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College of Europe and EUI to offer Joint Master Programme

Two-year Master in European and Transnational Affairs is at the heart of updated framework agreement between the College of Europe (CoE) and the European University Institute (EUI).

The two longest-serving centres of excellence in European studies have substantially overhauled their framework agreement, aiming at much closer academic and administrative cooperation.

The new agreement was signed by EUI President Renaud DEHOUSSE and College of Europe Rector Jörg MONAR at a ceremony in Brussels today, attended by **Tibor NAVRACSICS**, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

A joint master programme that combines the strengths of the two institutions is at the heart of the new agreement. The Joint Master Programme in European and Transnational Affairs, or ETNA programme, provides analytical insights and practical skills to understand how public policy is designed between states, international governmental organisations, and non-state actors. The programme, which should welcome its first students in 2021-2022, will enable young leaders to solve the challenges of our societies today as well as tomorrow.

CoE Rector **Jörg MONAR** commented:

“This agreement marks a significant further step for the cooperation of the College of Europe and the European University Institute. With the offer of this highly innovative joint two-year Master programme we intend to enable well qualified students to help states and societies to better respond to the numerous and increasing transnational challenges of our times.”

EUI President **Renaud DEHOUSSE** said:

“Combining our strengths, the European University Institute and the College of Europe aim at attracting tomorrow’s leaders. The ETNA Programme prepares students to take on roles of responsibility in European, international and transnational affairs in the decades to come.”

The framework agreement also foresees an annual conference on a topical European subject, co-organised by the two institutions. It also facilitates the exchange of academic staff in teaching and research.

The agreement includes concrete provisions – and in particular institutional arrangements – to ensure the effective implementation of joint ambitions in the years ahead.

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Notes to the editors:

- THE ETNA Programme offers a multidisciplinary approach grounded in statistical, economic, legal, political and governance expertise. Students can specialise in EU law, economics, politics, international relations or interdisciplinary studies in the second year of the programme, which is worth 120 credits under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).
- The master should welcome its first students in the academic year 2021-2022, with students studying at the EUI in Florence during the first year. The second year will be taught at the CoE in Bruges or Natolin.
- The **European University Institute** is an international postgraduate teaching and research institute based in Florence, Italy. It was founded in 1972 by the six founding Member States of the European Communities and today is supported by 23 contracting states from the European Union. The EUI offers Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral programmes in Economics; Political and Social Sciences; History; and Law, and is home to the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and the School of Transnational Governance. www.eui.eu
- Over the past 70 years, the **College of Europe** has built an extensive reputation in the field of postgraduate European studies, and is thus the leading place for those wishing to study, understand and literally 'live' Europe. The College of Europe was founded in 1949 and is based in Bruges (Belgium) and Natolin (Warsaw, Poland). In Bruges, more than 300 students enroll in one of the following academic programmes: European Economic Studies, European Legal Studies, European Political and Governance Studies or EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies. At Natolin (Warsaw), the study programme analyses the process of European integration from a pluridisciplinary perspective. The joint degree Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs is granted in cooperation with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the College of Europe. As the careers of many of its alumni illustrate, the College degree opens up rewarding professional prospects in Europe and at the international level. The Development Office relies on and complements the College of Europe's expertise and worldwide network. Its portfolio includes professional training on EU affairs and consultancy. Read more: www.coleurope.eu/projects & www.coleurope.eu/training.
- The EUI and the CoE also partner in [CIVICA](#), the European University of Social Sciences, and in the European and Transnational Governance Network on executive education