If you are interested in becoming a “European spatial planner” who is able to effectively engage in cross-cultural communication within an international policy context, PLANET Europe is the choice for you!

A unique programme
The European Master’s programme PLANET Europe builds on the strengths of three leading universities: Cardiff University (UK), Blekinge Institute of Technology (Sweden) and Radboud University (the Netherlands). PLANET Europe is a two-year, full-time Master’s programme (120 ECs) for aspiring planners who wish to tackle the international dimension of economic, environmental and social problems.

Following a comprehensive introduction to the European dimension of spatial and environmental planning and the spatial impacts of EU policies, this unique Master’s programme offers you the possibility to choose between the following tracks:

- European spatial planning and sustainable development (Nijmegen – Cardiff track)
- European spatial planning and regional economic development (Nijmegen – Karlskrona track)

In the third semester, you will complete a placement with a professional organisation where you can apply your knowledge to planning practice. In the Intensive Seminar you will re-join your fellow students to work together on a European spatial planning assignment. The Master’s programme concludes with an individual Master’s thesis on a topic of your choice under joint supervision from two of the universities involved. After finishing this Master’s programme, you will receive a double degree.
The programme
In the first semester, you will follow courses in European Spatial Planning in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. In the second semester, you will either follow courses on the theme of Innovation and Cohesion in the EU in Karlskrona, Sweden or Sustainable Development in Policy and Practice in Cardiff, UK. In the third semester you will follow a Professional Development Module and Intensive Seminar in Nijmegen, Cardiff or Karlskrona. In the fourth and final semester you will write your thesis at one of the three universities or associated partners.

Changing perspective
The curriculum is designed in such a way that you will study at two out of three European universities at least. You will spend a semester in each of these universities together with other international students from all over the world. Living and learning across different campuses and cultures will be an enriching experience at both an academic and personal level and will help you develop the intercultural and personal skills that are needed for starting your international career. After our two-year programme you will have built up a network of international friends and colleagues with whom to kick-start your career.

Career prospects
There is a great demand for spatial planners with a comprehensive knowledge of the European and international dimension of environmental policy and regional economic development. Our graduates can find employment in EU institutions, national and regional public authorities, private companies and NGOs dealing with spatial planning, regional policy and environmental planning. The international orientation and the extensive academic foundation of the Master’s programme produces graduates who are well prepared to pursue a professional or academic career. The Professional Development module in semester 3 provides students with the opportunity to gain experience in professional practice.

Admission requirements
You should have a University Bachelor’s degree (BSc) in a spatially oriented discipline or other relevant social sciences, which is equal to the educational standards set by the European Higher Education Area and higher education partners in the programme and consortium.

Application procedure
When applying, you need to send in the following documents (in English):
• Your CV, including a short summary of your Bachelor’s thesis
• A letter of motivation, describing why you feel you should be admitted to the programme
• 3 letters of recommendation
• Legally certified copies of your diplomas and transcripts by a sworn translator
• A legally certified copy of your passport

Participation costs
For EEA-students the participation costs (including tuition fees to the three universities and insurance costs) are set at €8,000 for the two-year programme. Participation costs for non-EEA students are set at €16,000 for the two-year programme.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the Master’s programme PLANET Europe? Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!