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EUPADRA call for students' applications

The Erasmus+ Joint Master Degree on Parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting (EUPADRA) represents the first Master based on student mobility which allows the study of parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting in three different European capitals, seats of National Parliaments and meeting points of private actors and NGOs working in the sector of parliamentary affairs (Rome, Madrid, London). The mobility offers participants to benefit from the direct **contact with parliamentary officials involved in the Master activities**, creating a fundamental “bridge” between theory and practice. Study visits to these Parliaments will be included in the programme.

The high level of the Master program was recognized by the European Commission as an Erasmus+ Joint Master Degree. Its first edition (2016/2017) started in Rome on 3rd October 2016 and continued with modules in Madrid and London.

Now it is open the call for application for students of its second intake (2017/2018) that will be starting in Rome, on 2nd October 2017.

I. Admission requirements

Admitted are **Master students having at least 4 years of successfully accomplished higher education** in social sciences or humanities, with a proven and justified interest and general knowledge in Parliamentary Law, Constitutional Law, Comparative Law, Political Science, International Relations, and EU Studies.

Students should prove a good command of English, both spoken and written. **All applicants from non-English speaking countries and universities are required to submit a language proficiency test: IELTS (minimum overall band score of 7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each field).**

A second language ability is appreciated (particularly Spanish and/or Italian), as well as previous experience in parliamentary and legislative drafting confirmed via **reference letters**.



II. Application procedure

Applications are welcome on the website www.eupadra.eu

All applicants are expected to provide the following documents:

- Professional and academic **CV**;
- **Proof of Nationality** (copy of passport);
- Certified (translated) copy of **university diplomas** and exam **transcripts**;
- Certified copy of **English language certificates** (at least IELTS 7.0);
- **One or more Letters of References** (preferably focusing on academic activities and/or professional experiences) inclusive of the full contact of the signing party (signed not before 2017);
- **Motivation Letter** with details of academic and professional aspirations and indication of potential internship destination (preferred kind of host institution and location outside applicant's home country).

Deadline for application: 23rd June 2017.

III. Admission

The selection process will be managed by the EUPADRA Admissions Committee that will undertake the following activities:

- Validation of correctness of the application documents
- Preliminary shortlist of candidates
- Interviews (on site or via Skype/conference call) with shortlisted applicants
- Approval of the final rankings
- Transfer of the final list of the new students to the European Commission
- Communication to the selected students

The tuition fee for EUPADRA is € 6,000.

The tuition fees include participation in all classes offered within the EUPADRA curriculum; support in administrative and organisational issues

by the consortium partners; costs for enrollment at the consortium partner's institutions; all examinations and issuing of the final diploma.

The tuition fees do not cover travel costs from country of origin, travel costs required for the mobilities, travel documents (passport, visas), accommodation and living expenses, or other costs (e.g. study books, stationery, photocopies, etc.).

IV. Structure of the program

The 2017/2018 edition of EUPADRA begins in October 2017 and develops in **three modules offered by three consortium partners: LUISS Guido Carli University (Rome, Italy: October-December 2017), Madrid Complutense (Madrid, Spain: February-April 2018) and the Institute of Advanced Legal studies (London, UK: May-July 2018).**

EUPADRA encompasses the following components:

- Core courses;
- Visiting professors' seminars;
- Guest professional seminar series;
- Internship and Project Work;
- Final Master's thesis

Students mobility is articulated in three teaching modules:

Modules	Track name and focus
1. Rome – LUISS Guido Carli	The shape of Parliaments in European constitutional democracies
2. Madrid – Complutense	Parliamentary procedures
3. London – IALS	Parliamentary Legislative drafting

The Programme is thus composed of 3 consecutive modules: the participants start their studies at LUISS Guido Carli and attend the second module at Madrid Complutense and the third module at IALS, as indicated in the programme curriculum. **Students complete the Joint Master with an Internship, a Project Work and a final Master's thesis.** Each module includes a Guest Professional Seminar Series.

Considering also the internship and the final thesis, the whole commitment foreseen is a 18 months 90 ECTS Joint Master programme.

V. Core courses

All students take these core courses:

<p>Module 1 Rome – LUISS Guido Carli The “shape” of Parliaments in European constitutional democracies (30 ECTS)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of Parliaments and representative democracy (6 ECTS) 2. Organisation of Parliaments and sources of law (6 ECTS) 3. The Europeanization of National Parliaments and the Euro-national parliamentary system (6 ECTS) 4. The European Parliament in the “Composite” European Constitution (6 ECTS) 5. Sub-national Parliaments (6 ECTS)
<p>Module 2 Madrid – Complutense University Parliamentary procedures (30 ECTS)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-inventing legislative process (6 ECTS) 2. EU legislative procedure (6 ECTS) 3. The function of parliamentary control (6 ECTS) 4. Parliamentary budget process and economic governance (6 ECTS) 5. Principles of free and fair elections, system of appeal and electoral review (6 ECTS)
<p>Module 3 London – IALS Parliamentary Legislative drafting (20 ECTS)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislative Drafting (10 ECTS) 2. Comparative Legislative Studies (10 ECTS)

VI. Visiting professors' seminars

Each module includes further seminars held by visiting professor. Seminars are obligatory for students and are full part of the EUPADRA programme. The assessment of these seminars takes place within the core courses they are linked with.

Each institution defines the content coherence with its respective courses.

VII. Guest Professional Seminar Series

Each module includes a compulsory Guest Professional Seminar Series, with the involvement of experts who, after having analysed the curricula of the students, are invited to present their career and professional path to participants in order to provide mentorship and guidance.

At the beginning of the first module, a special guest professional seminar offers to students an overview of the EU projects and the educational or training mobility opportunities.

VIII. Attendance

Students must attend a minimum of 75% of the lessons and compulsory seminars of each module. Attendance rate might be compensated with the participation to seminars or academic activities upon the indication of the academic staff.

IX. Internship, Project work and Master Thesis

EUPADRA includes an internship (1 to 3 months), selected according to their aptitudes and interests and in the light of the needs of the hosts. The internship experience is completed with a Project Work (4.000 words), analysing and proposing solutions to a real problem connected with their work experience.

Students coming from a Public Administration or fully employed in a private company can renounce to the internship, motivating their choice and substituting it with an Executive Project Work (6.000 words).

In order to complete the thesis requirement, students also need to pass a Master's Thesis defense, which will take place in Madrid in the month of March following the thesis submission.

The final Master's Thesis (10 ECTS) is a 10.000-word-long paper in English language (including all references, footnotes, bibliography, appendices and abstract) delivered by 31th December of the year following the year of enrolment. It has to be the result of an individual and original scientific work.

X. Degrees

EUPADRA provides graduates with a Joint Degree from the three institutions, an LLM in Parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting. Therefore, the local institutions ensure that each student who has successfully completed his studies under this programme is awarded a Joint Degree. Together with the Joint Degree, each of the three institutions provide a Diploma related to its module in the national language: Rome – LUISS Guido Carli awards a *Master Universitario di II livello* (d.P.R. 162/1982, l. 341/1990, DM 270/2004), Madrid – Complutense University awards a *Máster Universitario Erasmus Mundus en Procedimientos Parlamentarios y Técnica Legislativa*; London – IALS awards a *Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters' Degree in Parliamentary Procedures and Legislative Drafting*.

In addition, each student receives a Diploma Supplement in line with the applicable guidelines and academic requirements.



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The EUPADRA network

EUPADRA benefits from the academic and professional support and guidance of several academic institutions and private sector organizations.

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- University of Genoa–Department of Law (Italy)
- Sciences Po-Bordeaux (France)
- Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun–Faculty of Law and Administration (Poland)
- Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and University of Florida (USA)
- Scuola Superiore Sant’ Anna of Pisa (Italy)
- University of Antwerp (Belgium)
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- University of Hull–School of Politics, Philosophy & International Studies (UK)
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