About the European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) program:

The EMLE is a 27-year old international master program offered by a consortium of 9 universities, including the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the University of Hamburg, the University of Ghent, the University of Bologna, the University of Aix-en-Provence, the University of Vienna, the Warsaw School of Economics, the University of Haifa, and the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai. From 2004 onwards the EMLE has been recognized by the EU as an excellent master program under Erasmus Mundus.

The goal of the EMLE is to train professionals in the use of the economic analysis of law for both academic and policy work at the intersection between law, economics and political economy. The majority of EMLE graduates are employed by law firms, governmental and non-governmental policy institutions, international organizations, and universities.

The Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE) has been the Erasmus Mundus coordinator of the EMLE for over a decade, and it continues to play this role under Erasmus+. Moreover, starting from October 1st, 2014, the RILE took over the EMLE Directorship from the University of Hamburg. The EMLE management team has the following core members: Alessio M. Pacces (Director); Wicher Schreuders (Assistant Director); Ilva Putzier (General Manager a.i., replacing Laura S. Bos (General Manager) during her pregnancy leave. The EMLE management team currently also includes two student assistants, Naomi Keunings and Hugo Roelink.

In August 2014, the European Commission awarded the European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) the status of Erasmus+ Joint Master Degree (JMD). The EMLE participated in a selection reserved to Masters that had already successfully applied for recognition under the preceding Erasmus Mundus program. Out of these 43 high-quality applicants, only 19 were selected. As a result of this selection, for three years the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE) is entitled to receive a yearly consortium management fee of 50,000 euros and to offer up to 8 Erasmus+ scholarships (worth a maximum of 25,000 euros each) per annum to non-EU students willing to study in the EMLE.