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# URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Study program



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# Welcome



Dear Colleagues,

The ECPD International Postgraduate Study Program on Urban and Environmental management, offers the candidates the highest level of teaching, but also requires high commitment and hard work. Selection of the courses, teaching method and renowned lecturers guarantee a high level of quality and attractive studies

that provide students with high level of knowledge required for further successful conduct of the management activities in management of urban development, planning and construction of urban areas.

Students who complete the Study program of Doctoral studies will acquire a comprehensive insight into the system of urban and environmental management, modern scientific knowledge from different scientific disciplines and the capacity to implement a holistic approach to research, planning and management of sustainable urban development.

This brochure provides basic information about on the ECPD International Postgraduate Study Program on Urban and Environmental Management, as well as the answers to the most frequently asked questions about admission criteria.

Prospective students may obtain all other information about the Postgraduate Study Program on Urban and Environmental Management from the ECPD Secretariat for International Postgraduate Studies, which may also facilitate the contact with the management and lecturers of the postgraduate program.



# ECPD International Postgraduate Studies

## **The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace est. by the United Nations**

The University for Peace was established by the Resolution 35/55 of the United Nations General Assembly in 1980. In accordance with its Charter, the University for Peace is "...an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of strengthening the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence among all peoples, promoting cooperation among nations and contributing to the prevention and peaceful settlement of conflicts, as well as to the development in the world, in the spirit of the Charter of the Organisation of the United Nations. To this end, the University for Peace established by the UN should contribute to the resolving of the significant universal task of training for peace by engaging in education, research, postgraduate studies and dissemination of knowledge necessary for full development of man's personality and human societies and by adopting an interdisciplinary approach to everything that is connected with peace".

Therefore, University for Peace has the legal status necessary for the fulfillment of its mission and objectives. It has autonomy and academic freedom as regards its work, in accordance with its humanistic aims and within the scope of the United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In that sense, this "University may associate and conclude agreements with governments, inter-governmental and other organisations, that is, institutions in the field of education, and maintain special relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), bearing in mind its responsibilities in the field of education".

The University for Peace established by the UN was established as "... an international center for research, higher education and postgraduate studies", aimed specifically at "training for peace and international cooperation". To this end, the Council of the University for Peace, at its session of 20 January 1983, passed Resolution UP-C2 for the establishment of the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace established by the United Nations, whereby it was proposed that its headquarters should be in Yugoslavia. The Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia accepted this initiative and on 22 October 1984. concluded the Agreement for the Establishment and Status of the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD), with Headquarters in Belgrade, University for Peace established by the UN. The Agreement was ratified by the Law adopted by the Federal Parliament - by the Chamber of the Republics and Provinces on 28 June and by the Federal Chamber on 17 July 1985, and has been in force up to the present day.

This is how the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) United Nations University for Peace, with its headquarters in Belgrade - the only university, regional, international and extra-territorial organisation which operates within the broader United Nations system in the region covering all countries signatories of the Final Act of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation (Helsinki, 1975) – was established.

In accordance with the principle of continuity of statehood, the Government of the Republic of Serbia assumed all obligations towards the ECPD arising from the above Agreement, including the provision of technical and accommodation facilities. According to that principle, first the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and then the Republic of Serbia assumed the role of the

host country. Based on the principle of continuity of statehood, one of the main principles of the international law, all entities created from the parts of former Yugoslavia inherited and recognized the laws and international agreements concluded by the former Federation. Accordingly, the ECPD enjoys the same status and the same rights in all the territories which represented an integral part of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1985 when the Law was ratified. The European Center for Peace and Development is managed by the ECPD Council and the Executive Director with a team of officials and experts. In carrying out its activities, the ECPD relies to a large extent on its close relations with numerous institutions throughout the world.

Besides its Headquarters in Belgrade, the ECPD has also organised its operational units. A number of affiliations, rep-offices and program units are located in many European countries.

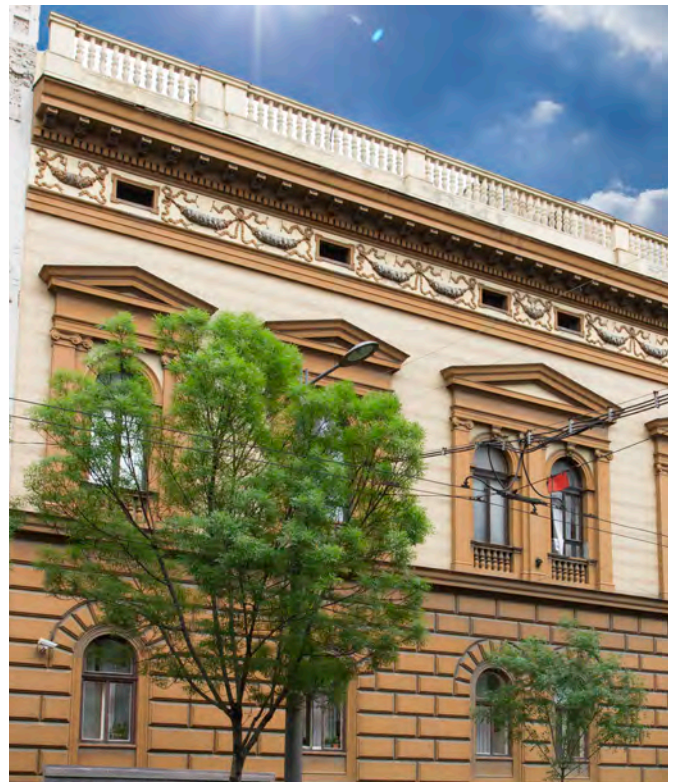
In order to improve the quality of life, it is necessary to take a comprehensive approach to problem solving. The ECPD has chosen to apply an interdisciplinary approach by carrying out the following seven closely interrelated groups of programs:

- Development of natural resources
- Development of human resources
- Economic development
- Scientific and technological development
- Integrated/sustainable development
- Cultural development
- Management

The ECPD devotes special attention to bringing together the intellectual potentials of the West and the East, as well as to strengthening cooperation between the North and the South. To this end, the ECPD organises and conducts:

- Postgraduate studies at specialist, master's and doctoral levels
- Elaboration of research projects and studies devoted to the current problems of peace and development
- Scientific meetings, symposia, conferences, courses and seminars at which the results of its researches are also presented
- Publishing, printing and distribution of the proceedings of its scientific meetings, studies and other scientific papers relevant for the ECPD activities

By its programmes, the ECPD provides a scientific basis for the establishment of appropriate relations between market economies and economies in transition, thus alleviating and closing a gap in their levels of development, as well as promoting better understanding and tolerance among countries and peoples, peace,



*The historic core and the present CBD, where the ECPD Headquarters is located*



development and democracy. As an international, non-profit organisation, the ECPD enjoys full academic freedom necessary for the attainment of the desired aims, especially with respect to the selection of the areas and methods of research aimed at promoting peace and disseminating knowledge about peace and development.

Numerous international and regional organisations have entrusted and entrust the European Center for Peace and Development University for Peace est. by the UN with specific programs and projects, including the UN Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), UN Development Program (UNDP), UN Organisation for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), International Labor Organisation (ILO), World Health Organisation (WHO), UN International Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Trade Center (ITC) and others.

The ECPD has so far carried out exceptional activities and achieved remarkable results, reflected in 700 consulting, research, educational and other projects.

### **ECPD International Postgraduate Studies**

Starting from its mission that peace is strengthened by development, the ECPD carries out numerous multidisciplinary activities aimed at improving the quality of life and consistent strategy for development of countries. Among these activities, special attention is placed to dissemination of knowledge, education and professional development of human resources as universal source of genuine progress of each society.

The main task of the ECPD is conducting research and organising postgraduate studies and international transfer of knowledge, based on a synergetic and multidisciplinary approach to the studies oriented towards a timely and efficient solving of acute and chronic development problems relating to the quality of life in the specified regions of Europe, especially in its south-eastern part.

The ECPD International Postgraduate Studies are based on the affirmation of the highest international achievements, academic knowledge and experience. These studies offer students the highest level of teaching, but also request great dedication and hard work. Selection of courses, methods of teaching and renowned teachers guarantee quality and interesting studies that provide students with high level of knowledge required for successful performance of jobs in various fields, based on modern academic skills and their practical implementation.

The ECPD's motto is that postgraduate studies must provide the highest quality and contribute to the excellence.

The ECPD offers the following postgraduate programs at specialist, master and doctoral levels:

- Economic Diplomacy
- International Economics, Finance and Banking
- European Union Law and International Business Law
- Global Financial Data Management
- School of Global Health Development
- Security and Terrorism
- MBA International School
- National Security Affairs
- Technology of Solving Development Problems
- Urban and Environmental Management

The ECPD Academic Council seated appoints the management and the permanent composition of the Council of the ECPD International Postgraduate Studies consists of the competent academics and public figures from Italy, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Japan, Canada, Finland Switzerland, Germany, Greece, USA, Slovenia, Russian Federation, North Macedonia, Serbia and other countries.

This Council is responsible for proposing and innovating the academic programs, based on the attitude that education is the main investment in the overall technological, economic and social development of each country, especially in the circumstances of strong tendencies towards globalization of the world economy and keen competition in the international market.

The task of the Academic Council is to verify teaching curricula, course syllabi, method, place and time of organising postgraduate studies, as well as other elements relevant for the quality of educational processes.

The Scientific and educational Board of the ECPD International Postgraduate Studies is acting

towards establishing connections with international, regional and national government and non-government organisations, as well as with renowned universities from Europe and the world.

We mention here some of the ECPD's partners: University of Trieste, UNIDROIT Rome and International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) Rome (Italy); Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, UNCITRAL Vienna and Vienna University (Austria); Johns Hopkins University, International Law Institute (ILI), Washington, Long Island University (LIU), LIFE University and Truman University (USA); Universities of Castilla – La Mancha, Toledo and Complutense, Madrid (Spain); University of the West of England Bristol University of Bradford (UK); University of Vaasa (Finland); University of Athens (Greece); Black Sea University and University of Arad (Romania); University of Skopje (Macedonia); Universities in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla and Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Universities in Ljubljana and Maribor (Slovenia); Universities in Belgrade, Niš, Novi Sad and Kragujevac (Serbia).



## 2. PhD Study Program of Urban and Environmental Management

### 2.1. Program structure

ECPD PhD study program "Urban and Environmental Management" (hereinafter: UEM Program) lasts three years (6 terms) and brings 180 ECTS credits. Upon successful completion of the doctoral program the candidate acquires an academic title PhD in Urban and Environmental Management. Student's workload (expressed in ECTS credits) is evenly spread over the semesters. The curriculum of the UEM program includes mandatory exams and four elective blocks in each semester and preparation of the doctoral dissertation in the third year of the program. By combining mandatory and elective courses, students acquire and improve their knowledge in the sciences of Management, Urbanism and Environment as well as in various scientific disciplines enabling a holistic approach to multidimensional and complex management of development, urban planning and development of urban areas and their environment.

In addition to six mandatory courses, a student acquires, by electing four courses (one course in each of the first four semesters), the competences for preparation of doctoral dissertation and decides on the scientific discipline and problems that will be subject of his/her doctoral research. Students are required to pass all the examinations from the first two years of the program prior to the application of the doctoral dissertation. In order to fulfill all the conditions preceding defense of the doctoral dissertation, the student has to publish at least 2 (two) scientific papers in international magazines.

Teaching at the doctoral studies is mostly of the individual character, together with mentor's and consultative work with the students. Special attention is paid to the study research work which is being taken continuously in coordination with the study courses. In that sense elective study courses are mostly conditioned by the research work and it is expected that a mentor of the student's doctoral studies is involved into election of these courses.

Such structure of the program supports the basic goal of the doctoral studies, that is education of top professionals, trained for independent and team scientific and research work and for application of scientific knowledge in the policies, programs and urban development management as well as for efficient transfer of acquired knowledge through various forms of education.

### 2.2. Purpose of the study program

Purpose of the UEM study program is development of science, critical thinking and education of human resources qualified to conduct independently original and scientifically relevant research, their application and development of scientific disciplines in the area of Urban and Environmental Management.

Large social importance of these doctoral studies comes from scientific and application value of management, urbanism, environment and related sciences. Experts of this education profile are the main pillars for the studies and projections of spatial dimensions of economic, social and environmental processes of the urban development, with scientifically-based observance of natural and antropogenic potentials and constraints. Multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, which require research of urban development, planning and construction of urban areas, are largely secured by complexity and causal conditionality of urbanism, environment, ecology and management. Realization of doctoral studies is adjusted to the needs of sustainable urban and territorial development.

Those who acquire the title of PhD in the area of Urban and Environmental Management shall be qualified for management of the processes, policies and programs of sustainable urban development and planning of urban areas, as well as for monitoring and implementation of initiatives and development programs from this area based on the principles and policies of the European Union.

### 2.3. Purpose of the Program

The UEM program has the following goals:

1. Primary goal of this Program is acquisition and synthetization of modern knowledge in appropriate scientific disciplines in the field of Urban and Environmental Management. This allows the creation of top experts qualified for independent and team scientific and research work that will continue development of theoretic and application dimensions of various scientific disciplines.
2. Specific goals of this Program are acquiring quality and modern scientific knowledge, capacities and academic skills in Management, Urbanism, Ecology and related sciences and competences in accordance with the international standards. The PhD graduates will be qualified to improve the academic and research achievements in the field of Urban and Environmental Management and they will be competitive in the national and international labour markets.
3. The specific goal which should be achieved by this Program is related to the fact that importance of applicability, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinarity of academic knowledge, abilities and skills acquired in the field of Urban and Environmental Management will grow in proportion with growth of urbanization and necessity for ongoing adjustments of urban areas to the challenges of fast environmental, economic and social changes.

### 2.4. Students' competences

After successfully completing the UEM Program, PhD in Urban and Environmental Management acquire competences in accordance with the purpose and goals of the program:

1. After completing doctoral studies they acquire knowledge, skills, developed abilities and competences for resolving independently practical and theoretical problems in the field of Urban and Environmental Management, while applying the holistic approach and modern scientific methods and procedures.
2. They are qualified for implementation, use and synthesis of the most modern knowledge in the

field of Urban and Environmental Management, for independent and team academic and research work and for organization and application of development research in the management of sustainable urban development processes, policies and programs and planning of urban areas.

3. They can participate in the international scientific projects and contribute to the development of academic disciplines and Management, Urbanism, Environment and related sciences.
4. They are able to think critically and act creatively and independently.
5. They are fully acquainted with the principles of the ethical code of academic practice.
6. They can communicate at professional level in disclosing and publishing scientific and research results in scientific meetings and journals.
7. They can be included in the education process in higher education institutions.

### 2.5. Curriculum of the Study Program

#### 2.5.1. Curriculum

The UEM Program lasts three years (6 semesters) and accredited with 180 ECTS credits, that is, 60 ECTS credits per year in the first two years of studies and 60 ECTS credits for dissertation.

The curriculum of these doctoral studies includes six (6) mandatory subjects, four (4) elective subjects and two (2) research papers (Table 1). Mandatory subjects are: Principles of Economics, International Business Environment and Transition; Sustainable Development Management; Methodology of Scientific Research Paper and Problem Solving; Spatial and Urban Planning; Construction Land and Public Urban Infrastructure; Sustainable City, Base Services & Habitat. Four elective blocks in the first four semesters offer the selection of four of thirteen offered courses from related sciences, according to interests and professional orientation of the student, as well as selection of scientific problems which will be subject of research in PhD dissertation. Elective courses provide multidisciplinary and interdisciplinarity in studying urban management. PhD thesis is being drafted in the fifth and sixth semesters.



# 3. Admission to the Study Program of Doctoral Studies - Urban and Environmental Management

## 3.1. The Study Program is intended for

The Study program in UEM is intended for candidates:

- Who have completed Basic and Master's studies in: architecture, civil engineering, landscape architecture, spatial planning, urbanism, environmental protection, ecology, history of art, economy, law, management and similar scientific disciplines
- Who wish to deepen and broaden their knowledge on urban development, management, environmental protection and cultural heritage protection, adaptation of cities to climate change, more efficient management of construction land, infrastructure and energy consumption and similar
- Who wish to develop and acquire knowledge, skills, competencies for individual practical and theoretical problem solving in the field of urban and ecological management
- Who have the predisposition for team scientific and research work, for organization and application of multidisciplinary research
- Who wish to be included in the education process at institutions of higher education

## 3.2. Criteria and conditions for admission into the Study program

A person may be enrolled in the Doctoral studies if he/she has:

1. Completed (a) Basic academic (Bachelor) studies for a duration of 4 years and (b) master studies for a duration of 1 year, if the candidate has acquired minimum 300 ECTS points and the minimum grade point average of 8 (eight) at basic academic studies and Master academic studies and the knowledge of at least one foreign language;
2. Completed (a) Basic academic (Bachelor) studies for a duration of 4 years and (b) Specialist studies for a duration of 1 year, if the candidate has acquired minimum 300 ECTS points and a minimum grade point average of 8 (eight) at the Basic academic and Specialist studies and the knowledge of at least one foreign language;
3. Completed (a) Basic academic studies (Bachelor) for a duration of 3 years and (b) Graduate academic (Master's) studies for a duration of 2 years, if the candidate has acquired minimum 300 ECTS points and a minimum grade point average of 8 (eight) at the Basic academic

and Master studies and the knowledge of at least one foreign language ;

4. Completed higher education in accordance with the earlier regulations for a duration of at least 5 years with the minimum grade point average of 8 (eight), if the candidate has acquired at least 300 ECTS points;
5. Enrolled in (two-year) MSc studies and passed one half of the exams, if he/she has passed certain additional differential exams specified by the ECPD Board that would correspond, together with the previously passed MSc-level exams, to the number of exams, or the number of hours, or the number of credit points for one-year master studies; or
6. A Master of Science degree and thus acquires the right of admission into the the third year of Doctoral studies.

An admission candidate shall submit to the ECPD Educational and Scientific Board an application for admission to Doctoral studies, together with the following documents:

- An application form with the indication of the selected field for which he/she applies
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two photos, size 4 x 6 cm
- Certified copies of the diplomas received at the previous levels of academic studies and the originals for inspection
- Certified copies of the diploma supplement, or the certificate of the passed exams and the certificate of the average grade and number of ECTS points received at the basic academic studies, and the originals for inspection
- A copy of the birth certificate
- The list of scientific and professional papers (if any)
- Photocopies of papers (if any), and the originals for inspection
- A certified copy of the diploma/certificate confirming fluency in one of the official languages of the Organization of United Nations, if required so by the public competition
- Other evidence, as required

The Committee shall decide within a period of 15 (fifteen) days upon submission of an application whether an applicant meets the requirements for admission to Doctoral studies referred to in the preceding Article of these Rules or not, while taking into consideration the grade point average in the previous studies. Upon admission to the Doctoral studies, the applicant shall acquire the status

of a Doctoral candidate and shall receive the student record book. The format and content of the student record book must be approved by the ECPD Board. A Doctoral candidate who is not the citizen of the host country shall enjoy privileges pursuant to the International Agreement concluded between the host country and the University for Peace est. by the United Nations regarding the status of the ECPD Headquarters (Official Gazette of the SFRY, International Treaties, No. 9/85). The Committee defines the method and time of teaching and provides the conditions, in accordance with international academic standards, required for a Doctoral candidate to master the teaching subject, pass the relevant exams, publish at least two scientific papers (published and reviewed in international magazines whose editorial boards include members from minimum five countries, whereby number of members from one country may not exceed 40% of the total number of members and on the condition that the magazine is issued at least five years continuously and has published at least ten issues in the past five years), as well as write and defend his/her doctoral dissertation. The Committee shall give its opinion about any additional program content that Doctoral candidates must acquire if the programs of study at the mentioned levels are not fully compliant.

### 3.3 Contacts for Candidates

National governments, regional and local administrations, scientific and other public institutions which are interested in financing organized groups of students should contact

Individual candidates should contact the ECPD Secretariat for International Postgraduate Studies where they will receive all relevant information, application forms and this brochure.

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Each year from May to July at the ECPD premises in Belgrade, Skopje, Pula and Banja Luka open days are organized. All details may be obtained from our offices in the mentioned cities and our website.

Candidates who fulfill our criteria are invited to an official meeting in the ECPD. The interview lasts approx. one hour and is lead by one of the members of the Commission for the ECPD Doctoral studies and Doctoral Degree.

