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**Short Profile:** The Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) is a private European institute of higher education and research. Its seven international, one-year Master's programmes with a European focus impart knowledge in the fields of politics and governance, diplomacy, renewable energies and sustainability. In addition, CIFE offers one-week summer universities and regularly publishes policy papers on current EU issues. CIFE is one of the seven institutes of excellence funded by the EU under its Jean Monnet Activities.

**Foundation:** 1954

**Institute Locations:** Nice (headquarters), Berlin, Brussels, Istanbul

**Director General:** Matthias Waechter (since 2013)

**President:** Herman Van Rompuy (since 2018), President Emeritus of the European Council and Belgian Minister of State

**Website:** [www.cife.eu](http://www.cife.eu)

**Main Academic Partners:** LUISS School of Government, University of Kent, Istanbul Bilgi University, Université Centrale de Tunis

### Master Programmes:

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- Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS)
  - MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance Studies
  - MAEIS Mediterranean Studies
  - MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies
- Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance
- Joint Master in Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs
- Joint Master in EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy

A Master for professionals, taught online with weekend workshops

- Executive Master in EU Studies

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## EXPERTS

Our Programme Directors and the CIFE Research team cover a wide range of research topics and offer expertise in a variety of fields. Contact CIFE communication to book an interview: [communication@cife.eu](mailto:communication@cife.eu)

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<b>Matthias Waechter</b> ▶Detailed bio	Director General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– CIFE activities</li><li>– Contemporary France</li><li>– French history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century</li><li>– Franco-German relations</li><li>– US history</li></ul>
<b>Kristina Petersen</b>	Communications Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– CIFE activities</li></ul>
<b>Laurent Baechler</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the Master MAEIS European Integration and Global Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Economic globalisation</li><li>– Sustainable development: climate policies, energy policies, climate-energy nexus, water issues</li></ul>
<b>Emre Gür</b> ▶Detailed bio	CIFE Representative in Istanbul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Civil society Turkey</li><li>– EU-Turkey relations</li></ul>
<b>Rachel Guyet</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the Master in Global Energy Transition and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Energy transition</li><li>– Energy poverty</li><li>– Just transition</li></ul>
<b>Susann Heinecke</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the Master MAEIS Applied European Policy and Governance Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Russia, EU-Russia and German-Russian relations</li><li>– Central Asia and the Caucasus</li></ul>
<b>Tatjana Kuhn</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Manager of the EU-China & Transatlantic Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Sustainability discourses in the West and in East Africa</li><li>– UN Agenda 2030 and its implementation</li><li>– Environmental ethics, ecological philosophy</li><li>– EU-Central Asia relations</li></ul>
<b>Arnaud Leconte</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the Joint Masters in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Global Economic Governance and Public Affairs</li><li>– EU Trade and Climate Diplomacy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Economics</li><li>– EU Green Deal</li><li>– Sustainable development</li><li>– Good Governance</li></ul>
<b>George Tzogopoulos</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the EU-China Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Media and international relations</li><li>– Chinese affairs</li><li>– EU-US foreign policy</li><li>– Eastern Mediterranean affairs</li></ul>
<b>Jean-Claude Vérez</b> ▶Detailed bio	Programme Director of the Master MAEIS Mediterranean Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Economics</li><li>– Euro-Mediterranean cooperation</li><li>– Africa</li><li>– Development challenges</li><li>– Poverty</li></ul>



## ABOUT US

### Mission

CIFE aims to provide its students with a future-oriented vision of Europe, while at the same time addressing the current challenges facing Europe and its partners. With presidents such as Jean-Claude Juncker, Philippe Maystadt and currently Herman Van Rompuy, CIFE has important representatives on the European stage. In its teaching, CIFE addresses young people from all over the world: students have always come not only from Europe, but also from large parts of Asia, Africa and the Americas.

In an intensive year at different study locations, CIFE's Master students deepen their knowledge of European politics and diplomacy, renewable energies and sustainability, or even regional studies. They also learn key skills for entering the world of work, including negotiation skills and intercultural communication. With the Executive Master in EU Studies, aimed at working professionals, CIFE is also committed to the idea of lifelong learning.

Graduates of CIFE's Master programmes work primarily in international and European institutions, national governments, companies and banks, as well as in research.

### President and Director General

**Herman Van Rompuy** has enjoyed a brilliant career in both Belgian and European politics. He was Prime Minister of Belgium when he was elected the first permanent President of the European Council in November 2009; he took office when the Lisbon Treaty came into force on 1 December 2009. In 2012, he was re-elected for a second term, running until 30 November 2014. Today, Herman Van Rompuy also chairs the European Policy Centre (EPC) and the Francqui Foundation and is a visiting professor at several universities.

Herman Van Rompuy has been the President of CIFE since January 2018.

**Matthias Waechter** was born in Bonn in 1965. He was a Research Fellow at the German Historical Institute Paris in 1997/98 and a Fulbright Fellow at New York University in 1999. In 2000, he joined the Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales (IEHEI – later named Institut européen-European Institute), first as a DAAD Visiting Professor and then as its Director (2005-2013). Since 2013, he has been the Director General of CIFE. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Freiburg and teaches international relations at EDHEC Business school. He specialises in US history, contemporary France, Franco-German relations and European integration.



Herman Van Rompuy (left), Matthias Waechter (right)



Herman Van Rompuy

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## OUR PUBLICATIONS



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In Autumn 2021, CIFE launched a new e-book series: **CIFE Studies: The EU in World Politics** aims at offering a variety of viewpoints from scholars and experts in the field on poignant issues related to European integration and current international affairs.

The first volume tackles “*The EU and the Eastern Mediterranean: The Multilateral Dialogue Option*”  
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The bi-annual journal **L'Europe en formation** deals with European integration, international relations and federalism, with a transdisciplinary approach bringing together political philosophy, law, economics, sociology and culture.

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## PRESS REVIEW AND MATERIALS

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