumini impressions



David GRANT

Mayor of Bray, Ireland and former adviser to the Irish Minister for European Affairs and the Irish Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.



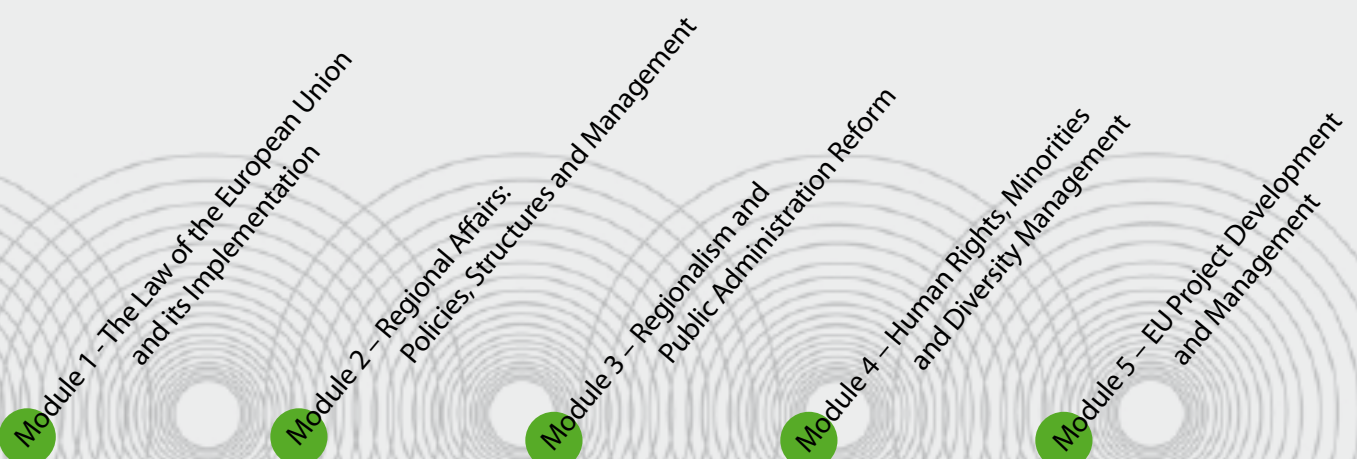
Srdjan MAJSTOROVIC

Deputy Director of the EU Integration Office in Serbia

*"The experiences and friendships that I gained through my participation on the MEIR Programme have been an invaluable resource that has assisted me in carrying out my professional and political duties. The diverse range of course material, the unique mixture of class mates and the calibre of the lectures has made MEIR a rewarding academic adventure."*

*"MEIR provides you with specific knowledge in an area which is of true importance for bringing governance issues in EU closer to the citizens. Decentralization, regionalization aren't perhaps the only answers to the challenges that EU and the rest of the world is experiencing in the aftermath of the economic crises. But, regional cooperation and integration provides substantial contribution in tackling and soothing the effects of this outstanding challenge for political and economic order as we know it."*

## The Meir NewLine is divided into 5 Modules



# Structure and Joint Degree

## Structure

The full Joint master's programme consists of three semesters: The first two semesters include five individual modules, each lasting for ten days, comprising lectures, workshops and case studies and related study visits to institutions in Graz, Luxembourg, Zagreb, Barcelona and Bolzano. Each module will be followed by a credit awarding exam. The modular structure renders the programme attractive for employed persons. Online facilities will also be used by participants to prepare the different Modules as well as for some exams and other course work. All teaching, studies and exams are undertaken in English. During the second semester, participants are expected to produce a mid-term paper and during the third semester students are expected to produce an academic thesis on an appropriate topic suitable for submission. Research and preparation for this thesis may, if the student so wishes, either be undertaken at one of the partner institutions or as part of an internship in a local, regional or national administration of an EU Member State, an International organisation or other bodies of regional concern. However, students are not obliged to undertake such an internship nor additional study at a partner institution. Applications can be made either to the full programme or to single modules of the taught period. In the first case the successful conclusion of the programme leads to the award of the academic degree Master of European Studies (M.E.S.). In the latter case attendance of a module leads to the award of a certificate of participation, and - if the subsequent exam is successfully passed - to the granting of 10 ECTS.

## Joint Degree

Successful participants of the full Joint Master's programme will be awarded the academic degree of a "Master of European Studies as a joint master's degree" of the University of Graz and the University of Zagreb.

Schedule of Studies			
<b>Semester 1</b>			
Module 1	The Law of the European Union and its Implementation	October	Luxembourg
Module 2	Regional Affairs: Policies, Structures and Management	November/December	Barcelona
Module 3	Regionalism and Public Administration Reform	February	Graz-Zagreb
<b>Semester 2</b>			
Module 4	Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management	May	Bozen/Bolzano
Module 5	EU Project Development and Management	June	Barcelona
<b>Semester 3</b>	Master's thesis	March	

## Basic content and aims of the 5 Modules

(Each of the 5 modules lasts for 10 days with online complementary reading and assignments. Exams can partially be taken online. Each module can also be chosen as an individual course)



### Module 2

**Regional Affairs: Policies, Structures and Management**  
The second module takes place in Barcelona and provides a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the political and economic aspects of regionalism and its structure in today's Europe. The first week will provide an overview of the principles of the European economic integration system in an accessible way and will allow also those not familiar with the topic to enhance their knowledge and know-how. The main EU economic policy issues will be introduced in the first part of the week and the concepts of regional development policies will be progressively presented. The second week will illustrate how regions may steer their own economic destiny and enhance territorial cohesion by making use of the available resources and EU supportive actions. In particular, it will seize the opportunity of the EU regions and local actors to implement sustainable partnerships and strategies for regional development.

### Module 4

**Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management**  
Module 4, taking place in Bolzano deals with the complexities of human and minority rights and diversity management in Europe mainly through the discussion of the international and interregional protection mechanisms of the United Nations, the OSCE and the Council of Europe. Moreover, the wide range of linguistic, educational and political rights to be found in different national constitutional systems will be explored. A special focus explores the concept of cultural diversity under EC law as gaining more and more significance beyond the context of minority protection, as well as the phenomena of immigration and integration as well as social inclusion. The module will explore Human Rights as a common basis for minority protection beyond the dichotomy of old and new minorities. The module will furthermore attempt to clarify what it is that forms the core of European identity and whether this factor can overcome the ethno-national legacies of the past.

### Module 1

**The Law of the European Union and its Implementation**  
The module on the Law of the European Union and its implementation which takes place in Luxembourg provides first an introduction to the programme and explanation of the examination rules and of the use of the online platform allowing participants to work independently throughout the Master on a number of topics. Typically, this Module has been designed with the aim of attaining three specific objectives: Firstly, to provide a comprehensive view of the constitutional organisation and legal framework of the European Union. Secondly, it introduces fundamental concepts and principles of European Union law, both in general and within specific policy areas with a view to provide students with a practical understanding of such areas as general principles, non-discrimination, fundamental freedoms, internal market harmonisation, competition and the development of an area of freedom, security and justice. Lastly, it provides a practical overview of the implementation of European Union law at both the EU, national and local levels.

### Module 3

**Regionalism and Public Administration Reform**  
Sound appreciation of the levels at which legislative and executive powers are exercised is crucial in understanding the impact of the nowadays fashionable concept of multi-level governance. The goal of this Module, which takes place in Graz and in Zagreb is to convey theoretical and comparative knowledge about the different possibilities of territorial division of powers and thus, a deeper insight into the constitutional culture of European regions. The second part of the Module III provides a theoretical analysis of the concepts of governance, political and public administration reform, as well as practical knowledge from the perspective of actors of reforms and decision-making. The educational goal is to provide students with practical guidance through systematized experiences of public administration reform in EU member states and candidate countries. The specific topic include issues of ethics and integrity in governance, as well as anti-corruption strategies and assessment of new public management approach.

### Module 5

**EU Project Development and Management**  
The main goal of this Module, which takes place in Barcelona, is to take stock of the needs (do's & don'ts) of local and regional actors regarding the funding period 2007-2013 (and beyond), and to equip the participants with the necessary "skills" required to improve their performance in developing a project strategy and their capacities in acquiring and managing EU funds. Through a variety of training methods (i.e. lectures and presentations, including concrete examples, discussions and an interactive group exercise preparing real cases subject to an evaluation panel) this module will provide participants with practical advice and techniques as well as allow them to exchange experiences so as to enable them to produce a convincing proposal, to establish sustainable local and regional partnerships and strategies and align them to the Lisbon targets, to build capacities and communicate results, and hence to develop added-value projects for their territory. Thus it will allow participants to quickly grasp the most relevant guiding principles and rules when it comes to preparing a bid for EU funding and to increase their absorption capacity.

## What we have to offer

*Inter-disciplinary and practical approach/multinational body of lecturers and tutorial staff/inter-active learning methodologies, both online and in face-to-face sessions/worldwide network for future activities/access to international organisations and regional administrations through in-depth training in project management/multicultural communication.*

### Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee consists of four highly renowned academics or practitioners and gives advice on all aspects of the programme, in particular the programme content.



#### Josef AZIZI

Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities.



#### John PACKER

Director of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex and former Director in the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, OSCE.



#### Erhard BUSEK

Former Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.



#### Vesna PUSIĆ

Professor of Sociology at the University of Zagreb, Member of the Croatian Parliament, Chairwoman of the National Committee for Monitoring the EU Accession Negotiation, Parliamentary floor leader of HNS Group in the Croatian Parliament.

### Partners

The strength of the Joint Master's programme lies in its highly qualified teaching staff within its network of competent partners. The programme is offered by the Universities of Graz and Zagreb in cooperation with EIPA (European Institute of Public Administration, Antenne Luxembourg and Barcelona) and EURAC (European Academy of Bolzano, South Tyrol). EIPA Luxembourg is a leading institution providing a variety of services to the administrations and judiciaries of the EU Member States and the candidate countries as well as to EU institutions in support of their tasks related to European integration. Its staff is highly experienced in the training of civil servants and legal professionals primarily responsible for the implementation and application of the EU acquis. The same applies to EIPA Barcelona, which has long standing experience in the EU's regional policy and the uniform implementation of Community policies at the regional level within the EU Member States. The University of Graz is an ideal venue for this programme: Not only has it established a Centre of Excellence on Southeast Europe, a region which will play a crucial role in defining the future of the European Union, but it is also located in one of the Austrian Bundesländer, Styria, which serves as an excellent example when studying the phenomenon of federalism in Europe. Established in 1669, University of Zagreb is the oldest university in South-Eastern Europe and the most prestigious teaching institution in Croatia. It also has a strongly research-oriented policy, contributing with over 50 percent to the total research output of the country. The Faculty of Law is a leading higher education, which provides teaching in the area of legal studies, social work and social policy and public administration. Its staff and research activities are organised within six institutes and one study centre. EURAC, the European Academy is located in the autonomous region of Trentino-Alto Adige/South Tyrol in northern Italy. The case of South Tyrol is often quoted as a model of self-governance and regionalism as well as a model solution for minority protection. Hence the Institute for Minority Rights at EURAC is able to provide exceptional theoretical and practical knowledge in the examination and application of issues related to minority protection and regionalism.

### Course Management Team



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