



CERGE-EI FOUNDATION PURPOSE

The goal of the CERGE-EI Foundation is to enhance the standard of economics education in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, so helping to ensure that these countries remain on the path towards economic and personal freedom. We achieve this through our support for CERGE-EI and by providing fellowships to western-trained academic economists across the region via the CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Fellows Program.

TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

For decades, the teaching of economics in the countries of Central/Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (CEE/fSU) was driven by adherence to central planning doctrine. The political upheavals of 1989 and 1991 resulted in massive economic restructuring as free markets emerged throughout the region. Yet economics education in much of the region is still plagued by legacy issues such as academic corruption, outdated teaching materials, and rigid teaching methods that devalue independent critical thinking.

The CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Fellows Program was created to confront these challenges by supporting western-trained economists who return to the CEE/fSU region. They teach modern, market-based economics to develop the next generation of academics, business leaders, central bankers and civil servants. All Fellows receive intensive pedagogical training from the Academic Skills Center at CERGE-EI before beginning their fellowships and are extensively monitored and mentored throughout their fellowship terms.

Student evaluation data and feedback shows that Teaching Fellows are consistently regarded as among the best teachers they encounter. Several have assumed leadership roles in their institutions where they are helping to further drive quality improvements.

In addition to a new Distance Learning Program which launched in 2020, the program offers two forms of fellowships:

▶ GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWS (GTFs)

GTFs are PhD students who teach part-time while completing their dissertations, or advanced Master's degree holders who are working in the public or private sector. Awards are made on an individual course basis, focusing on introductory-level, undergraduate economics courses.

130

GTFs
EACH YEAR

▶ CAREER INTEGRATION FELLOWS (CIFs)

CIFs are PhD holders who have chosen to pursue full-time academic careers. All have extensive graduate training from leading western universities. They are awarded three-year fellowships and form a cohort of mutual support in often challenging local environments. CIFs are supported with financial awards, access to the extensive resources of the Jan Kmenta CERGE-EI Library and a dedicated series of online research seminars throughout the year.

60

CIFs
EACH YEAR

▶ SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2007, TEACHING FELLOWS HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

195,000



STUDENTS TAUGHT IN THE REGION



190+

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
WHERE TEACHING
FELLOWS HAVE TAUGHT



▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF
COURSES TAUGHT:

3,600+



26

COUNTRIES IN THE
REGION TO DATE



45%

TEACHING FELLOWS
ARE FEMALE

▶ TOP COURSES TAUGHT:



CORE
ECONOMIC
PRINCIPLES

1,709



ADVANCED
ECONOMIC
CONCEPTS

891



ECONOMIC
POLICY

442

COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE HOSTED TEACHING FELLOWS

● BALKANS

- ▶ Albania
- ▶ Bosnia & Herzegovina
- ▶ Bulgaria
- ▶ Croatia
- ▶ Kosovo
- ▶ North Macedonia
- ▶ Montenegro
- ▶ Romania
- ▶ Serbia

▶ STUDENTS TAUGHT: **57,389**

▶ NUMBER OF FELLOWS (2020-21):
44

▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES:
827

● CENTRAL ASIA

- ▶ Kazakhstan
- ▶ Kyrgyz Republic
- ▶ Uzbekistan

▶ STUDENTS TAUGHT: **12,873**

▶ NUMBER OF FELLOWS (2020-21):
12

▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES:
282

● CENTRAL EUROPE

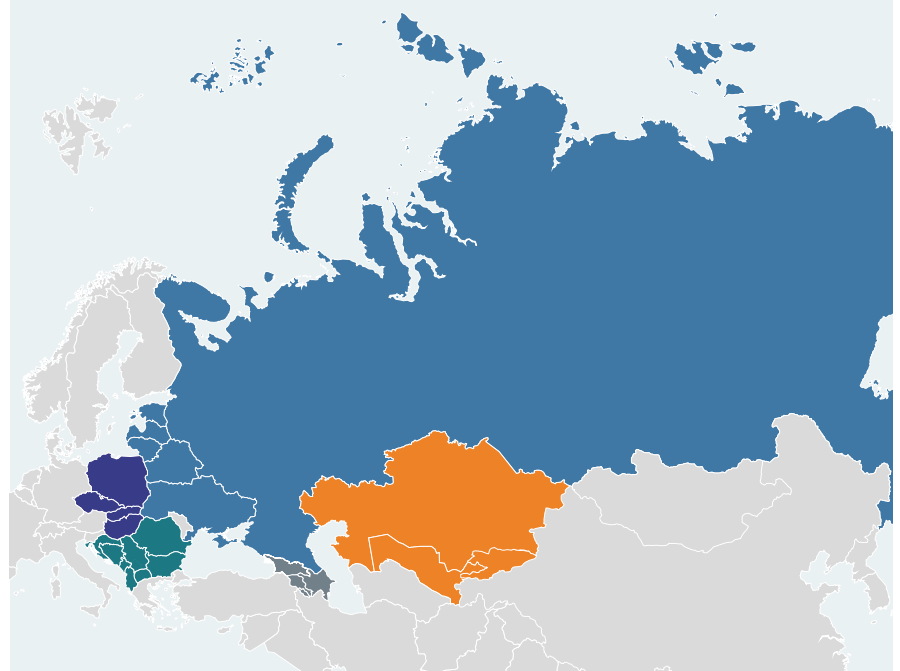
- ▶ Czech Republic
- ▶ Hungary
- ▶ Slovakia
- ▶ Poland

▶ STUDENTS TAUGHT: **49,696**

▶ NUMBER OF FELLOWS (2020-21):
32

▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES:
856

REGION OF IMPACT



● EASTERN EUROPE AND BALTIC STATES

- ▶ Belarus
- ▶ Estonia
- ▶ Latvia
- ▶ Lithuania
- ▶ Moldova
- ▶ Russia
- ▶ Ukraine

▶ NUMBER OF FELLOWS (2020-21):
43

▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES:
610

▶ STUDENTS TAUGHT:
26,486

● SOUTH CAUCASUS

- ▶ Armenia
- ▶ Azerbaijan
- ▶ Georgia

▶ NUMBER OF FELLOWS (2020-21):
62

▶ TOTAL NUMBER OF COURSES:
1,074

▶ STUDENTS TAUGHT:
48,417