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THE CHANGES TO MAKE

THE EUROPEAN UNION AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES
MODENA, 27 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2010
CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Art. 1 - Object of the call for candidates

The City of Modena with the collaboration of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, the backing of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio of Modena, the sponsorship of the European Parliament, of the European Commission Representation in Italy, of the Committee of the Regions and of Assemblea Legislativa of Emilia-Romagna Region, is to institute a summer course entitled **Renzo Imbeni Summer School**, in order to provide an opportunity for advanced training aimed at graduates and graduating students, with the offer of a course about the European Union and its process of democratic consolidation.

With the **Summer School**, the City of Modena intends to honour the memory of Renzo Imbeni, famous Modenese citizen, Vice-president of the European Parliament, untiring supporter of the idea of European unity.

The course has obtained the High Patronage of the President of the Republic of Italy, Mr. Giorgio Napolitano.

Participation on the course is free, but subordinate to selection through the present call for candidates. There will be a **maximum of 20 participants** of which at least 6 from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The programme of the **Renzo Imbeni Summer School**, worked out in collaboration with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and with the involvement of the Documentation and Research Centre on European Union, will be organised into themed daily sessions.

1. New international scenarios
2. Culture and social cohesion
3. Climate change and energy problems: a global approach
4. The person at the centre of the process of integration
5. The re-launching of the European Union as a global political actor
6. Governing economic processes

The complete programme may be consulted on the website: www.comune.modena.it/summerschool

Art. 2 - Admission requirements

The course is intended for newly graduated European Union citizens (hereafter denominated "candidates"), who have a level of education which corresponds to completed university studies of at least five years' duration attested by a diploma obtained not more than 12 months from the date of expiry of this call for candidates or those with similar degrees from other European countries and to students in their final year, provided they are scheduled to complete their examinations by the date of expiry of this call for candidates and who have already defined the title of their thesis.

Candidates must have a degree or be completing a degree as mentioned above in economics, law, political science and literary humanities disciplines, with classes including courses in at least one of the following subject areas:

- European Union law and/or International law;
- Languages and cultures of the countries of the European Union;
- History and/or economics of European integration.

Candidates must have a level of Italian and English language equal to or above level B2 of the *Common European framework of reference for languages* set out by the Council of Europe.

These requirements must be in place by the date of expiry of this call for candidates.

The evaluation of these requirements will be carried out by the Scientific Committee nominated by act of the City of Modena n. 20024/2010 and successive integrations.

Art. 3 - Application

Application should be made on plain paper and candidates must:

1. complete a substitute declaration of certification according to DPR 445/2000 as per the form available from the Secretariat of the school to which should be attached a copy of a document of identity;

2. attach a European-format CV containing the following information: Faculty and degree course, registration number, detailed list of examinations taken during the course with relative marks, dates and credits, eventual subject of the first cycle degree (L3) thesis and all other activities undertaken by the candidate which have relevance to the aims of the Summer School;

3. enclose a motivating letter (maximum 2000 characters) which will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.

Forms for presenting the required documentation can be downloaded from the school's site: www.comune.modena.it/summerschool

According to the Italian law (DPR. 445/2000), the evaluation commission may check the truth of the substitute declarations. Inaccurate or false substitute declarations may be punished in a court of law via the payment of fines as described in the regulation in force, as well as the immediate cessation of any benefits arising from false declarations, along with the obligation to reimburse any expenses met by the City of Modena.

Art. 4 - Times and means of submitting applications

Applications must be made using only the form published on the website www.comune.modena.it/summerschool and must arrive, complete with the attachments as mentioned in Art. 3 by 12.00 a.m. of **May 24th 2010**, in one of the following ways:

• In a closed envelope stating the object of this call for candidates and the name of the sender, to the Ufficio protocollo del Settore Politiche Finanziarie (Palazzo Comunale - 2° piano, Via Scudari 20 - 41121 Modena);

• by e-mail to the following address: summer.school@comune.modena.it. In this case the documentation as mentioned in Art. 3 may be scanned.

Sending of the application is at the sole responsibility of the sender.

Art. 5 - Rankings

Selection of candidates will be carried out by the Scientific Committee on the basis of a rankings system.

A reserve of at least 6 places for candidates is ensured for students from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

In order to ensure equal division between the different classes of candidates degrees, the evaluation of their curricula will be made bearing in mind the objective differences between the courses of study of the degree courses in economics, law, political sciences and literary humanities considered necessary for participation.

Candidates university results will be evaluated bearing in mind the final mark (or for graduating candidates, the average mark), regularity of study, as well as the number and marks of exams referring to European studies. Extra-curricula activities which are coherent with the aims of the school and which point to a heightened interest in themes involved in the process of European unification are equally to be evaluated. Where there are candidates of equal merit preference will be given to younger candidates.

The rankings will be posted on the public notice board of the City of Modena and on the website www.comune.modena.it/summerschool as from **June 15th 2010**.

Publication is the official communication for interested parties; however the secretariat undertakes to send email confirmation. No postal communication will be made.

Art. 6 - Study grants

At the end of the course, 3 study grants will be awarded for a duration of four months each from January to April 2011 (this period may be subject to modification depending on the needs of the hosting organisation), amounting to Euro 5,000.00 each including tax and social security contributions.

Trainees will be hosted at the Committee for Regions *(short term unpaid study periods)*, at the European Parliament *(unpaid traineeships)*, and at the Liaison Office to the EU of the Region of Emilia Romagna in Brussels. This traineeship option is covered by the Assemblea Legislativa of Emilia-Romagna Region.

They will be assigned by the Scientific Committee according to evaluation of a report produced by each candidate at the end of the course.
Suitable conditions for traineeships are shown in the regulations for internships of the hosting organisations: candidates are therefore invited to consult them on the website www.comune.modena.it/summerschool.
Hosting organisations may require further specific qualifications in order to complete the traineeships.
Candidates who have other study or mobility grants funded by European Union programmes for the period January-April 2011 will be excluded.

Art. 7 - Auditors

Up to 30 citizens, students, teachers, officials and public administrators with obligatory attendance, may be admitted as auditors.
Application for enrolment for these positions must be made using the form published on the website www.comune.modena.it/sumerschool.
A motivating letter (maximum 2000 characters) must be attached to the application form
The completed application and attachments should be sent to the Ufficio protocollo del Settore Politiche Finanziarie (Palazzo Comunale - 2° piano, Via Scudari 20 - 41100 Modena) by **July 16th 2010**.
The rankings will be determined by the Scientific Committee on the basis of evaluation of the motivating letters and in order of arrival of the requests. The rankings will be placed on the public notice board of the City of Modena and published on the website www.comune.modena.it/summerschool.
Publication has the value of an official communication, however, the secretariat will send e-mail confirmation. No postal communication will be made. At the end of the course, auditors will be given a certificate of attendance.

Art. 8 - Treatment of data

According to D.lgs. n°196/2003, information supplied by candidates within the field of this call for candidates will be treated by the City of Modena exclusively for the purposes of this call for candidates. The City of Modena is the responsible party in the treatment of such data, as represented by the Head of the Accounts and Finances Department.
The treatment of all data will be based on the principles of correctness, legality and transparency, and will take place with respect for all necessary security measures.
Provisions on access to Law n. 241/90 and successive modifications remain unchanged.

Modena, March 30th 2010

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