MEAP

Master in European Affairs and Policies

FIRST-LEVEL 60 ECTS

Study & Practice

Build Your Gateway to a European Career



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A Leading Post-Graduate Institute

Dedicated to European and International Affairs, training young graduates and professionals in EU Law, Economics and Policies since 1988.

Relying on a Top-Level Faculty

Leading professors, EU and international practitioners, experts in European affairs.

Offering Tailored Training

Specialised and customised programmes for institutions, companies, and other organisations within the field of EU policies.

Founding & Supporting Members of the European College

The University of Parma is one of the founding partners of the College along with the Parma Entrepreneurs' Association and the Chamber of Commerce of Emilia Area. The supporting members are: Ministry for Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, Emilia-Romagna Regional Government, Province of Parma, Municipality of Parma and Cariparma Foundation (special contributor).

Course Overview

The Master in “European Affairs and Policies” (MEAP) is a University study programme, designed for **graduates & junior professionals**, aiming to build a successful career in the **“EU Bubble”**.
MEAP is co-designed and co-organised with the **Department of Economics and Management of the University of Parma**.

Duration

Lectures: Blended Format - 240 hours
November 2026 - April 2027

Traineeship Period - 250 hours
May 2027 - September 2027

Course language

English



Course Delivery

The Master grants **60 ECTS** and is offered in a **blended format**, combining on-campus sessions with online learning. This approach allows students to benefit from face-to-face interaction whilst enjoying the convenience and accessibility of digital learning.

This master is acknowledged as equivalent to a year of the Master's Degree in Global Politics and International Relations of the University of Parma. Thanks to a partial credit recognition earned during the programme, students can fast-track their academic journey while building on the knowledge and skills already required throughout the master.

Students can thus enroll in MEAP and then continue their university career **within the second year of the Master's Degree in Global Politics and International Relations of the University of Parma**.



Hands-On Learning



A forward-thinking, application-focused programme combining lectures with **interactive exercises**, **case studies**, and **project work**.
Develop critical thinking, soft skills, and real-world insights through simulations that mirror daily work in European Institutions and Agencies, preparing you for a successful career.



In addition to the core Modules, the programme includes **advanced English and Italian language courses** (for international students), designed to strengthen communication, interpersonal, and professional skills in multicultural environments.

The programme also includes **Seminars and Workshops** led by academics and practitioners on key European and global challenges, such as European Integration, Artificial Intelligence, and EU political economy.

Teaching Modules

Module	Academic Course	Practitioner-led Seminars		
EU Governance and Legal Framework. Principles and Contemporary Evolutions	**EU Law, Institutions, and Policies**	EU Budget and Financing of New Policies	EU Single Market	EU Digital Policies, Data Protection and Transparency
Economics of European Integration and Agri-food Policies	**Economics of European Integration**	Cohesion and Territorial Development	The New EU Governance	Agriculture, Food, and Sustainability
European Union, Human Rights, and International Cooperation	**Fundamental Rights Protection: Global and EU Perspectives**	EU Policy on Immigration and Humanitarian Aid	EU Development and International Partnerships	The European Convention on Human Rights and the EU Legal Order
Europe, Security and World Geopolitics	**International Relations, Geopolitics, and Europe**	EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy	EU Trade Policy and Strategic Agreements (US, China, India, Mercosur)	EU Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Strategic Autonomy	**EU Research, Innovation, and Industrial Policy**	EU Competition and Public Procurement	Key developments of EU Environmental Policy’	EU Energy Policy

Study Visits

A hallmark of the programme is the **Study Trip** to the European Institutions in Brussels (Commission, Parliament, Council, etc.), offering participants first-hand insight into EU decision-making environment and direct engagement with key stakeholders.

The programme also offers other **Study Visits** to companies and organisations, providing networking opportunities and connection between academic learning and real-world practice.



World-Class Faculty

Learn from leading academics, policymakers, and professionals with international experience. Thanks to professors with expertise from European institutions, top universities and international organisations, the Master combines **cutting-edge academic knowledge** with **practical and real-world insights**.

Career Opportunities

MEAP graduates unlock a wide range of paths in:

- **Public Administration**
- **European Institutions & Agencies**
- **International Organisations**
- **Private Sector** (Consultancies, Law Firms, Companies, Think-tanks)

Typical roles include:

EU Policy Officer

Junior Project Manager

Consultant in European & International Policies



Who Can Apply & Fees

Target Audience

- **Graduates** in Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Law, Foreign Languages, Humanities or related fields
- **Young professionals** eager to become **key players** in the European arena
- **English pre-intermediate required (B1)**

Fees

The program fee is **€4,500**, (in three installments), plus a **€16** university matriculation fee due upon enrolment.



What Makes This Master Unique

A key innovation of the programme is its expanded perspective beyond traditional EU policies, with a **strong focus on External Action**.

Students explore how the EU operates in an **increasingly complex geopolitical landscape**, gaining the tools to understand Europe's strengths and challenges on the global stage.

What are you waiting for?

Choose MEAP and jump into the EU Bubble!



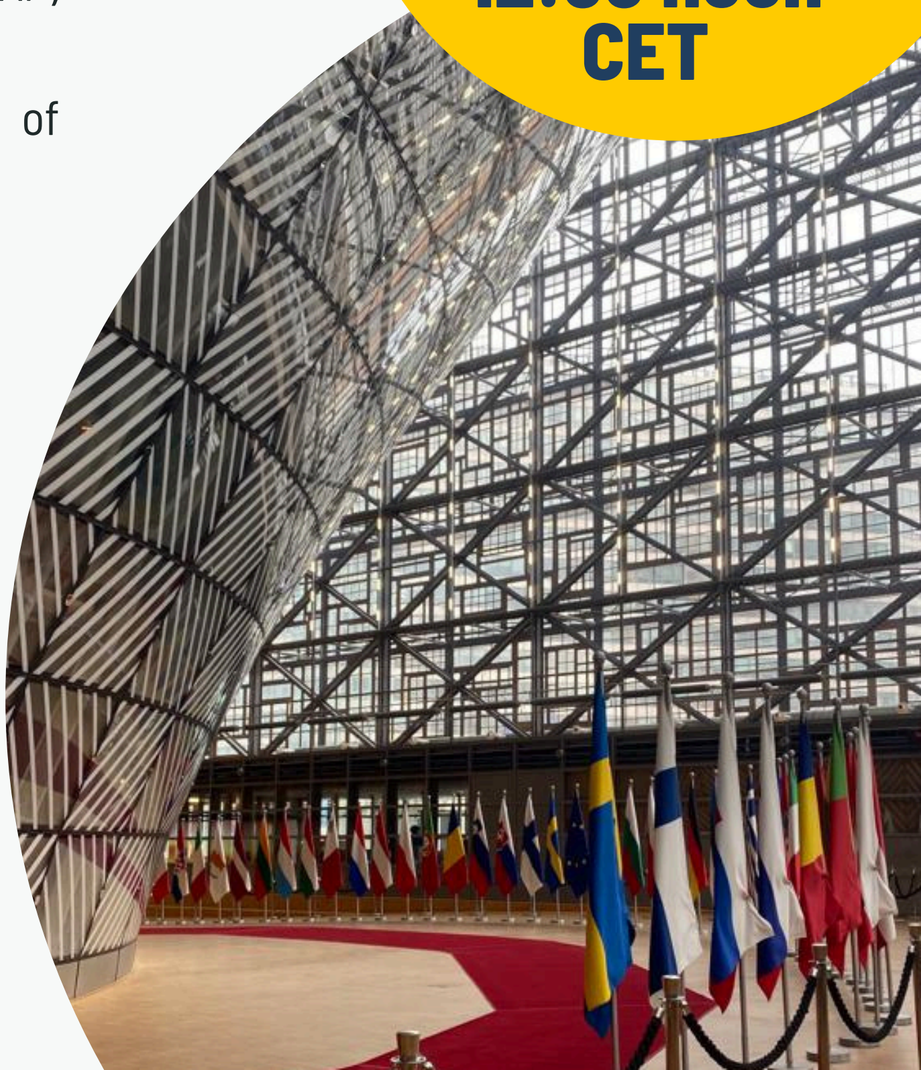
How to Apply

The **application deadline** for the "**Master in European Affairs and Policies**" (MEAP) is **2nd November 2026** at 12:00 noon (CET).
Candidates will be able to submit their applications through the University of Parma's online platform, **ESSE3**.

Further information, including key dates and enrollment steps, is available on **our website**.

Join the Programme!

APPLY BY 2 NOVEMBER 2026 12:00 noon CET



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