

Work and Life of EUI professional staff



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THE EUI IN NUMBERS

The [European University Institute \(EUI\)](#) is an international postgraduate teaching and research institution set up in 1972 near Florence (Italy) by the then Member States of the EU to provide advanced academic training for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers and to foster research in the fields which are of particular interest for the development of Europe. The EUI is an inter-governmental organisation, funded directly by the signatory states, partly by the European Commission and to some extent through external funding. It provides a multinational work environment in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. The EUI is characterised by its thriving intellectual climate, rich in events, hosting leading academics and policymakers from around the world.

The EUI Campus comprises over 14 sites, many of which are historic buildings on the beautiful hills of Fiesole. Today the EUI is characterised by:

- **24 contracting states:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden;
- an international community of **2.000+ people** hailing from **85+ countries** across the globe;
- **350+ academic staff** and **300+ non academic** professional staff members and **40+ trainees**;
- **7 Academic Units**, including:
 - **4 departments** – Economics; History; Law; Political and Social Sciences;
 - the [Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies](#), focusing on inter-disciplinary, comparative and policy research;
 - the [Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies](#), preparing fellows for a career in academia;
 - the [Florence School of Transnational Governance](#), which sets out to study, debate and teach matters pertaining to governance beyond the state institution or body.
- the [Historical Archives of the European Union](#), a unique collection including 704.750+ archival files (47.200+ digitalised), 15.000+ volumes, the 'Official Journal of the European Union' and the 'Debates of European Parliament' (1952-1999), 71.400+ photographs, 2.129+ posters, 8.200+ audio and video recordings, 1.350 video recordings and films, and more.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EUI

The EUI was born out of an atmosphere of cooperation, with notable advocacy for a European institute at the Hague Conference in 1948 and the European Cultural Conference the following year.

In 1969, leaders from European Commission and the European Parliament met in The Hague and resolved to fund a European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, focused on the human sciences and promoting cultural exchange between member states.

Six member states – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands – signed a convention in 1972 which cemented their commitment to creating the EUI as a pillar for research and development. The following year Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom joined the Community and became involved in founding the Institution.

The EUI opened its doors in 1976 and, for more than 40 years, the Institute has grown to incorporate academics from across the globe, spanning borders and staying true to its mission laid down in the 1970s:



*... to foster the advancement of learning
in fields which are of particular interest
for the development of Europe.*



WORKING AT THE EUI

The EUI is a [global network](#) of people, academic resources and research projects, offering real-life professional and personal experiences in an [international](#) and [multilingual](#) environment.

The Institute is committed to attracting, encouraging and retaining a highly qualified workforce to support our mission of excellence in doctorate and post-doctorate studies and research. It offers a healthy work-life balance in a [family-friendly environment](#).

Employees are selected on the broadest possible geographical basis from among nationals of the Member States of the European Union, without distinction as to sex, gender or sexual orientation, racial or ethnic origin, social origin, genetic features, philosophical or religious beliefs, political or any other opinion, disability, age and without reference to their marital status or family situation. All applicants are given an equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities during the selection procedures. **The EUI applies a policy of equal opportunities and prohibits discrimination on any grounds, promoting the highest standards of efficiency and integrity.**

Currently, the EUI is seeking to promote a diverse and inclusive environment. We welcome applications from nationals of all EU countries with any background or identity. To provide a [barrier-free environment](#) and [equitable conditions](#) for all, the European University Institute is committed to maximising accessibility to services, resources and activities. Should you have family/caring responsibilities, we have family-friendly policies that provide for flexible working, maternity and paternity leave, and leave for family emergencies.

A man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt and a white lanyard with the EUI logo, is sitting at a desk and looking at a laptop. The background is slightly blurred, showing an office environment.

In order to facilitate engagement on the broadest possible geographical basis, the Institute helps its employees to find a place for their children in the **close-by Foreign Schools** and in the **Italian schools offering courses in foreign languages**.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The EUI staff members enjoy conditions and [benefits similar to those offered by the EU institutions or EU agencies](#), including a **competitive salary**. Moreover, support is offered to all staff members in the form of personal and professional development training, programmes, schemes, and more, to ensure that they realise their full potential in their chosen career.

WORK AREAS

The professional staff work within:

- the **4 academic departments**

Economics	History	Law	Political and Social Sciences
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- the dedicated **research programme, research centre** and **school**:

Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies	Florence School of Transnational Governance
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- the **services**:

Academic Service¹	Accounting Service	Budget and Financial Affairs Service	Development and External Relations Service
Communications Service	Historical Archives of the European Union	Human Resources Service	ICT Service
Internal Audit Office	Library	Real Estate and Facilities Service	

STATUTORY CONTRACTS AND FUNCTIONS

There are different types of statutory contracts:

Temporary staff

There are two contract types, as per the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European University Institute \(EUI\)](#), namely:

- 2 - for which the second renewal can be for an indefinite period
- 2 - for which, at the end of the renewal, there can be an upgrade to a **Permanent Staff** contract

¹ It also includes the [Psychological Support and Wellbeing Service](#), the [Welcome Office](#) and the [Language Centre](#).

Contract staff

There are two contract types as per the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European University Institute \(EUI\)](#), namely:

3a- appointed for a fixed period (renewable). The second renewal can be for an indefinite period

3b - appointed for maximum 6 years

(in exceptional circumstances, for 1 year without competition)

TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT STAFF

As far as the permanent and temporary staff are concerned, the posts are classified according to the nature and importance of the duties to which they relate. There are **2 categories**, and each is subdivided into grades: ²

- **AD (administrators)** - comprising **10 grades** (5-14) ³
- **AST (assistants)** - comprising **11 grades** (1-11)

	Grades & Roles	Duties	Minimum Eligibility Requirements ⁴	
AD	8 – 13 Director	Managerial, conceptual and analytical duties involving a medium to high degree of accountability for the work of others	Beyond AD6: ■  (4 years); or ■  (3 years) +  (1 year) AD5 - AD6: ■  (3 years)	■ Nationality of a EU Member State; ■ Knowledge of 2 EU official languages: 1 (thorough knowledge equal to at least C1)⁵ + 1 (satisfactory knowledge equal to at least B1/B2)
	5 – 11 Administrator			
AST	10 – 11 Senior Assistant / Coordinator / Team Leader	Administrative, technical or training activities requiring a high degree of autonomy + significant staff management and budget implementation responsibilities	■  (post-secondary); or ■  (secondary giving access to post-secondary) +  (3 years);	
	1 – 9 Assistant	Administrative, technical or training activities requiring a degree of autonomy, in particular with regard to the implementation of rules/regulations/instructions + staff management responsibilities		



Graduated



Job experience



Diploma

² Not all grades are entrance levels.

³ For the purpose of this booklet, only the permanent and temporary grades between 1 and 13 are presented in detail.

⁴ Other than the years of experience mentioned in the minimum requirements, vacancies may include additional requirements such as years of experience, level of language, number of languages, and/or others required according to the profile sought.

⁵ This could be the candidate's mother tongue.

CONTRACT STAFF

Contract staff are engaged to carry out manual or support service tasks, normally under the supervision of permanent or temporary staff, and are classified according to the duties to be performed. There are **4 function groups** and each is subdivided into grades: ⁶

	Grades & Roles	Duties	Minimum Eligibility Requirements ⁷	
IV	13 – 18 Senior Officer	Administrative, advisory, linguistic and equivalent technical tasks	■  (3 years)	■ Nationality of a EU Member State; ■ Knowledge of 2 EU official languages: 1 (thorough knowledge equal to at least C1)⁸ + 1 (satisfactory knowledge equal to at least B1/B2)  Graduated  Job experience  Diploma
III	8 – 12 Officer	Executive tasks, drafting, accountancy and other equivalent technical tasks	■  (post-secondary); or ■  (secondary giving access to post-secondary) +  (3 years);	
II	4 – 7 Assistant	Clerical and secretarial tasks, office management and other equivalent tasks		
I	1 – 3 Clerk	Manual and administrative support service tasks	Successful completion of compulsory education	

SELECTION PROCESS

All EUI staff members are selected through **competitions**.

However, in case of necessity for the EUI, **short-term contract staff members** 3(b) can be exceptionally recruited on the basis of a **simplified selection procedure** for a period of **maximum 1 year** in one of the FG between I and V, to temporarily carry out administrative tasks (contract staff for auxiliary tasks).

Other than the requirements mentioned in the tables, to be eligible a candidate should also enjoy full rights as a citizen (attested by a recent extract from judicial records and/or certificate of good conduct proving no previous conviction for a criminal or administrative offence); have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the laws on military service; and be physically fit to perform the duties.

Moreover, there are **varying essential** and **advantageous selection criteria**, including professional experience, which depend on the function, grade and profile, and are highlighted in detail in each job call.

The EUI has elaborated a **Responsibility Mapping Framework** to develop **job descriptions** for the calls. It is composed of **8 categories** (Representation/Communication; Policy/Strategy making; Autonomy and accountability; People Management; Financial and procurement; Expertise; Budget management; Administration) which are divided into **3 levels of responsibility** each - Foundation, Advanced and Mastery.

⁶ Not all grades are entrance levels.

⁷ Other than the years of experience mentioned in the minimum requirements, vacancies may include information on additional years of professional experience required according to the grade and profile sought.

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VACANCIES

You can find the entire list of vacancies on the EUI website. Vacancies are often published also on the EUI's social media accounts and on EU job portals

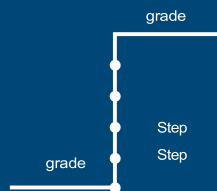
Visit eui.eu/About/JobOpportunities/Open-competitions-for-administrative-posts to see the open competitions for non academic posts



Information on [traineeships](#) and [academic positions](#) can be found on the [EUI job opportunities webpage](#). Finally, you are welcome to include a spontaneous application via the EUI website for a potential 1- year contract.

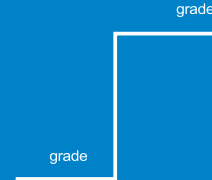
CAREER PROSPECTS

Within each grade, there are several **steps**:



After 2 years at a step in their grade, the EUI permanent, temporary and contract staff members **automatically advance** to the next higher step in that grade.

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After 2 years in their grade, the EUI permanent, temporary and contract staff members are **eligible for promotion** to the next higher grade within the same position or function group position.

Moreover:

- **Temporary staff members** have access to [internal competitions](#) for higher positions and/or [permanent posts](#);
- **Contract staff members**, after 3 years of service, may be eligible to take part in [internal competitions](#) for [temporary](#) or [permanent posts](#).

For further information, you can consult the [EUI Staff Regulations](#).

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Training and development programmes:** The Institute facilitates training and instruction for staff members, whose participation is encouraged. The training focuses mainly on: Organisational policies and efficiency; Managerial effectiveness; Individual performance-in-post; and Professional growth. They typically include Conflict Management; Public Speaking; Interview Skills; Language acquisition and development; IT skills; Project & financial management; Soft skills; and more. The HR Service offers Career Guidance to all EUI staff who wish to receive guidance and advice on career-related matters.
- **Internal job mobility scheme:** we do not offer 'a job for life' but a 'lifetime of different jobs' as you can move between services. A staff member may apply for a transfer within the Institute;
- **Internal Talents programme,** aimed at involving internal skilled people in sharing their knowledge and supporting training activities at the EUI. The participants are trained to become trainers and have the chance to share their knowledge;
- **International Staff Mobility:** professional staff members have the opportunity to participate in International Staff Mobility Programmes aimed at training or teaching abroad. These programmes encompass activities such as job shadowing, workshops, courses, and more. The objectives may vary, including the transfer of knowledge and best practices, learning from shared experiences, acquiring practical skills, or exploring new ideas. Staff members have access to three primary types of opportunities: [Erasmus +](#) within Europe, the [Widening Europe Programme](#) both within and outside the EU, and the [International Credit Mobility \(ICM\)](#) at partner universities.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS

In addition to the salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances⁹. Both [salaries](#) and [allowances](#) are **exempt from national taxation in Italy and the EUI Contracting States** but are subject to a tax deducted at source. Moreover, there are several additional [benefits](#).

RELOCATION

- [Expatriation](#) or foreign residence, [installation](#) allowance, and [removal expenses reimbursement](#), if applicable (under certain circumstances, in particular where the staff member is obliged to change their place of residence to take up employment);
- [Annual travel payment](#).

WORKING CONDITIONS AND FLEXTIME

- [Flexible working hours:](#) the number of working hours is normally 40 hours per week, from Monday to Friday, in flexible timetables within the Institute's general opening hours from 8 am to 7 pm;
- [Part-time:](#) staff members may apply to work part-time. Employees who are caregivers of a child or of a seriously ill or disabled relative have the right to work part-time. Also, employees approaching retirement are eligible to work part-time. Different formulas are possible;
- [Teleworking:](#) staff members may apply to do structural and/or occasional telework.

LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS

- [Paid annual leave entitlement](#), 2 days per calendar month plus additional days for age and grade. Moreover, staff entitled to the expatriation allowance or foreign residence allowance have a maximum of 2.5 days of supplementary home travel leave;

- Paid EUI official holidays, an average of 17 days per year;
- Paid parental, family, and care leaves (maintaining the entitlement to advancement to a higher step and promotion in grade);
- Paid sickness and sick leave;
- Other special paid leave, including own or children's marriage, change of residence, serious illness of close relatives, birth of a child or adoption;
- Unpaid leave on personal grounds, in exceptional circumstances, may be granted for a duration of maximum one year and it may be extended for further periods, depending on your contract category.

HEALTH, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE

- EU Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS): for staff members and dependent family members;
- Health screening and annual medical check-up for staff members;
- Accident and occupational disease insurance for staff members.

EUI PENSION SCHEME

- The EUI provides its own pension and social security scheme, covering retirement (old-age pension), invalidity, and survivor benefits for spouses and children. The scheme is independent of national pension systems and EU institutional schemes.
- The EUI's pension scheme is an independent, employer-managed defined-benefit system, specifically designed for EUI staff. Your pension is based on salary and years of service, not on financial market performance. You benefit from a predictable and stable monthly income for life, and your pension is inflation-adjusted over time, helping you maintain your standard of living.
- The EUI pension is a shared investment in your future. Contributions are jointly financed: EUI (Employer): 2/3, Staff member: 1/3. The EUI annual budget guarantees pension payments, providing strong institutional backing. A dedicated Pension Reserve Fund supports the system's long-term sustainability and stability.
- Staff members become eligible for a pension after 10 years of service. Pension rights accrue each year of service (1.8%, 1.9%, or 2%, depending on your entry into service).
- Upon retirement (typically between ages 58 and 66), staff members receive a lifelong monthly pension of up to 70% of their final basic salary.
- The scheme supports career mobility by protecting accrued pension rights: staff members leaving before one year of service receive a lump-sum reimbursement of contributions, while those leaving after one year may be able to transfer their pension rights to another eligible national, international, EU institution, or private pension scheme, subject to applicable conditions.
- Periods of service cannot be combined across different pension systems.
- Pension transfer: The EUI's pension scheme is legally independent from the pension systems of European Union institutions and national pension schemes. Pension rights can sometimes be transferred to or from other schemes (including the Paymaster Office of the European Commission), under specific conditions. Such transfers will result in a period of time credited in the EUI's pension scheme in case of inward transfers and in an amount paid into the other pension scheme in case of outward transfers. If you leave the EUI before 10 years of service, you do not qualify for a pension but are able to transfer your pension rights to another scheme or insurance. You may transfer pension rights to or from (non-exhaustive list): National pension systems (e.g. Germany: DRV, VBL, Italy: INPS, Luxembourg: CNAP, Netherlands: APG, UK: Cambridge University Scheme, SEI Master Trust); European Union institutions (Paymaster Office-managed schemes); International organisations (e.g. UN Joint Staff Pension Fund – UNJSPF); Private pension schemes or insurance contracts (subject to strict safeguards). When transferring pension rights to private schemes, strict conditions ensure that pension rights remain protected and dedicated to long-term income security. The EUI is continuously working to expand these agreements, further supporting international careers.

- The EUI scheme is [independent](#); it is not connected to the PMO-managed EU institutions' scheme. Pension rights can be transferred to or from PMO-managed schemes through the system of transfers of pension rights. Periods of service cannot be combined between EUI and Paymaster Office-managed schemes, in order to reach the minimum 10 years of service required for an EUI retirement pension.
- [When transferring pension rights to private schemes](#), strict conditions ensure that your pension remains protected and dedicated to long-term income security. In line with Article 12(1)(b) of Annex VIII to the EU Staff Regulations, the receiving scheme must guarantee that: The capital cannot be withdrawn as a lump sum; A monthly pension is paid (between ages 60 and 66 at the latest); Survivor benefits are provided for your dependent family; Any further transfer preserves these same safeguards. These rules ensure your pension continues to support you and/or your family over the long term.
- Pension paid by the EUI are subject to national income taxation depending on the country of residence in retirement. You remain responsible for complying with national tax requirements.
- [In a nutshell](#): The EUI scheme is separate from EU institutions' pension systems; periods of service cannot be automatically combined across systems but can be 'transferred' to/from other systems. Transfers are possible, where transfer agreements exist, both to the schemes mentioned above, or to private insurance, for the latter above conditions apply.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

- [Birth or adoption grant](#) and [Dependent child allowance](#);
- [Household allowance](#);
- [Pre-school allowance](#) (for children aged less than 6);
- [Education allowance](#) (for children up to the age of 26 in educational or vocational training).

OTHER BENEFITS

The [Welcome Office](#) manages agreements, benefits, and discounts for EUI members, offered by companies, professionals, and local firms in various areas, such as [cultural activities](#), [leisure & dining](#), [health & beauty](#), [sports](#), [cars & bikes](#), [removal & storage](#), [shops](#), and others. Upon presentation of your EUI identity card, all members of the EUI Community are entitled to special rates/discounts.

A full and updated list of the active agreements is available on the dedicated catalogue in the [Benefits and agreements](#) section.

SERVICES

WELCOME OFFICE

The Welcome Office is the inter-service and comprehensive [Single Point of Contact \(SPOC\)](#) service of the EUI which assists all EUI members on all types of issues related to their [living experience](#) at the EUI and in the city of Florence.

The service provides information on a wide variety of topics, such as arriving and leaving the EUI; accommodation; and life on Campus and in Florence. Moreover, it manages the agreements, benefits and discounts mentioned earlier.



PERMIT OF STAY AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

The EUI offers assistance to members and dependents who need to apply for a [Permit of Stay](#) or submit a Declaration of Presence. This service is sponsored by the Institute and implemented by an external provider.¹⁰ It includes assistance in applying (either a first application or a renewal, if applicable) and during the first appointment with the relevant Italian authority Questura di Firenze.



HOUSING

The EUI offers **long-term and short-term housing** solutions (short-term housing also for EUI visitors):¹¹

- There are [71 directly managed and fully furnished flats](#), 60 flats in Ponte alla Badia (PAB) and 11 flats in Pian del Mugnone (PDM), immersed in the beautiful nature of the hills of Tuscany and available for rent ([from 300 EUR for a single room in a shared flat to 997 EUR for an entire flat](#)) on a 12-18-36 months basis or for shorter periods, for trainees and professional staff holding a temporary working contract. They are located near the Institute and connected to the other EUI buildings by the [EUI Shuttle Bus](#).
- If you are not eligible for an EUI Flat or need another type of accommodation solution, you can look for accommodation on the local private market with the help of the [FHS \(Florence Housing Services\)](#) provides personalised property finding services to EUI members, **free of charge**.
- The options range from 1-bedroom apartments up to 4-bedroom apartments with single and double beds, and some have a second bathroom and a studio too.



All the apartments have a living room, a built-in kitchen, at least one bathroom, heating and air conditioning systems, WIFI, communal laundry, a communal storage room, and parking.

Moreover, the flats in Ponte alla Badia (PAB) have picnic and BBQ facilities.

¹⁰ The Italian Government charges a fee for the Permesso di Soggiorno (permit of Stay) and the Carta di Soggiorno (EC Long-Term Residency Permit), to be paid by the applicant. It does not charge a fee for the Dichiarazione di Presenza (Declaration of Presence). Assistance from Italy4You is provided in English, and costs are covered by the EUI.

¹¹ For more details, you can also consult pages 19-22 of the [EUI Welcome Booklet](#)

MEDICAL SERVICES

General practitioners (GPs) are available for consultation in Italian or English, either at the Institute at the EUI Medical Consulting Room or at their offices in town. Moreover, the EUI has agreements with several medical laboratories, clinics and practitioners which offer **discounts** for EUI members. Where applicable, reimbursement of the costs for visits will fall under the usual EUI health insurance scheme conditions.¹²

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

We take the wellbeing of our staff seriously, and this service offers a professional, secure, and friendly space where you can talk with professional counsellors (**free of charge**) about whatever is worrying you, with total respect for your values, choices and lifestyle.

Also, part of the Institute support team are psychiatrists who may be contacted for appointments at their offices in Florence. All the team members speak both Italian and English.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT: SUPPORT AT THE EUI

The EUI is committed to ensuring a stimulating and supportive learning and working environment that is free from any form of harassment, including sexual harassment and bullying. The [EUI Policy on harassment, sexual harassment and bullying](#) reinforces the standards of respect and civility with which members of the Institute are expected to treat one another and aims to guarantee equal and inclusive access to all EUI activities. The EUI is committed to a zero-tolerance approach to harassment and bullying, taking proactive measures to prevent these forms of conduct, and securing prompt and effective redressal of grievances.

The Institute will ensure that all its members are made aware of the EUI Policy on harassment, sexual harassment, and bullying, and will provide mandatory training. The following bodies within the EUI offer support in decision-making and policy formulation:

- [Confidential Harassment Advice Service \(CHAS\)](#): is available for EUI members to obtain information and assistance on their rights regarding any form of harassment, including sexual harassment and bullying
- [Harassment Decision-Panel](#): is responsible for investigating and making decisions on formal complaints
- [Harassment Policy Committee](#): has policymaking and advisory functions and guides the EUI senior management in securing a safe environment free from harassment and bullying in all its forms
- [Report a complaint](#): anyone who believes that they have encountered, witnessed, or been informed of problematic behaviour, harassment, or bullying by an individual or group can reach out to the [Confidential Harassment Advice Service \(CHAS\)](#).
- [Support outside the EUI](#): in addition to the internal support mechanisms provided by the EUI, there exist several external support organisations

LANGUAGE AND OTHER TRAININGS

There is a [Language Centre](#) that offers various language and academic skills courses and support in English, Italian, French, German and Spanish. Moreover, the [HR Service](#) organises several [training and learning activities](#) for the EUI administrative professional staff. Furthermore, staff members have free access to prestigious lectures, events and workshops on a wide range of subjects, as well as to the [Library](#) which hosts around half a million volumes in the Institute's speciality areas, and the [Historical Archives of the European Union](#).

¹² There are private doctors practicing outside the Italian public health scheme (ASL).

FACILITIES

CANTEENS AND BARS

Canteens and bars are open from Monday to Friday, excluding EUI holidays and are located at the Badia Fiesolana, Villa Schifanoia, Villa La Fonte and Villa Salviati.

Payments in EUI canteen and bar facilities can be made by cash or using your EUI card, which can be topped up at any cash desk across the Campus. Canteen prices have been indexed according to users' income into three categories based on the solidarity redistribution principle.



CRÈCHE

The [crèche](#) provides preschool childcare for the children of all EUI members. The age range is usually 4 months to 3 years, although older children are sometimes admitted.

SPORTS AND SOCIO-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

You can plan to work out at the small [EUI gym](#), offering an enjoyable space with a good range of modern equipment well suited for weight-lifting, stretching, cardio training and general fitness practice.

Also, there is a small outdoor basketball court adjacent to it. At the EUI, you can also find a football pitch and a ping-pong table. Every spring, the pitch is used for the 5-a-side 'calcetto' tournament ('Coppa Pavone'), in which hundreds of people, both men and women, participate.

The [EUI's Partners group](#), which meets twice a month, organises different activities and exchanges of experiences.

Furthermore, there are [20+ clubs and activities](#) run by EUI members to help you integrate into the EUI community and enjoy your spare time. Activities may occur both on and off-site, and the offer varies from year to year depending on interest and resulting membership. Currently, the offer includes: Basketball, Beach Volley, Capoeira, Cinema Club, Classical Music Club, Climbing, Cycling, EUI Choir, EUI Music Society, Fiasco Social Club, Foodie Club, Football (men) Club, Football (women) Club, Gardening Club, Gamers' Corner, Gender & Sexual Diversity Club, KangooJumps, Knitting Circle, Mojo Music Club, Museum Club, Pro Arts Group, Rowing, Salsa, Skiing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, ThoughtsForEurope Club, Yoga, and others.

There are also two pianos (baby grands) on the EUI Campus, which members can reserve to play.



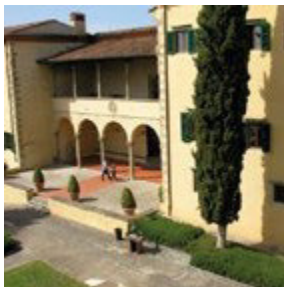
EUI SHOP

The [EUI Shop](#) has a range of EUI branded articles and the collection is renewed twice a year. There you can find:

- Children's and adult's wear: sweaters, T-shirts, caps, ties, scarves, etc;
- Accessories: umbrellas, mugs, backpacks, laptop bags, etc;
- Stationery: pens, writing paper and telephone pads, USB keys, etc;
- EUI oil (when available).



EUI BUILDINGS



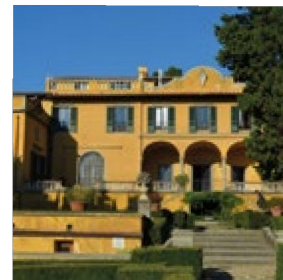
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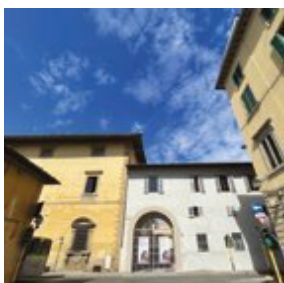
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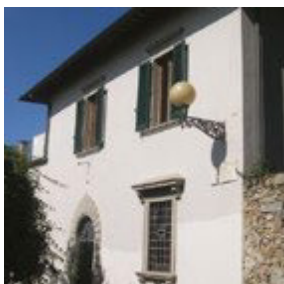
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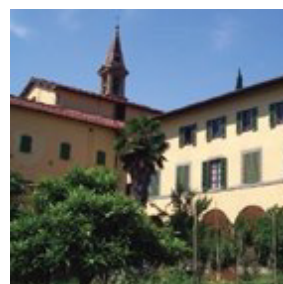
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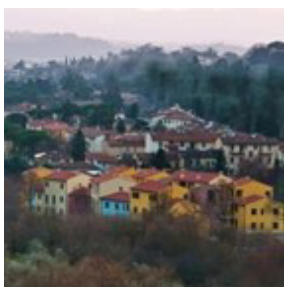
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Convento di San Domenico

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EUI Flats

Via Faentina, 386, Ponte alla Badia, Florence
Via Faentina, 94B, Pian del Mugnone, Fiesole



Villa Il Poggiolo

Piazza Edison, 11
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The map illustrates the Villa Igiea area in Palermo, Sicily, featuring various landmarks and public transport routes. Key locations include:

- Historical Archives of the EU** and **Villa Salvati** near the top.
- EUI Flats** and **Pian del Mugnone** near the top right.
- Gym** and **Badia Fiesolana** in the center.
- Villa Raimondi**, **Villa Schifanoia**, **Il Villino**, **Il Casale**, and **Cappella** in the lower center.
- Villa Malafrasca** and **Convento di San Domenico** in the lower right.
- Villa La Fonte** and **Villa il Poggiolo** at the bottom.

Roads are labeled with names such as **Via Bolognese**, **Via Faentina**, **Via Giovanni Boccaccio**, **Via della Pace**, **Via San Domenico**, and **Via della Farnesina**. Public transport routes are indicated by colored lines and numbers, including **1A**, **21**, **6A**, **6B**, **6C**, **6D**, **6E**, **6F**, **6G**, **6H**, **6I**, **6J**, **6K**, **6L**, **6M**, **6N**, **6O**, **6P**, **6Q**, **6R**, **6S**, **6T**, **6U**, **6V**, **6W**, **6X**, **6Y**, **6Z**, **7**, **8**, **9**, **10**, **11**, **12**, **13**, **14**, **15**, **16**, **17**, **18**, **19**, **20**, **21**, **22**, **23**, **24**, **25**, **26**, **27**, **28**, **29**, **30**, **31**, **32**, **33**, **34**, **35**, **36**, **37**, **38**, **39**, **40**, **41**, **42**, **43**, **44**, **45**, **46**, **47**, **48**, **49**, **50**, **51**, **52**, **53**, **54**, **55**, **56**, **57**, **58**, **59**, **60**, **61**, **62**, **63**, **64**, **65**, **66**, **67**, **68**, **69**, **70**, **71**, **72**, **73**, **74**, **75**, **76**, **77**, **78**, **79**, **80**, **81**, **82**, **83**, **84**, **85**, **86**, **87**, **88**, **89**, **90**, **91**, **92**, **93**, **94**, **95**, **96**, **97**, **98**, **99**, **100**.

An inset map shows the location of the area within the city of Palermo, highlighting the **City Centre**, **Palazzo Buontalenti**, **Via Camille Cavour**, and **Piazza San Marco**.

Badia Fiesolana

- Offices of the President and Secretary-General • Office of the Chief Operating Officer • Offices of the Provost
- Library • Department of Political and Social Sciences • Academic Service • Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies
- Legal Advisor • Communications Service • Psychological Support and Wellbeing Service • Real Estate and Facilities Service
- Welcome Office • Housing Office • EU Shop • Gym • ATM Service • Development and External Relations • EU Health, Safety and Security • Canteen • Bar • Reception

Convento di San Domenico

- Centre for Academic Literacies and Languages
- Robert Schuman Centre
- Reception

EUI Flats

- Ponte Alle Badia
- Pian del Mugnone
- Fiesole

Palazzo Buontalenti

• School of Transnational Governance •
Human Resources Service • Psychological
Support and Wellbeing Service • Bar
• Canteen • Reception

Villa il Poggiolo

• Accounting Service • Internal Audit Office • ICT Service • Print Shop
• Document Management Office • Mail and Registry Office • Reception

Villa La Fonte

- Department of Economics
- Canteen • Bar • Reception

Villa Malafrasca

- Budget and Financial Affairs Service
- Real Estate and Facilities Service

Villa Raimondi

- Robert Schuman Centre

Villa Salviati

- Department of History and Civilisation
- Department of Law • Historical Archives of the European Union • Canteen • Bar
- Reception

Villa Sanfelice

- Department of Political and Social Sciences

Villa Schifanoia

- Robert Schuman Centre • Canteen • Bar
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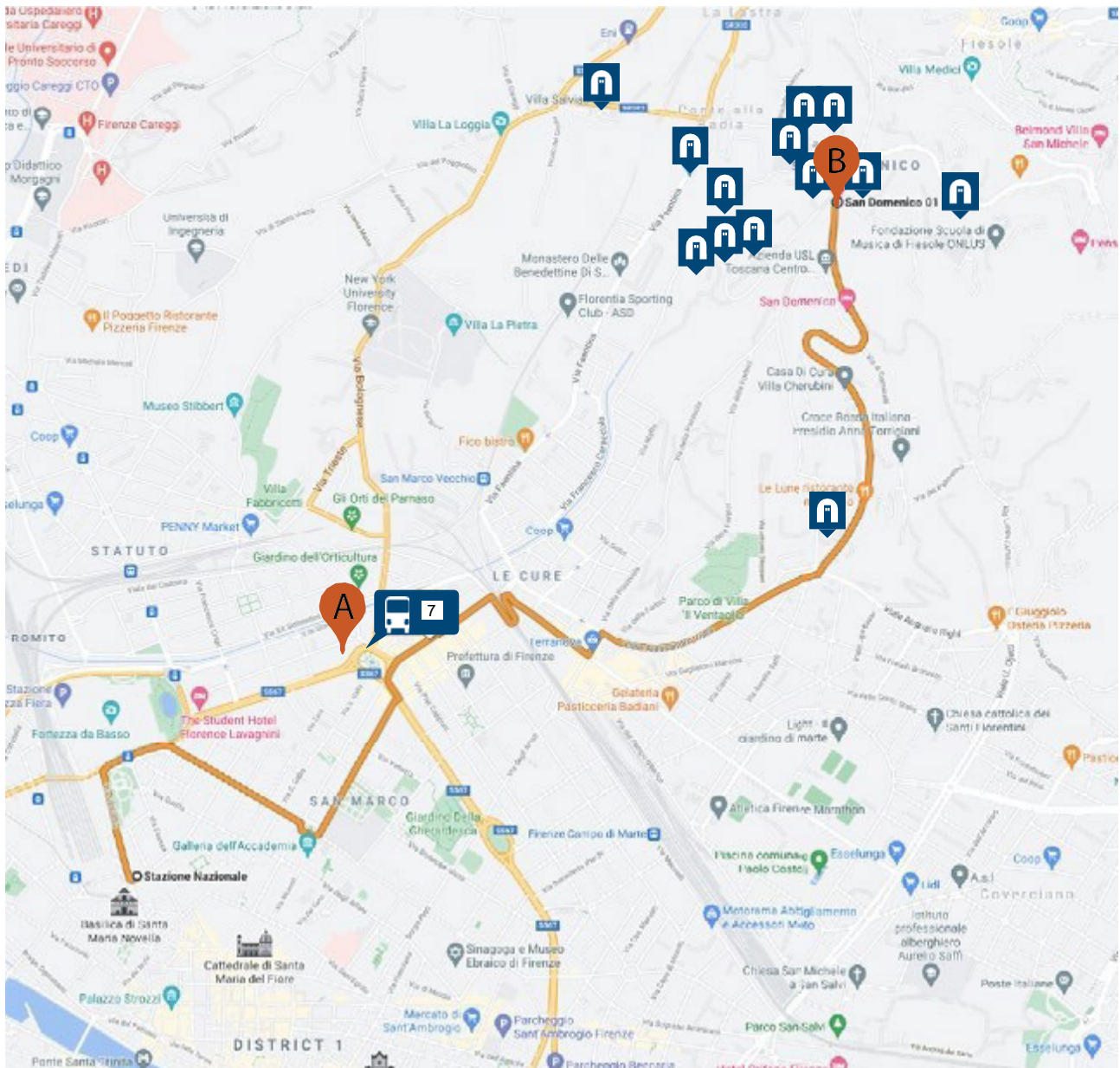
Villino

• Robert Schuman Centre • Crèche

-  Parking
-  Shuttle
-  Bus lines
-  Tram lines
-  Cycle Rack
-  Internal Footpath
-  Internal road

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FROM THE CENTRE OF FLORENCE TO THE EUI CAMPUS



LIVING IN FLORENCE

FLORENCE WORLD HERITAGE

The Historic Centre of Florence was added to the **UNESCO World Heritage** list on December 17, 1982 and is defined as “a unique artistic achievement, a masterpiece, the outcome of the continual work of creation over six centuries”, able to exert a predominant influence on the development of architecture or monumental arts, first in Italy and then in Europe”, with its streets still preserved intact, fortified palaces (...), loggias, fountains, a marvelous bridge from the fourteenth century”, which attained “economic and political power in Europe between the 14th and 17th centuries” and was involved “in events of international importance. In the sphere of the Neo-Platonic Academy, it **developed the concept of the Renaissance**”.¹³

HISTORY OF FLORENCE

This Tuscan city was built on the site of an Etruscan settlement and the later ancient Roman colony of Florentia (founded in 59 BC), where today there is Fiesole, which is therefore considered the “mother” of the city of Florence. Later, between the 15th and the 16th centuries, Florence became a **symbol of the Renaissance**, reaching extraordinary economic and cultural development levels.

The present historic centre is bounded by the remains of the city's 14th-century walls, and it can be perceived as a unique social and urban achievement, resulting from seven hundred years of cultural and artistic blooming characterised by persistent and long-lasting creativity.

The heritage of Florence includes churches, buildings, and artworks of immeasurable worth such as the 14th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Church of Santa Croce, the Palazzo Vecchio, the Palazzo Pitti, the Uffizi Gallery, and the artistic works of great masters such as Giotto, Brunelleschi, Botticelli and Michelangelo (UNESCO World Heritage Committee, 2014).¹⁴



¹³ From <http://www.firenzepatrimoniomondiale.it/en/>.

¹⁴ From <http://www.firenzepatrimoniomondiale.it/en/cosa-facciamo/>.

FIESOLE

Fiesole is the town that rises on the hill immediately behind Florence, at only 2 kilometres of distance, with an incomparable view of the lily town which is one of the most photographed in the world. The town is made up of nature trails through woods and hills, museums, monuments, historical villas, and historical villages such as Maiano and Vinciagliata. The slope that climbs from Florence to Fiesole is a residential area of prestige, adorned with villas and palaces overlooking the city of Florence. ¹⁵

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Florence is steeped in culture, past and present and there are infinite opportunities to experience this.

- **Cinema:** For the most part, Italian cinemas do not show films in [original languages](#), but there are at least two cinemas showing [subtitled films](#), namely Odeon and La Compagnia;
- **Cultural Institutions:** The Institute is currently working on strengthening its links with non-Italian cultural institutions in Florence. They all offer a variety of courses and cultural events throughout the year. Some examples are the [British Institute of Florence](#), the [Dutch University Institute for Art History in Florence](#), the [Deutsches Institut Florenz](#), the [Institut Français](#), and the [Kunsthistorische Institut in Florenz](#);
- **Museums:** for a complete listing, please consult www.polomuseale.firenze.it/, www.settemuse.it/viaggi_italia_toscana/firenze_musei_statali.htm, or www.museidifiesole.it/;
- **Music:** there are plenty of musical events. Some examples are:
 - o [Amici della Musica](#);
 - o [Scuola di Musica di Fiesole](#): near the EUI's Villa La Fonte, the school organises concerts and music classes throughout the year;
 - o [Opera di Firenze - Maggio Musicale Fiorentino](#): the programme includes opera, ballet and classical music concerts.
- **Theatres:** there is a large number of theatres and events, including Estate Fiesolana, the oldest open-air festival in Italy each year, with theatre, cinema, dance, music. You can find information at www.toscanaspettacolo.it/.



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Florence welcomes people with different beliefs. In fact, in the city you can find churches, including Orthodox churches, a mosque, and a Buddhist centre.

VOLUNTEERING

The EUI is in the process of coordinating synergies and joint voluntary activities with other universities and institutions in Florence, in order to help EUI members (or partners of EUI members) who are interested in doing voluntary work to get in contact with local associations that might need help.

For further information about living in Florence or Fiesole, you can consult the [EUI4U Welcome - Life in Florence - Practical information booklet](#) for EUI newcomers and [Feel Florence](#).



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