

The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) was established as one of six priorities of the UfM in 2008. The issue of blue growth has recently become one of the key areas of its strategic orientation, launched in November 2017 with the organisation of a pilot training course on blue growth for young professionals from the region.

The summer school is supported by OGS, the Italian National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics, within the framework of its Blue Growth Initiative supported by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) as part of the Italian contribution to the Western Mediterranean Forum (Dialogue 5+5) and submitted for labelling to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

The goal is to support the creation of stable and attractive career pathways and highly skilled talents that will be needed to support expanding marine and maritime sectors.

The focus of the training school is on strengthening professional skills and enhancing competencies in fields related to the blue economy.

Blue economy has been the long-term strategy of the EU, aiming at sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors. It forms part of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. A new agenda for the seas is promoted also by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), a regional international organisation consisting of all 28 countries of the EU and 15 countries from South and Eastern Mediterranean. Specific objectives

- to increase the professional skills and the quality of research in the field of marine sciences, climate related aspects, environmental protection and integrated management of coastal areas;
- to increase the educational offer to extend the current economic development and growth, with particular focus on activities and aspects related to the sea;
- to identify actions, partnerships and financing instruments that can help scale up activities that ultimately result in sharing research outcomes and disseminating scientific knowledge.

## Themes and approach

The themes of the sessions are mostly related to the 5 priorities of blue growth as relevant for the entire region, i.e. the EU countries as well as non EU-countries. Themes will include, but are not limited to:

- Blue growth in the EU and the Euro-Mediterranean region
- The political context of blue growth
- Blue growth sectors
- Sustainable tourism paths
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Marine spatial planning
- Maritime transport
- Ship building and ship recycling
- Blue energy
- Bioprospecting
- Deep sea exploration and mining

In examining the themes, the summer school will highlight the **innovation and solution-oriented approach** of the blue growth paradigm.

Participants will be asked to participate actively, including by submitting short assignments throughout the summer school.

## Format

The summer school is conducted in combination of distance learning (10 hours) as effective preparation for the face to face sessions in Piran and Trieste.

The face to face session will consist of 58 teaching hours, which will include lectures and field trips. The face to face session is divided into the period, which will take place in Piran (18-22 June) and Trieste (25-27 June). Transfer from Piran to Trieste will be organised for participants on 23 June.

## Participants

Postgraduate students of any discipline, especially from the Euro-Mediterranean countries and Black sea countries, are invited to apply.

The candidates must fulfil the following conditions:



- Have completed undergraduate programme, obtained at least 180 ECTS (or equivalent)
- Be eligible to study at the postgraduate level or be postgraduate students or researchers
- Have knowledge of English (level B2 or higher)
- Have demonstrated an interest in the region and the theme

No prior knowledge of the Euro-Mediterranean studies is required. Students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds are admitted.

## **Fees and costs**

All selected participants are offered a scholarship to cover their tuition fee, airfare between the airport of origin and a nearby airport (Trieste, Venice or Ljubljana) as well as accommodation in double rooms (Piran) or single rooms (Trieste), and lunches during on weekdays.

Participants need to be willing and able to bear the cost of transportation to/from the airport and the cost of some meals. Organisers do not cover or organise the transfer from airports and suggests GoOpti (<https://www.goopti.com/>) pick up service or public transport from the airport to Piran (17 June) and from Trieste to the airport (28 June).

## **Personal data**

In accordance with the relevant Italian and Slovenian law, personal data, provided by candidates in the application form will be processed only for the purpose of the assignment of the grant and the ensuing relevant procedures. No data for any case will be transmitted to third party.

## **Acknowledgment of funding**

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