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Shaping Europe's Future Through Education

For 70 years, we have been unstinting advocates of European integration through our international and interdisciplinary study programmes.

The **Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)** is a private institution of higher education and research founded in 1954. The breadth of its geographic engagement and the variety of its academic programmes testify to CIFE's major commitments: **a confident, future-oriented vision of Europe, an innovative concept of teaching and an awareness of the challenges of a changing world.** Presided by Herman Van Rompuy, CIFE has **a strong international orientation**, with its main office in **Nice** and offices in **Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul**. It is one of the seven institutions of excellence to receive an operating grant from the EU under the *Jean Monnet Activities* of the Erasmus+ programme.

Strengthening European Identity

CIFE offers **intrinsically European education** which goes beyond the teaching framework of national higher education. Its students form a small, itinerant and international community during an intensive academic year, accompanied by an international faculty and thus experience the challenges of diversity and unity.

Through higher education, CIFE enhances "Europeanness" among young citizens. By educating students from all EU member states and beyond, CIFE **trains multipliers**, who will convey an accurate and fair image of European integration in their future professional and personal context. Our programmes connect EU policy makers with students, fostering dialogue between young citizens and European decision-makers. International seminars addressed to participants from enlargement and neighbourhood countries create awareness, knowledge and support of the EU among multipliers from key audiences.

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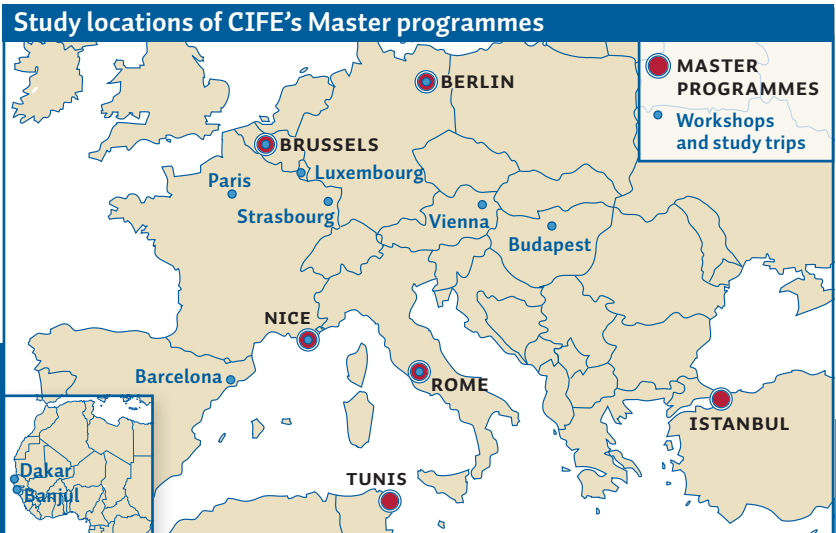


At the Cutting Edge of European Policies

The question of the **best possible European, national and regional governance** is at the core of our academic tradition. Since 2005, CIFE has fostered **EU-Turkey relations** with its office in Istanbul and terms at its partner Bilgi University. CIFE's **Master in Mediterranean Studies** raises students' awareness of the unprecedented challenges of the region. The **Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance** and the Joint Masters in **Global Economic Governance**, in **Climate Diplomacy** and in **Cultural Governance** deal with pivotal issues of future EU policy making. CIFE's programmes foster networks between academics, policy-makers and young people from different member states as well as enlargement and neighbourhood countries (Western Balkans, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Turkey and the Maghreb), creating European added value.

Committed to Lifelong Learning

Offering a lifelong European education has always been one of CIFE's major concerns. Its **Executive Master in EU Studies** for professionals, who continue their studies while pursuing their career, attests to this commitment.





On the Move: Learning and Living Europe

CIFE strongly supports the **mobility of its students**: the participants in seven of its Master programmes rotate each term, moving their place of study from France (Nice) to Germany (Berlin), Italy (Rome), Belgium (Brussels), Turkey (Istanbul) or Tunisia (Tunis). Study trips to Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, Dakar, Banjul and Paris offer additional insights into specific regional intricacies and challenges.

Interdisciplinary Master Programmes

CIFE offers eight international and interdisciplinary Master programmes:

Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS):

MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance Studies

in Nice, Brussels, Berlin (English and French with German option)

MAEIS Mediterranean Studies

in Nice, Tunis, Istanbul (English, French)

MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies

in Berlin, Nice, Rome or Istanbul (English)

Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance

in Nice and Berlin (English)

Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy

Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs

Joint Master in European Cultural Governance

in Rome, Berlin, Nice (English)

Executive Master in EU Studies

Online and 8 weekend workshops (English)

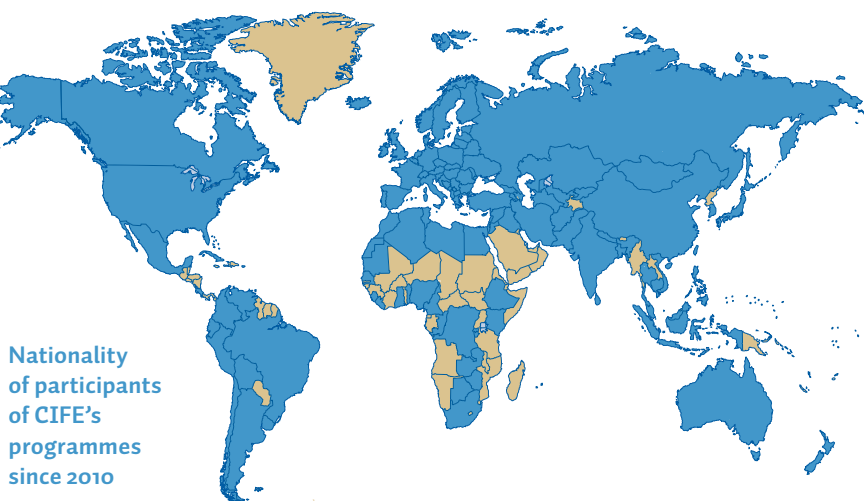


Innovative Teaching Methods

CIFE has been at the vanguard in developing digital higher education programmes since it created in 2003 one of the first qualifying online study programmes in European integration. Practical workshops provide students with the skills and competences needed on the job market: negotiation, intercultural awareness, project cycle management and public speaking. Together with practitioners, students follow EU policy making in real time and thus experience how decisions are made among member states.

Learning and Living Europe – CIFE’s Mission

European integration should be a lived experience for our students: Living together in an international community makes them aware of the futility of their national prejudices. Seeing EU institutions at work enables them to realise that European integration is not just a bureaucratic venture, but one of the most ambitious and inspiring political projects of our times.



Policy Officer in European and International Organisations

CIFE's alumni succeed in the professional world. The French state has recognised CIFE's graduate programmes as a qualification at Master level (level 7 EQF). Thanks to this recognition, CIFE graduates receive the qualification as "Policy Officer in European and International Organisations". This recognition demonstrates not only that CIFE graduates are employable, but also that they are in employment. The accrediting body (CNCP) verifies that at least 3/4 of CIFE graduates work in the relevant professional field: as senior officials in European institutions, policy officers within the UN framework, diplomats, EU experts in the private sector, consultants, lobbyists, researchers and academic experts.



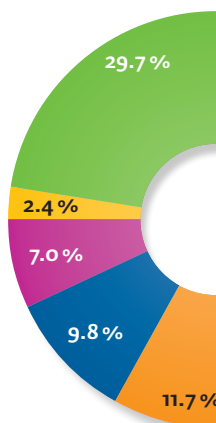
Sevda Amirova *Azerbaijan, Executive Master in EU Studies 2018/20*
Press and Information Officer at the Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan

My two study years were challenging, exciting, cheerful, dynamic and full of wonderful memories. I am thankful to the CIFE family for being the best team of professionals, always ready to help, always being positive and always making sure that you got everything you needed.



Deniel Dakaev *Ukraine, EU*Connect 2022/23*

*This idea of a digital campus pushed borders and other limitations into the background, allowing us to focus on gaining expertise in the EU – I guess they call it 'EU*Connect' for a reason!*



Professional Fields of Recent CIFE Graduates

- European Institutions and International Organisations
- National Governments and Administrations
- Companies and Banks
- Think Tanks, Research and Teaching
- Consulting and Lobbying
- Humanitarian Sector, NGOs and Social Enterprises
- Media and Communications



Matilde Baggio Italy, Master European Integration and Global Studies 2023/24

Newsroom Strategy Editor at Politico Europe, Brussels

Living and studying in three unique and distinct cities not only expanded my world view but also pushed me to adapt in unexpected ways – whether it was navigating new cultures or balancing the rigorous demands of the coursework. For anyone seeking an intellectually stimulating experience that also pushes you to grow personally, I highly recommend CIFE.



Sebastian Scheufele Germany, Master Mediterranean Studies 2015/16

Senior Policy Officer for Bilateral Cooperation with Tunisia, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

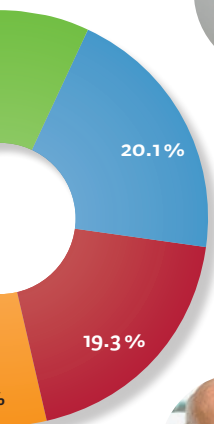
To better understand complex phenomena such as migration or climate change and to shift from a Eurocentric way of thinking to a more nuanced vision of our multipolar world, studying at CIFE guarantees a truly international experience - on an interpersonal level as well.



Erwan Fouéré Ireland Diplôme des hautes études européennes et internationales 1968/69

Former EU Special Representative and Head of the Commission Delegation in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Institute was an essential element of my academic training. My year of studies was a large contributing factor to shaping and reinforcing my European sentiments. I was particularly inspired by the primal importance of the respect for human values and the respect for different state political structures (notably federalism)..



High-Level Academic Teaching and Practical Know-How

CIFE provides excellent academic teaching, offering students **problem-focused learning at the crossroads of theory and practice**. This is guaranteed by its own international faculty as well as guest lecturers coming from renowned academic institutions and research centres such as Sciences Po (Paris), the European University Institute (Florence), the University of Cologne and Humboldt University (Berlin).

Some of our programmes are carried out in partnership with universities worldwide such as Istanbul Bilgi University, Luiss Guido Carli (Rome), Taras Shevchenko National University Kyiv and Texas A & M. Next to its academic network, practitioners from international organisations, most prominently from the European Union, contribute to CIFE's programmes.

Cooperation and Research Projects

CIFE participates in different research projects on federalism, Franco-German and EU-Western Balkan relations, energy transition and sustainable development. Recent transnational projects include 'Wer ist Walter?', a research cooperation about the resistance to Nazism in Europe, as well as 'EU*Connect', an interactive digital campus for participants from Ukraine, Moldova, France and Germany, now in its third year. CIFE also engages in research on energy transition and social justice, notably with its Just Energy Transition Resource Centre (JETRC).





*CIFE founder
Alexandre Marc
and participants
of the Collège
d'Aoste in 1965*

Shaping Europe's Future Through Education

CIFE was born out of a crisis of European integration: in 1954, the European Defence Community (EDC) failed – a project many advocates of the European cause had set high hopes for. For the founders of CIFE, a new approach had to be taken to pursue the goal of a unified Europe: educating European citizens to make them embrace this ideal and further it in their professional lives. With this objective in mind, CIFE was founded.

70 years later, we live in very different Europe. However, many of the questions which were important for the founding generation remain valid today. We still do not have a common European defence and the return of war to the European continent since the Russian attack on Ukraine makes us now more aware of its importance than ever. We also still do not have a fully integrated European political community. CIFE has changed too – it has evolved into a European institute of higher education receiving close to 200 graduate students each year, a growth we can be proud of. However, the mission of our founders remains as valid today as it was 70 years ago: *Shaping Europe's Future Through Education.*



Celebrating 70 years of CIFE:

International Alumni meeting in Nice, September 2024

For 70 years the Centre international de formation européenne has been promoting the values of Europe, European integration and governance, multilingualism and student mobility through its European and international higher education programmes. As CIFE President I am pleased to be able to contribute to the next stage in the development of this academic institution.



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Herman Van Rompuy

President Emeritus of the European Council
Belgian Minister of State
President of CIFE

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