

European Governance and Economic Policies

The European Union's economic policies play a decisive role in shaping **growth, stability, and competitiveness** across one of the world's largest integrated markets. The key outcome of this course is to showcase how these policies are designed and implemented and serve the society and the business environment. The course is essential for anyone seeking advanced training in European Economics, Governance and Public Policies.

At the core of EU economic governance there are mechanisms such as the **Customs Union** in support of the **Single Market**, the **Stability and Growth Pact**, **Economic and Monetary Union**, and coordination through the **European Semester** which aims to balance the national fiscal discipline with sustainable development and convergence. These frameworks illustrate how economic theory is translated into complex, multi-level policy decisions involving national governments and EU institutions alike.

In recent years, EU policies have evolved to respond to major challenges, including financial crises, the COVID-19 shock, climate transition, and digital transformation. Instruments such as **NextGenerationEU**, investment in green and digital projects, and reinforced social cohesion policies demonstrate a shift toward resilience-oriented and inclusive growth strategies.

Choosing this Master's course will allow students to critically analyze the most relevant policy tools, to assess their economic impact and to understand key political and institutional constraints. Developing expertise in EU economic policies is therefore a strategic step forward, towards contributing effectively to evidence-based policymaking in an increasingly interconnected European economy in a challenging global environment.