



# **EC2U Joint Masters** Sustainable Cities and Communities

Grow your expertise in the domains  
of environment, energy and urban planning



**A unique Master's Programme  
jointly offered by EC2U universities:  
an opportunity to personalise  
your learning path in an international  
environment**



European Campus  
of City-Universities



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The European Union's policy plans and targets for Sustainable Development together with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are creating a demand for an ever larger number of **experts in Sustainability areas**.

Focused on the **SDG 11**, the EC2U Joint Master's Programme "Sustainable Cities and Communities" is a **2-year Master's Degree** (4 semesters, 30 ECTS each, 120 ECTS in total) that aims to **train future national and international professionals** with diverse backgrounds in the **fields of environment, energy, urban planning and natural resources**. This degree is aligned with professional practice and will ensure that students develop instrumental skills in analysis and synthesis, solving and planning. Graduates will launch their career **with advanced knowledge in the field of sustainable cities and communities**.

## A new university to discover each semester!

The EC2U Campus provides students with the opportunity to study abroad, gain multicultural experiences, and expand their professional network. **Over the course of their learning journey, students will have the opportunity to study in up to 3 of the 9 EC2U universities.**

## A degree tailored to students' needs

Students will be able to **personalise their curriculum**: they will choose their study plan in accordance with the course catalogue provided by the universities they will be studying at.

## Career Opportunities

**The learning outcomes are valued by employers and this programme equips students for a wide range of careers:**

- Consultant in sustainable and smart cities
- Manager in sustainable development
- Teacher-researcher
- Urban planner
- Architecture and/or engineering practitioner
- Policy or decision-maker at the urban level

*"Being able to engage with diverse perspectives, learning environments, and local traditions made it a truly enriching cross-cultural experience. It wasn't just about the academic learning, but also about personal growth and understanding how different cultures approach problem-solving, education, and everyday life. This exposure has broadened my worldview in ways I hadn't expected, making it a defining part of my time in the programme." – A 2024 graduate student*





# Programme structure and mobility scheme

This Master's Programme is offered jointly by 3 European universities which are rooted in the tradition of excellence:

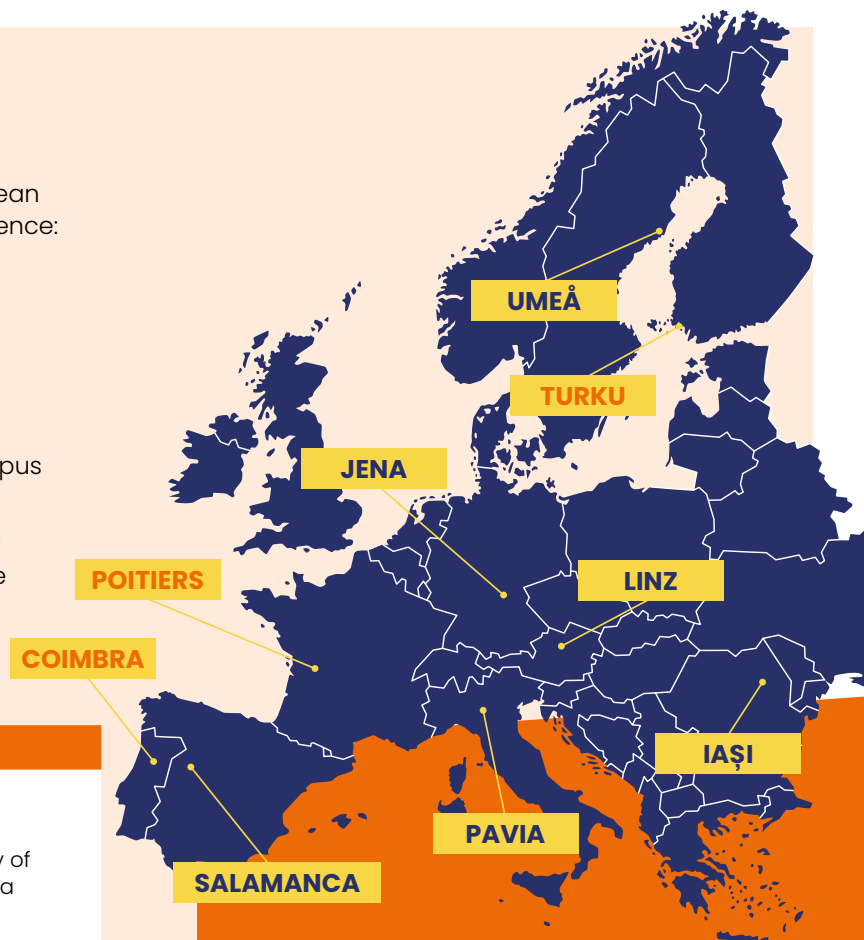
- University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Turku (Finland)

These universities provide students with personalised attention throughout their studies and a unique campus and student life.

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SEMESTER	SCIENTIFIC AREA	UNIVERSITY
First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Introduction to Sustainable Cities and Communities</li> <li>➤ Research Methodologies</li> <li>➤ Energy systems</li> <li>➤ Environment and Development</li> <li>➤ Economics and Management</li> <li>➤ Environment and Construction</li> </ul>	University of Coimbra
Second	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Governance of Sustainable Cities and Society</li> <li>➤ Innovation and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>➤ Environment and Development</li> <li>➤ Economics and Management</li> <li>➤ Environment and Construction</li> </ul>	University of Turku
Third	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dissertation Project</li> <li>➤ Scientific Writing and Communication</li> <li>➤ Energy systems</li> <li>➤ Environment and Development</li> <li>➤ Economics and Management</li> <li>➤ Environment and Construction</li> </ul>	University of Poitiers
Fourth	Master's thesis (research thesis or internship report)	Any of the 3 Universities*

\*The fourth semester is reserved for thesis preparation, related learning and research activities. An Erasmus mobility programme to any of the universities of the EC2U Alliance is also possible during the final semester.



## Admission requirements

- a. Candidates must hold a Bachelor's Degree (or recognised equivalent) in one of the following areas: various branches of Engineering, Architecture, Economics and Management, Exact and Natural Sciences, Life or Earth Sciences, and other social sciences relevant for the sustainable cities theme;
- b. Knowledge of English – minimum B2 level



(PORTUGAL)



IAȘI (ROMANIA)



SALAMANCA (SPAIN)



LINZ (AUSTRIA)



UMEÅ (SWEDEN)



## EC2U Student fees & scholarships

Student fees are detailed  
on [www.ec2u.eu](http://www.ec2u.eu).

## Practical details

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**University of Turku:** [admissions@utu.fi](mailto:admissions@utu.fi)

Academic calendar:

First semester: fall season	Second semester: spring season
Third semester: fall season	Fourth semester: spring season
Graduation date: based on the academic calendar of the university where the students enroll in the fourth semester	

EC2U App:

Students can benefit from support for more practical or  
detailed information in the EC2U App.

EC2U is a multicultural and multilingual Alliance that places students at the heart of its actions.  
The Alliance offers other Joint Master's Programmes that are tailor-made in specific fields of expertise.



**Application  
and information  
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