

Admission call 2024/2025 - WP6



Admissions Notice for the Master of Science Program in Sustainable Cities and Communities 2024 – 2025 Academic Year [↗](#)

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

For the 2024/25 academic year, the EC2U Alliance will offer the Master of Science Program in Sustainable Cities and Communities with a duration of two years.

The student will receive the diploma from each of the Universities where she/he accomplished the minimum national requirement. The award of the degree depends on the accreditation status of the Joint Master Degree in each partner country.

1.1. EC2U ALLIANCE

The EC2U Alliance, in accordance with the legislation in their respective jurisdictions, manages this Multilateral Master's Degree based on a joint programme, in accordance with the work plan and the Grant Agreement of the European project "European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U)", approved in July 2020. The Universities involved in this degree programme are the University of Coimbra (Portugal), the University of Poitiers (France), and the University of Turku (Finland).

1.2 ACADEMIC OFFER

The Degree Programme structure is described in the [Sustainable Cities and Communities Handbook](#) available. For the students starting the Master's in the Academic Year 2024/25, the first semester will be held in Coimbra, the second semester in Turku, and the third semester in Poitiers.

2. RECRUITMENT, DEADLINES AND HOW TO APPLY

The recruitment process will run according to the information displayed in the table below. Students may apply online and submit the required documents in PDF format only through the indicated portal:

University	Application period(s)	Rankings/Admission	Registration
University of Coimbra	March 1 to April 1	April 22	May 10 to May 17
	June 3 to July 15	July 30	September 3 to September 10
	September 2 to September 13	September 25	October 11 to October 18
PLATFORM	 Infoforestud@nte - Universidade de Coimbra		

Further information will be provided step by step to the admitted students via email to the address they provided during the application process.

The rankings of candidates eligible to enroll will be published on the EC2U website and on each University website. Candidates who are entitled to enrolment must follow the procedure mentioned on each University website.

3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

EC2U is committed to fair, transparent, and consistent admissions practices and procedures.

3.1 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The entry requirements comply with the national legislation of the countries of the partner universities and are the following:

- Candidates of the Degree Program must hold an official Degree issued by a Higher Education Institution belonging to a member state of the European Higher Education Area that entitles access to Master's Degree programs in any given partner country. Graduates from educational systems outside of the European Higher Education Area may also be admitted if students hold an equivalent University Degree. In this case, admission will be subjected to verification by the Consortium Institution administrations in compliance with local regulations, as soon as the study program is fully accredited there.
- In order to apply to the Master's program, candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following areas: exact and natural sciences, life sciences, earth sciences, engineering, architecture, economics and management, and other social sciences relevant for the sustainable cities theme, or have a scientific technical curriculum that can be assessed equivalent to the Bachelor Degree in areas similar to those previously listed.
- The English Language domain of the candidates should correspond, at least, to the B2 level defined according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), except for applicants with a previous university degree (Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate) delivered in English certification. Applicants must provide evidence of attaining B2 Level before confirmation of offer and enrolment.

List of Accepted Certificates
Aptis B2
American & British Academy B2
Aim Awards Anglia ESOL Advanced Level
BEC 2 now BEC Vantage/B2 Business Vantage by Cambridge University
First Certificate in English (FCE) by Cambridge University
ESOL (Score: 7-9)

IELTS (Score: 5.5-6.5=B2)
ITACE B2
Lingua skill by Cambridge University (Score: 160– 179 =B2)
TrackTest B2
TOEFL IBT (Score: 72-94 =B2)
TOEIC – Score:785 - 944 (=listening and reading) + 160 -180 (speaking) + 150-180 (writing) *all the 3 sections' tests must be successfully passed
Trinity College of London ISE II (B2) * All the sections' tests (Reading & Writing e Speaking & Listening) must be successfully passed
A certificate from an University language center will be accepted if all the sections have been assessed (Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening).
BA degree in English Language

Once the call expires, the leading Institution, University of Coimbra is responsible for the administrative eligibility check of the received applications. All eligible applications will be evaluated jointly by the Global Admission Committee

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE

Admission to the programme is selective. There is a maximum capacity of 20 students in the programme. The candidates will be ranked on a scale of 100 points. The selection criteria will be assessed based on:

- Transcript of Records
- Knowledge of English language
- Motivation Letter and Curriculum vitae

The criteria include three categories:

1. Academic Excellence (50 points)

Points for academic excellence are based ECTS weighted average of the exam grades reported in the transcript of records if at the time of application the student does not hold the Bachelor. If the applicant provides more than one previous Degree, the Joint Admission Committee will consider the highest level or in case of equal level, the first one listed by the applicant.

2. Language Knowledge (20 points)

The knowledge of higher levels with respect the minimum requirement will be considered

3. Personal Competencies (30 points, 10 points for each item)

- Intercultural competence
- Civic engagement
- Interest in program enrolment

4. RANKING LIST:

The ranking, based on the criteria listed above, will be published by June 30th.

The first 50 students with the best score will be declared eligible by the committee and will be placed on the ranking list; the first 20 students will be admitted for enrollment. In the event of a withdrawal, the student in the next position on the ranking list will be contacted in order to start the enrollment procedure.

The admitted student list will be published in an anonymized form for transparency.

The applicant will receive an email notification from the leading Institution, University of Coimbra, with one of the following options:

1. Admitted

2. Admitted under condition
3. Waiting listed
4. Non-admitted

The applicant must accept the offer of admission within 10 working days. A notification of admission that has not been accepted within the prescribed time will expire.

Non-admitted applicants will have the opportunity to make an appeal to the Global Admission Committee within 10 working days from the publication of the ranking. Information on how to proceed will be provided in the email notifying the publication of the ranking.

For any aspect of admissions not regulated in this document, the Global Admission Committee will be responsible for establishing any further provision.

5. ENROLLMENT:

The students that have passed the selection for admission will be enrolled in all the Universities chosen in the study plan where the Master's Degree is accredited.

EC2U student fee must be paid at the University of Coimbra, the administrative coordinator Institution.

Relevant information on how to enroll will be provided to the admitted candidates via email to the address they provided during the application process.

6. PROCEDURES TO APPLY AND ENROLL FOLLOWING A TRANSFER OR SECOND DEGREE:

Students asking for a transfer from other master's degrees or for enrollment to a second degree will have to submit the online application for an evaluation as described in Section 3 and pass with a positive mark the selection phase according to the rules reported in Section 4. The Global Admission Committee will evaluate the student's previous academic career in order to assess a recognition of academic curriculum and proceed with enrollment at the first or second year as described in Section 5.

The applicant should specify this request during the application procedure.