



**Ca' Foscari University of Venice – Department of Economics  
Call for application – Ecotopia Programme 2025/26  
(2026-2028 edition)**

**Deadline March 5 at 12:00 noon**

**The Dean of the Department of Economics**

**HAVING REGARD TO** The letter of intent signed by the partner universities:

- Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy
- Pompeu Fabra University (ESCI-UPF), Barcelona, Spain
- CY Cergy Paris University (IEG), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- ESSEC Business School (Global BBA), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) – Brussels, Belgium
- Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania
- University of Ljubljana (SEB), Ljubljana, Slovenia

**UPON** confirmation of funds availability;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the willingness of the the Department of Economics to provide the students of the relevant programmes with the opportunity to engage in an innovative and internationally-oriented course of study;

**WHEREAS**

The university guarantees equal opportunities for both men and women in the selection that is the object of this call and that the use of the male gender [in the original Italian version of this call] is to be understood as referring to all genders and is employed solely for simplicity

**INFORMS**

**Art. 1 – Object of this call**

1. The call is made to select and admit **4 students** to the international ECOTOPIA programme (hereafter referred to as “the programme”).
2. Information regarding the International Ecotopia Programme can be found on the [ECOTOPIA webpage](#). Additionally, the Students Office of the Department of Economics can be reached by email at [didattica.economia@unive.it](mailto:didattica.economia@unive.it), stating “Ecotopia Call for Applications” in the subject line, or by calling +39 041 234 6822 between 10 am and 1 pm Mon-Fri.

**Art. 2 – Overview**

1. The agreement provides an innovative and international educational programme for students enrolled in one of the following Degree Programmes at Ca' Foscari University of Venice:
  - *International Trade and Tourism (Commercio Estero e Turismo – ETR30 – Economics of Tourism or International Trade curriculum)*
  - *Economics and Commerce (Economia e Commercio - ETR4)*
  - *Economics and Business – ETR9*

2. The Programme is based on the agreement between the following Universities:

- Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy
- Pompeu Fabra University (ESCI-UPF), Barcelona, Spain
- CY Cergy Paris University (IEG), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- ESSEC Business School (Global BBA), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) – Brussels, Belgium
- Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania
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Each partner commits to hosting students from the other institutions within the framework of a defined educational project that meets the requirements of the ECOTOPIA programme and complies with the regulations concerning students and university life in force at the institutions involved.

Each partner commits to ensuring the mutual recognition of activities and ECTS accrued, pending the approval of the curricula (piani di studio) by the respective teaching coordinator.

### Art. 3 – Educational requirements to obtain the ECOTOPIA certification

To obtain the Ecotopia certification, all selected students must:

- be enrolled in the first year of the Degree programmes above mentioned (see art. 2.1)
- comply with all the requirements set out in the teaching regulations of the partner university participating in the programme.

### Art. 4 – Schedule of the activities

1. Selected students will have to carry out the activities included in their study plan and in the Ecotopia programme according to the following schedule:

1° year - a.y. 2025/2026	2° year - a.y. 2026/2027	3° year - a.y. 2027/2028
60 ECTS at Ca' Foscari	Mobility - 60 ECTS at one of the partner universities listed in Art. 9	60 ECTS at Ca' Foscari
ECOTOPIA online course	ECOTOPIA online course	Either: - ECOTOPIA online course Or: - Summer school in Rabat, Morocco (ESSEC campus)
Summer School in Ljubljana (July 2026)	Online Project 1	Online Project 2

The Department of Economics will provide a expense reimbursement of up to 600 euros per student for participation in the Summer School in Ljubljana and up to 1.400 euros for participation in the Summer School in Rabat.

The expense reimbursements are subject to proof of actual participation in the activities promoted by the

Ecotopia programme as outlined in Article 4.1 and to the submission of receipts documenting expenses incurred in relation to registration, travel, and accommodation. The methods and timelines for the reimbursement will be subsequently communicated in detail to participating students by the Student Office

#### Art. 5- Admission requirements

1. Students enrolled in the first year of the Bachelor's degree programmes listed in art. 2.1 for the 2025/2026 academic year are eligible to apply.
2. Proficiency in English is necessary. Students enrolled in the Italian-taught curricula/Degree Programmes listed in art. 2.1 must hold – by the application deadline – a **B2-level English language certificate** to be attached at the application stage. Consult the following webpage for the list of accepted language certifications: <https://www.unive.it/pag/16406/>
3. Students who wish to choose ESSEC Business School and Cergy Paris University as their destination for their mobility must hold a **B2-level French language certificate**

#### Art. 6 - Application

1. To apply for the selection process candidates must complete the online procedure available at the following link

ITA: <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso/accesso/ecotopia-25-26>

ENG: <https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/ecotopia-25-26>

by **March 5 at 12:00 noon**.

2. The following documents must be attached to the application:
  - a) a valid identity document
  - b) curriculum vitae
  - c) B2-level language certification (only for students enrolled in Italian-taught curricula/degree programmes)
  - d) any additional language certifications (see Art. 5.3)
  - e) list of preferred destinations for second-year mobility, in order of preference
  - f) self-certification of university enrolment, including the list of courses and grades
3. Candidates will be automatically excluded if their application:
  - a) is submitted after the deadline;
  - b) is incomplete or contains errors;
  - c) contains false statements.

#### Art. 7 – Selection and list of admitted candidates

1. The selection will be carried out by a dedicated Commission, appointed with a decree by the Dean of the Department of Economics.
2. The **10 top-ranking candidates** will be admitted to the oral interview.  
The ranking list will be drawn up on the basis of the curriculum vitae, the score obtained in the admission test for the degree programme, career progression speed (ratio between the year of enrolment and the number of CFUs/ECTS credits recorded by the deadline of this call), and the weighted average of the exams recorded by the deadline of this call.

3. The list of candidates admitted to the interview will be published **from March 10 2026**.
4. The interviews will take place on **March 12 2026, online**. The link for the interview will be shared following the publication of the interview schedule.
5. The publication of the interview schedule acts as official notification. Therefore, admitted candidates are expected to attend on the designated date and time without any further notice.
6. Candidates must present a valid identity document at the start of the online session to gain access to the interview.
7. As part of the evaluation, the Commission will prepare the rankings of eligible and successful candidates and assign the specific destinations for each of the selected students for their Erasmus mobility in their second year.
8. The final ranking will be released on **March 16 2026**, along with the assigned destinations.

#### Art.8 – Admission

1. **Successful candidates must confirm their acceptance** of participation in the programme by sending an email to [didattica.economia@unive.it](mailto:didattica.economia@unive.it) **by 12:00 noon on March 19 2026**, using the subject line “Ecotopia Call for Applications.”  
Candidates who no longer wish to participate in the project must inform [didattica.economia@unive.it](mailto:didattica.economia@unive.it) **by March 19 2026**, using the subject line “Ecotopia Call for Applications.”
2. If no explicit acceptance or refusal is received by the deadline set out in the previous paragraph, the candidate will be deemed to have withdrawn from participation.

#### Art. 9 – Erasmus+ Study Programme Mobility

Joining the programme requires participation in an annual Erasmus+ mobility for study during the 2026/2027 academic year in one of the following destinations:

- Pompeu Fabra University (ESCI-UPF), Barcelona, Spain
- CY Cergy Paris University (IEG), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- ESSEC Business School (Global BBA), Cergy-Pontoise, France
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) – Brussels, Belgium
- Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania
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Candidates must list these six destinations in order of preference; the mobility destination will be assigned based on the merit list and the Selection Committee's evaluation.

The admitted candidates must complete their Erasmus mobility period at the location designated by the Evaluation Committee and adhere to all the regulations of the Erasmus programme. These details will be available on the [Unive Erasmus+ study page](#) for the academic year 2026/2027 and will be communicated by the International Relations Office.

Participation in the Ecotopia programme grants the right to an allotted place in the Erasmus mobility at designated locations. Consequently, winners of this call **do not need** to apply for the Ca' Foscari Erasmus+ call for study 2026/2027 and will receive all necessary information from the International Office.

However, winners must still comply with all the regulations outlined in the Erasmus call.

Successful candidates who are non-EU citizens must ensure well in advance that they:

- are in possession of the travel documents required to enter and reside in the country where the

mobility will take place, by contacting the host (immigration procedures may vary from country to country);

- have applied for the necessary documents from the relevant authorities (the procedures for issuing documents may take more than 90 days);
- have a valid Italian residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) at the time of their return to Italy.

The Immigration Team of the International Relations Office is available to provide support in this matter ([immigrationteam@unive.it](mailto:immigrationteam@unive.it)).

Host universities may change the mobility programme at any time in terms of the number of students, duration and period of mobility.

For the purposes of allocating the financial contributions outlined below, the students “with fewer opportunities” are those in the following categories:

- students with ISEE [Italian indicator of the economic condition of the family, issued by INPS] up to €27,948.60;
- students with special needs relating to physical, mental or health conditions (e.g. disabilities, specific learning disorders, celiac disease);
- students with part-time status;
- students with athlete status;
- students with refugee status.
- students with special or temporary international protection status,

The methods used to determine whether candidates actually belong to these categories are outlined below.

#### **Students with fewer opportunities:**

- Their grant is funded by the European Commission for the entire duration of the mobility, as described in the financial contract. The following monthly allowances are set by the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE::
  - Spain: 350 euros
  - Slovenia: 350 euros
  - Romania: 350 euros
  - Belgium: 400 euros
  - France: 400 euros
- A monthly top-up of 250 euros will be financed with funds from the European Commission and/or the Ministry of University for the entire duration of the mobility as outlined in the financial contract. The top-up will not be increased for students belonging to more than one fewer-opportunity category.
- Travel allowance, based on the following chart:

Destination	Amount per non-eco-friendly return journey, in euros	Amount per eco-friendly return journey (bicycle, bus, train, car sharing) in euros
Ljubliana	211	285
Cergy, Bruxelles, Barcelona, Cluj-Napoca	309	417

- For students with special needs arising from physical, mental, or health conditions, the Erasmus+ INDIRE National Agency may provide refunds, subject to fund availability, to cover costs that the monthly top-up of 250 euros cannot meet. The International Relations Office will inform all students on how to access this funding.

**Students who do not fall within the category above:**

- The grant is funded by the European Commission. The monthly allowances, as determined by the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE, are set out below. The number of funded months may be lower than the actual duration of the mobility period and will be determined on the basis of the funds available, indicatively in June 2026.
  - Spain: 350 euros
  - Slovenia: 350 euros
  - Romania: 350 euros
  - Belgium: 400 euros
  - France: 400 euros
- Travel allowance, based on the following chart:

Destination	Amount per non-eco-friendly return journey, in euros	Amount per eco-friendly return journey (bicycle, bus, train, car sharing) in euros
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**All students:**

The grant, funded by the European Commission, along with the monthly top-up, will be disbursed in two instalments: 70% of the estimated grant prior to the commencement of the mobility period, and the remaining balance after the conclusion of the mobility, as outlined on page <https://www.unive.it/data/12637/>.

The balance will be paid on the condition that the student has achieved at least:

- 12 ECTS for mobility periods of up to 6 months, or
- 24 ECTS for mobility periods exceeding 6 months.

Mobility periods lasting only 2 months will be fully funded, regardless of the number of ECTS earned, provided that at least one exam listed in the Online Learning Agreement is completed at the host university. If no exams are sat, the mobility period will be cancelled, and the participant will be required to return any funding received.

The grants will be disbursed to the participant's CartaConto, which must be active for banking services by the date the financial contract is signed.

If the participant's CartaConto is not properly activated at the time of the first instalment payment, the entire grant amount will be disbursed at the end of the mobility period, along with the final balance payment. The grants referred to in this Article are guaranteed only to successful candidates who accept participation in the programme. Funding is not guaranteed to candidates

on the waiting list who are admitted later.

**Verification of eligibility as students with fewer opportunities:**

**Students with special needs relating to physical, mental or health conditions (e.g. disabilities, specific learning disorders, celiac disease):**

Students belonging to this category must declare it at the time of accepting participation in the programme. Successful candidates will be required to send the relevant medical certificate to [erasmusout@unive.it](mailto:erasmusout@unive.it) by **31 March 2026**. Students on the reserve list will receive instructions only if they are admitted at a later stage.

**Students with part-time status due to work, family or sports reasons, students with athlete status and students with refugee status:**

Students in any of these categories must declare it upon accepting their admission. Further instructions will be provided. The International Relations Office will then verify that students have declared the same status when they enrolled.

**Students with ISEE up to €27,948.60 - ISEE application procedure:**

Students intending to submit their ISEE [Italian indicator of the economic condition of the family, issued by INPS] for consideration must consent to the International Relations Office obtaining this document directly. The International Relations Office will share instructions for this procedure.

Students applying for the benefit can request the special ISEE 2026 certificate valid for 'subsidised benefits for the right to university study', by 31 March 2026. The document must bear their tax code (codice fiscale). This ISEE certificate must not contain any omissions or discrepancies. To request the ISEE certificate, students must complete the DSU (Single Substitute Statement), which includes information on the household as well as the income and assets of each household member. This can be done directly through the 'online services' section of the INPS website ([www.inps.it](http://www.inps.it)), or with assistance from a CAF-Centro di Assistenza Fiscale (Tax Assistance Centre) or another certified professional. If two (or more) students from the same household apply for the benefit, the ISEE certificate must specify that the benefit applies to each student, and the tax codes for each student must also be provided.

Students must not deliver the ISEE 2026 certificate to the International Relations Office. The office will retrieve it directly from the INPS database. On average, it will take ten working days to receive the ISEE certificate from the date of submission of the DSU. However, the date on which the DSU is completed will be the relevant date for the allocation of contributions.

**Foreign students or Italian students residing abroad:**

pursuant to article 8, par. 3 of legislative decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012, the economic status of foreign or Italian students residing abroad is defined by means of the ISEE, calculated as the sum of income received abroad and 20% of the assets owned abroad, assessed in accordance with the procedures set out in article 7, par. 7 of legislative decree n° 68 of 29 March 2012. Pending the adoption of the decree referred to in article 7, paragraph 7,

of Legislative Decree no. 68/2012, the economic status of foreign or Italian students resident abroad is defined by means of a document called ISEE/ISPE parificato as provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding concluded on 03/06/2015 between the National Association of Organisations for the Right to University Study (ANDISU) and the CAFs registered in the Register of Tax Assistance Centres for Employees belonging to the National Council. **Foreign students or Italian students residing abroad may obtain the ISEE parificato from any Tax Assistance Centre (CAF) and must email it to [erasmus@unive.it](mailto:erasmus@unive.it) by 31 March 2026. For information on the Tax Assistance Centre (CAF) affiliated with Ca' Foscari, students may email [erasmusout@unive.it](mailto:erasmusout@unive.it).**

Candidates who are called as reserves at a later date will not be offered additional opportunities to present the ISEE; therefore, all interested candidates are invited to submit their ISEE by 31 March 2026.

The financial contributions referred to in this article may not be used to cover costs of a similar nature that have already been reimbursed from European Union funds.

#### **Art. 10 – Person in charge of the procedure**

The person in charge of the procedure, pursuant to and for the purposes of Italian Law no. 241/1990, is Silvia Lovatti, Head Secretary of the Department of Economics.

#### **Art. 11– Processing of personal data**

The handling of personal data provided by candidates or otherwise obtained by the University is exclusively for the selection process and will be conducted in accordance with the applicable national and community regulations (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and EU Regulation 2016/679). Submitting such data is essential to evaluate the participation criteria and the candidate's qualifications. Please refer to the data policy available for download from page <https://www.unive.it/informativacandidatiselezione>.

The data controller is Ca' Foscari University of Venice, head office in Dorsoduro 3246, 30123, Venice -PEC [protocollo@pec.unive.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.unive.it).

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