European Spatial and Environmental Planning (ESEP)

A specialisation of the Master’s programmes Spatial Planning and Environment and Society Studies
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
The influence of the European Union (EU) on spatial and environmental planning in the member states and regions is ever increasing. EU policies regarding environment, agriculture, transport or regional development shape domestic spatial planning policies and practices. Spatial planners today need to be aware of the EU policy context and cooperate with colleagues abroad to address key issues facing society, the environment and spatial development. It is this European dimension of spatial and environmental planning that is the focus of our one-year Master’s specialisation ESEP. Students work in small groups on contemporary themes and critically discuss EU policies and their influences on spatial and environmental planning in Europe. The specialisation prepares graduates for a career in planning practice or academia.

Arguments for choosing ESEP in Nijmegen
• A one-year programme with a focus on European and international planning
• An interdisciplinary perspective on spatial planning and environmental policy studies
• Interactive education in small groups
• Personal supervision on contemporary research topics
• A social science programme combining political, institutional and spatial perspectives
• Theory, research and practice-based learning

The programme
A core strength of the one-year ESEP programme is the combination of a solid theoretical and methodological foundation, with a critical exploration of actual spatial developments and policy processes at the European, national and regional levels. The programme of 60 ECs includes five specialisation courses (30 ECs), an elective (6 EC) and a Master’s thesis (24 ECs).

Maria Toptsidou
Greece
Alumna specialisation ESEP

"ESEP increased my scientific knowledge on the important role of the EU in spatial planning. With its emphasis on interactive discussions and group work, this Master’s programme has endowed me with up-to-date knowledge and was an asset to my career. All aspects of this year were a unique experience – strongly recommended!"

Prof. Stefanie Dühr
Professor of European spatial planning systems, Radboud University
Academic coordinator of ESEP

"Spatial planning in Europe is changing, and the influence of the EU is becoming ever more prominent. Spatial planners of today need to be able to engage with EU policies, cooperate with planners across borders and coordinate with other sectors, such as the environmental sector. ESEP prepares future planners well for these tasks!"
Admission requirements
1. A completed Bachelor's degree from a spatially-oriented discipline, such as spatial planning, human geography, and social and political sciences of the environment
2. Proficiency in English
3. A background in research methodology
For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/esep.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education. Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl. International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

Best traditional university
Radboud University is the best traditional university in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2016 edition of the Dutch university information guide ‘Keuzegids Universiteiten’.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation European Spatial and Environmental Planning at Radboud University?
Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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