



**MESPOM**  
Masters in  
Environmental  
Sciences, Policy  
and Management

Supported by the European Commission's  
Erasmus Mundus Programme



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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2008-2010

A consortium of four European universities – Lund University (Sweden), Central European University (CEU, Hungary), the University of Manchester (UK), and the University of the Aegean (Greece) – is inviting applications for the **Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM)**.

### Programme aims

MESPOM aims to prepare future leaders to identify and implement integrated solutions to environmental challenges in various social contexts. There is a growing need worldwide for such internationally trained specialists able to link advanced scientific knowledge to effective policy and management responses. The quality of MESPOM is testified by its selection as an “**Erasmus Mundus**’ Masters’ course by the European Commission.

The MESPOM Consortium combines Nordic, Mediterranean, Western and Central European scholarly and practical traditions and approaches. The Consortium partners have more than 50 years of combined experience in delivering interdisciplinary environmental Masters courses to international audiences, complementary core competencies (CEU – in environmental policy; Lund University – in preventive environmental strategies; the University of Manchester – in pollution control; and the University of the Aegean – in ecosystems management) creating a solid platform for a high quality, integrated and globally relevant Masters Course.

### Programme structure

The two-year (120 ECTS credits) programme consists of three taught and one research semesters. The first two semesters are delivered at CEU with contributions from other partners. A course on Ecosystems Management delivered jointly with the University of the Aegean involves a field trip to the Island of Lesbos in Greece. During the third semester students choose whether to specialize in Environmental Sciences and Pollution Control at the University of Manchester, or in Preventive Environmental Strategies at Lund University. The fourth semester includes independent thesis research which can be hosted at any of the MESPOM Consortium partners.

In addition to their academic work students develop research, communication and other professional skills, learn to orient themselves in European and worldwide networks of environmental institutions and elaborate career strategies. Many students combine thesis work with internships in international organizations, governments, NGOs or the private sector.

## MESPOM Students

In order to create a multicultural learning environment, the Consortium strives to achieve a balance between various geographic and disciplinary backgrounds of MESPOM students. The 104 MESPOM students admitted in 2005, 2006 and 2007 come from 45 countries of five continents ([www.mespom.eu/students/](http://www.mespom.eu/students/))

## Career opportunities

MESPOM is a new programme launched in 2005 with support from the European Commission. It combines the best elements of the well-established Masters programmes: Pollution and Environmental Control at the University of Manchester, Environmental Management and Policy at Lund University and Environmental Sciences and Policy at CEU. Altogether, more than 2000 students from more than 70 countries have graduated from these programmes in the last 20 years. They are currently employed in governments and international organizations, consultancies and private sector and academia. Many have chosen to return to their home countries whereas others stayed in Europe, particularly for pursuing PhD degrees. The careers of the 28 MESPOM graduates are traced at [www.mespom.eu/careers/](http://www.mespom.eu/careers/)

## Financial aid

European Commission's Erasmus Mundus scholarships of €21,000 per year are offered to outstanding students from 'third countries'. Other forms of financial assistance in form of tuition fee waivers and scholarships are available for students not receiving Erasmus Mundus scholarships.

## Entry requirements

MESPOM invites applications from candidates from all countries. Successful applicants must have a good first degree (a Bachelor or analogue) in a subject related to environmental sciences, policy and management, such as Earth and natural sciences, chemistry, engineering, management or economics. Candidates with other first degrees are also considered if they show commitment to environmental issues, usually through work experience. All candidates should demonstrate proficiency in English. Admission is based on the academic and intellectual excellence of applicants as well as on their motivation and prior experience.

Admission to MESPOM is highly competitive. A successful applicant has typically graduated with excellent grades from a good university and has some experience of voluntary or professional environmental work. She or he understands global environmental challenges and has a clear commitment to contribute to their resolution.

CEU organizes the application procedure on behalf of the MESPOM Consortium. All candidates should submit on-line applications and provide necessary documents by **January 4, 2008** to be admitted to the study period from September 2008 – June 2010. Applications for financial aid can be submitted on-line at the same time. Additional guidance on application is provided in the *How to Apply* section of the MESPOM Web site ([www.mespom.eu](http://www.mespom.eu)).

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## Contact and additional information

Additional information on MESPOM can be obtained from the Website [www.mespom.eu](http://www.mespom.eu) or by writing to Dr. Aleh Cherp, MESPOM Consortium Coordinator ([coordinator@mespom.eu](mailto:coordinator@mespom.eu)).