

## Collaborative urban climate programme hits the mark

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A programme in the School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment delivered jointly with other European institutions has received high praise from its funder.

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme – Master of Urban Climate and Sustainability (MURCS) successfully completed its first phase (2017-2022) in December 2022 and has received highly positive feedback from the funding body, the European Education and Culture Executive Agency – EACEA.

In particular, the Commission singled out three aspects of the programme as deserving high praise:

- employability (93.3% of graduates in employment or higher studies);
- internal and external quality assurance measures (including institutional memberships in quality assurance mechanisms such as the European Foundation for Quality Management and the Dynamic Transparency Index);
- successful selection mechanisms and student services (leading to virtually no student drop-outs and excellent study results).



The second phase of the MURCS programme (2022-2026) is currently ongoing, in partnership with the LAB University, Finland; University of Huelva, Spain; and Dresden University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

Professor Rohinton Emmanuel, Programme Leader and Project Principal Investigator, MURCS, said: "I am delighted to receive such a positive evaluation of our joint Master's programme. MURCS focuses on the science of climate change in cities, and equips graduates to deliver urban climate adaptation and mitigation within the confines of the planning system, while teaching leadership skills needed to manage sustainable urban transition. This is bearing fruit in the form of influencing urban climate policy, active travel and urban sustainability in public, private and the third sectors."