Master of Advanced Studies (MAS)

«Transitions and innovations in European territories: environment and post-anthropocene landscapes»







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"We need to organise the university differently, to address transition issues, which require collaboration with the natural sciences, the arts, law and the humanities. It is not easy, but it is essential if we want to move forward".

Bruno Latour (Le Monde, 11th december 2021,



Why choose the European College of Cluny?

- Cluny, a reference place for diploma training and professional training on local innovation and on the role of local democracies in Europe.
- Active teaching for students as well as for local actors coming from all academic disciplines, European countries and even beyond.
- Prestigious framework of Cluny
 Abbey in a direct connection with
 the "living lab" of Cluny the field
 of experiments, interactions
 and research.



The diploma course «Transitions and innovations in European territories: environment and post-anthropocene landscapes», created jointly with the University of Bologna (Ravenna campus), is unique in Europe:

- it is the first European course to train managers of public institutions, associations and companies to analyse, anticipate and influence the fundamental changes of the Anthropocene:
 - climate change
 - collapse of biodiversity
 - digital revolution
 - demographic upheaval
 - social exclusion
- the course is sanctioned by a double recognition:
 - the Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) degree from the prestigious University of Bologna, the oldest university in Europe,
 - the title of «Member of the European College of Cluny».

European College of Cluny A unique place of reflection in an exceptional setting

The European College of Cluny is the reference place in Europe for training on transformations at the local level, in a European perspective in the face of societal transitions. It is also a melting pot for exchanges between researchers and professionals from the territories.

The European College of Cluny trains decision-makers involved in leading transitions in Europe: innovation, academic excellence, European openness, transdisciplinarity. It provides the capacity to act and innovate in the service of territories in transition.

Located in Burgundy, an area rich in cultural and natural heritage, renowned for its quality of life, and in the heart of a living territory resolutely turned towards innovation, Cluny plays an important role in European history and culture: the College is located in the premises of the abbey which was once at the centre of a network of more than a thousand affiliates throughout Europe.





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An asset for your future

This one-year programme (one semester of study and four months of professional immersion), organized jointly with the University of Bologna, will give auditors the skills necessary to lead transformation projects in the territories, through: a demanding training, close to the realities of the field and intellectually stimulating thanks to the variety of student and professional profiles; mastery of innovative working methods; intensive work experience in an international and bilingual environment; participation to a European professional network.

Innovative training

... by its content

The programme provides auditors with a broad and solid intellectual framework for action on the Anthropocene.

It is based on:

- multidisciplinary courses that combine a broader view/global vision and case studies
- an alternation of academic modules (courses, seminars, conferences) and workshops (collective projects, immersion, visits...)
- the acquisition of skills in the digital domain: programming, geographic information systems, open sciences, etc.
- networking with European professionals
- exchange of experiences and good practices, in French and English,
- taking into account basic human needs in the context of the fight against climate change and the collapse of biodiversity

... by its teaching methods

Besides an innovation mindset, the College provides the skills needed to lead operational projects: participative management, territorial design, co-construction, prototyping, etc.

What profiles are we looking for?

The Master of Advanced Studies programme at the European College of Cluny is aimed at future decision-makers working for or with local authorities, but more generally at any professional who wishes to act locally to accompany, anticipate and not undergo the profound transformations resulting from the anthropocene.

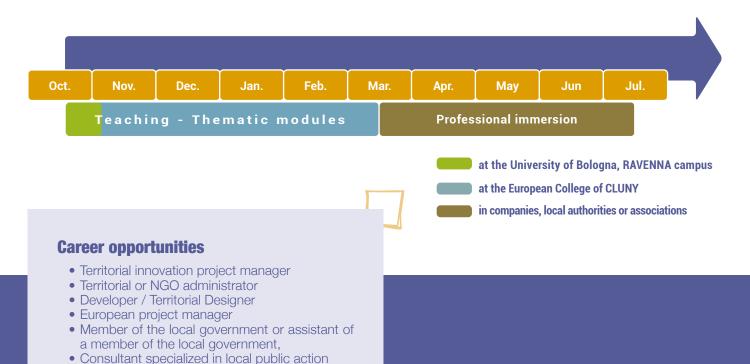
An active pedagogy, combining theory and practice

Thanks to its partnership of academic and institutional actors, specialists of their fields, the European College of Cluny offers interdisciplinary training, where theoretical and methodological courses are in constant dialogue with the practice. At the campus of the University of Arts et Métiers, the European College of Cluny welcomes students, local officials, elected officials, NGO managers and business experts from all over Europe, who already hold a Master's or an equivalent diploma and would like to acquire additional vocational training leading to a MAS (Master of Advanced Studies).

Between lectures and immersions, case studies and practical exercises, the various modules allow the acquisition of high-level knowledge and know-how, both academic and practical Composed of 17 weeks of teaching and practice in a European local communities for 4 months (with writing of a professional thesis), this training, unique in Europe, will allow you to meet the challenges of transition in European territories.

Professionals in continuing education may partake in MAS classes, during one or more thematic modules. Their experience as actors engaged on their local territory will add value to the discussions with the MAS auditors.

Typical year



Teaching modules

Inaugural course and 1st teaching period at the University of Bologna, Ravenna campus

- Thinking together about the anthropocene (general introduction)
- Read the landscape
- Water, a common good
- Energy, climate: territorial management
- Welcoming and including
- Common goods management

2nd teaching period - Thematic modules, at the European College of Cluny

- Applied modern languages, introduction to the Cluny landscape (refresher course in French or English).

 Presentation of the actors, methods and networks of the European College of Cluny and discovery of its living lab
- Design of public policies
- Public service in Europe
- Creating a system for/through the valorisation of territorial data
- Introduction to coding
- Eat local
- Getting around «low carbon»
- (Re)housing the existing?
- To be protected and to protect, to be included and to include
- Entrepreneurship in the circular economy
- Living with the living
- Mobilizing the intelligence of a territory
- Connecting without excluding
- Acting as a local, regional, national, European and global citizen

3rd period: Professional immersion in territorial innovation project management:

A minimum of 4 months of project work in territorial innovation, in collaboration with a territorial authority, company, or association.





Eligibility criteria

Eligible are individuals:

- Holding a Master's degree with no age limit
- Fluent (C1 level) in English or French, and able to understand (B1 level) the other language (French or English)

Admission criteria:

- Academic excellence during previous graduate studies
- Motivation and ability to link previous experience, as diverse as it may be, with the intellectual philosophy of the programme and with the professional project of the candidate
- Aptitude for working in a European and international environment
- Professional experience related to the world of local authorities is an advantage

Tuition fees

5 000 €

This amount covers study fees and field trips (immersion ...). A limited number of tuition discounts is possible, scholarships may be available on income criteria. Contact us for more information.

Application form

Admission to the Master is subject to a positive opinion based on candidate's titles and on a motivational interview held in English or French (language to be chosen by the candidate).

More information on the website: https://master.unibo.it/itinerant/it/

Deadline for submission of applications:

- Application for the selection process must be made by 1:00pm CEST on 2.09.2022
- Date of publication of lists of qualified candidates: September 26, 2022



Cluny: exceptional site

With a strong student presence at the Arts et Métiers (engineering school) campus, Cluny welcomes the European College in the exceptional setting of the Cluny Abbey.

Located in Burgundy, a region rich in cultural and natural heritage, renowned for its quality of life, and in the heart of a living territory and a campus resolutely turned towards innovation, research and the economy, Cluny is steeped in history and European culture.

By train - TGV station Mâcon Loche:

- 2h00 from Paris
- 3h00 from Strasbourg
- 4h00 from Brussels

By plane - Lyon St Exupery International Airport:

• 1h10 by car

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