

European Policies of Development Cooperation

The European Union and its Member States are among the world's most important actors in international development cooperation. This course examines how European development policy is designed, financed and implemented, while exploring the political choices and strategic interests behind it.

Students discover the EU institutional and financial architecture for external action and development cooperation, the roles played by European institutions and Member States, and the interaction between development policy and other European priorities such as trade, migration, climate action, humanitarian assistance, security and enlargement.

The course combines an institutional perspective with practical analysis of EU programmes, instruments and partnerships. Particular attention is given to the changing international environment and to the debate surrounding the EU's role as a global actor, including its relations with neighbouring countries and the Global South.

The objective is to enable students not only to understand how European development cooperation works, but also to critically assess its effectiveness, coherence and capacity to respond to contemporary global challenges.