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The College of Europe



"Au cours des soixante dernières années, le Collège d'Europe s'est acquis une réputation enviable dans le domaine des études européennes, et est ainsi devenu le lieu privilégié pour ceux qui veulent étudier comprendre et littéralement 'vivre' l'Europe."



Rector Paul DEMARET

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What is the College of Europe?

- Founded in 1949, the College of Europe was the first and is one of the most reputed institutes of European postgraduate studies.
- More than sixty years of excellence in European studies: a unique institution.
- It relies on a large worldwide network.
- As the careers of many alumni illustrate, the College degree opens up rewarding professional prospects in Europe and at the international level.

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One College – Two campuses



Bruges campus



Natolin (Warsaw) campus



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College “Quick facts”

- Locations
One College – Two campuses: Bruges – Belgium & Natolin (Warsaw) - Poland
- Degree awarded
Master (accredited NVAO)
- Duration
10 months (September-June)
- Working languages
English and French
- Student body
+440 postgraduate students from over 55 nationalities/average age: 26
- Teaching staff
230 professors and practitioners from over 20 nationalities + 35 teaching assistants
- Funding
Whole or partial scholarships, student loans and self-financing
- Alumni
Professional network of more than 10.000 alumni

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History and “raison d’être”

- College’s origins: 1948 Hague Congress
- Three founding fathers:
 - don Salvador de MADARIAGA, a Spanish statesman, thinker and writer in exile;
 - Reverend Father Karel VERLEYE;
 - Dr Hendrik BRUGMANS, intellectual leader of the European Movement at the time, who became the first Rector of the College of Europe (1950-1972).



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History and “raison d’être”

- 1949:

The establishment of a College where university graduates from many different countries could study and live together.

- 1993:

Second campus was opened in Natolin (Warsaw) - Poland in the wake of the changes in Central and Eastern Europe.



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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



1987-1988:

Mr François MITTERRAND,
President of France,
Bruges campus



1988-1989:

Mrs Margaret THATCHER,
Prime Minister of Great Britain,
Bruges campus



1998-1999:

H.R.H. Prince Philippe,
Prince of Belgium,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2002-2003:

Mr Valéry GISCARD d'ESTAING,
President of the European Convention,
Bruges campus



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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2005-2006:

Mr Javier SOLANA,
High Representative for the
Common Foreign and Security
Policy,
Secretary-General of the
Council of the European Union,
Bruges campus



2005-2006:

Mr Viktor YUSHCHENKO,
President of Ukraine,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2007-2008:

Rt Hon. David MILIBAND,
Member of Parliament for
South Shields and Secretary of
State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs,
Bruges campus



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- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2008-2009:

Mr Hans-Gert PÖTTERING,
President of the
European Parliament,
Natolin (Warsaw) campus



2009-2010:

Mr Jerzy BUZEK,
President of the
European Parliament,
Bruges campus



2010-2011:

Mrs Angela MERKEL,
Chancellor of the Federal
Republic of Germany,
Bruges campus



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History and “raison d’être”

- Guest speakers at the Opening Ceremonies:



2011-2012:

Mr José Manuel BARROSO,
President of the European Commission,
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2011-2012:

Mr Giorgio NAPOLITANO,
President of the Italian Republic,
Bruges campus



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History and “raison d’être”

- Selected speakers:
 - Mr Lionel JOSPIN, Former Prime Minister of France;
 - Mr Nikiforos DIAMANDOUROS, European Ombudsman;
 - Mrs Michèle CONINSX, Vice-President of Eurojust;
 - Mr Bill GATES, Chairman and Chief Software Architect, Microsoft;
 - Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council;
 - H.E. Mr Alexander STUBB, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade;
 - Mr Yves LETERME, Former Prime Minister of Belgium
 - H. E. Ambassador Nobutake ODANO, Former Head of the Mission of Japan to the EU
 - Mr Joaquín ALMUNIA, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Competition
 - Mrs Danuta HÜBNER, Former Commissioner for Regional Policy



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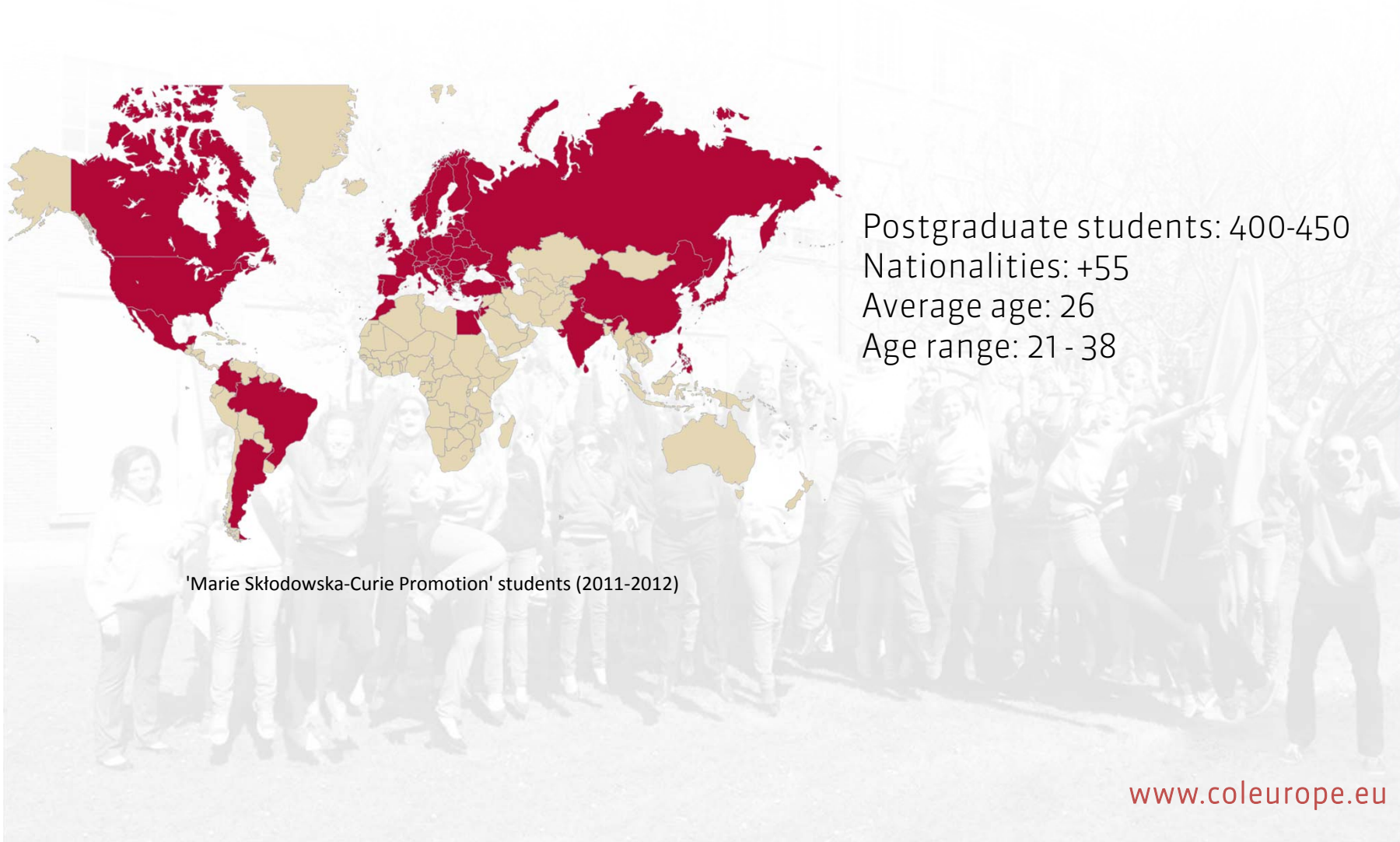
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The College of Europe students



Postgraduate students: 400-450
Nationalities: +55
Average age: 26
Age range: 21 - 38

'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Promotion' students (2011-2012)

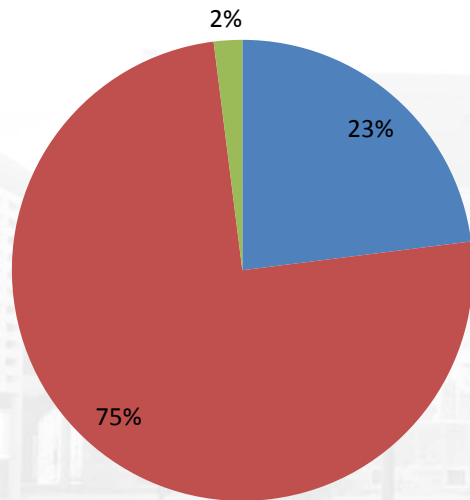


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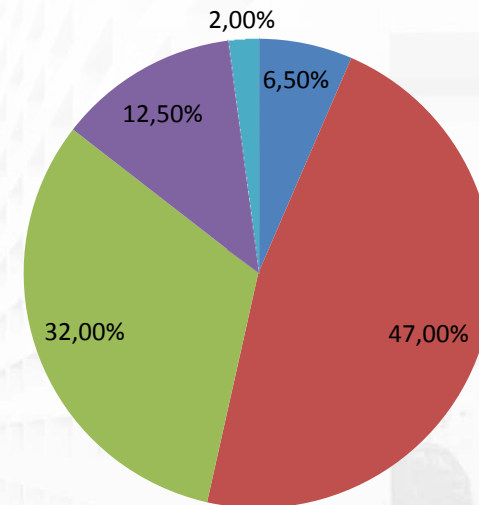
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Previous university degree(s) awarded after completion:



- Bachelor degree (BA) Licence (3 ans) 180-240 ECTS
- Master's degree (MA and MA+) Master (2 ans) 90-120 ECTS
- Doctoral degree/Doctorat (3 ans)

Knowledge of languages



- 2 languages/langues
- 3 languages/langues
- 4 languages/langues
- 5 languages/langues
- (+)6 languages/langues



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Study Programmes

Natolin (Warsaw) campus:

- Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies
(The Internal & External Dimensions of the European Union)

4 Majors:

- Governance in the EU
- The European Single Market
- The EU as a Regional Actor
- The EU as a Global Actor

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Study Programmes

Bruges campus:

- Master of Arts in EU International Relations & Diplomacy Studies
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
Specialisation: European Economic Integration & Business
- Master of Arts in European Economic Studies
Option: European Law & Economic Analysis
 - Master of Arts in European Political & Administrative Studies
 - Master of European Law (LL M)
 - Master of European Law (LL M)
Option: European Law & Economic Analysis



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Study Programmes

Timeline of the academic year

First semester:

- Compulsory Courses
- Exams in December
- Natolin (Warsaw) study trip to Turkey





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Study Programmes

Timeline of the academic year

Second semester:

- Optional Courses / Seminars & Master's Thesis
- Exams in May & June
- Study Trips both campuses / all programmes





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Admission & Scholarships

- Admission Requirements:
 - Relevant university degree with good results
 - Good working knowledge in English and French
 - Strong interest in European integration

- Application Process:
 - Online application
 - Supporting documents should be sent to the College and to the respective National Selection Committee if applicable
 - No application fees



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Admission & Scholarships

- Selection Procedure:
 - Applications reviewed by Selection Committees along with the College of Europe
 - Individual interviews
- Over 70% granted full or partial scholarships
- Fees cover:
 - Tuition
 - Accommodation in Residences
 - Infrastructure (internet in each room)
 - Meals (except on Sundays and public holidays on the Bruges campus)
- 2012 - 2013 fees:
 - Natolin (Warsaw) campus: € 20.000 (free of bank transaction costs)
 - Bruges campus: € 22.000 (free of bank transaction costs)



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Student Life

Students are supported by the Student Affairs Office



Student activities:

- Student-organised conferences & activities
- Student Bar
- Conferences, debates
- National parties
- Sport activities
- Exhibitions
- Radio broadcasting
- Charity work
- Host family project
- Discovery days



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Careers Office

Career Activities during the academic year:

- Seminars on cover letter & CV writing
- Workshops on CV writing
- Workshops on interview techniques
- Networking evenings
- Career days





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Alumni Network

Alumni Association:

- Headquarters in Brussels
- Online alumni community
- Network of more than 10.000 alumni
- Alumni newsletter
- Cooperation with the Careers Office

Alumni Relations College of Europe:

- The College of Europe is currently strengthening links with all its alumni through the creation of a new database and organisation of events such as an alumni networking evening.

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Famous Alumni

- **Mr Nick CLEGG**, British politician, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Liberal Democrats, former Member of the European Parliament (Mozart Promotion 1991-1992)
- **Mrs Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT**, Prime Minister of Denmark and Leader of the Social Democrats (Denmark), Member of the European Parliament (Charles IV Promotion 1992-1993)
- **Mr Mikołaj DOWGIELEWICZ**, Polish Secretary of State for European affairs and economic policy (Walter Hallstein Promotion 1995-1996)
- **Mr Manuel MARÍN**, former President of the European Commission (Guiseppe Mazzini Promotion 1973-1974)
- **H.E. Mr Alexander STUBB**, Finnish Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade (Ramon Llull Promotion 1994-1995)
- **Mr Nikola POPOSKI**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Macedonia (Montesquieu Promotion 2004-2005)
- **And many more..**

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Development Office

- Established in Bruges in 1996 as a service of the College of Europe
- Offers professional services for and in cooperation with individuals, universities, public bodies, private companies and non-governmental organizations all over the world
- Portfolio includes:
 - Professional training in EU affairs: training catalogue (open for registration); tailor-made courses (on demand)
 - Academic cooperation projects
 - Services for the EU institutions
 - Projects development in partnership
- Exclusive networking possibilities with EU professionals, professors, alumni and partners

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