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Educating with and for society through flexible international programmes - an example by EU-CONEXUS

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EU-CONEXUS

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY FOR SMART URBAN
COASTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- La Rochelle Université, France
- Klaipeda University, Lithuania
- Catholic University of Valencia, Spain
- University of Zadar, Croatia
- South East Technological University, Ireland
- Agricultural University of Athens, Greece
- Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest, Romania
- University of Rostock, Germany
- Frederick University, Cyprus



ERASMUS+ PROJECTS: 2019 – 2022; 2022 -2026

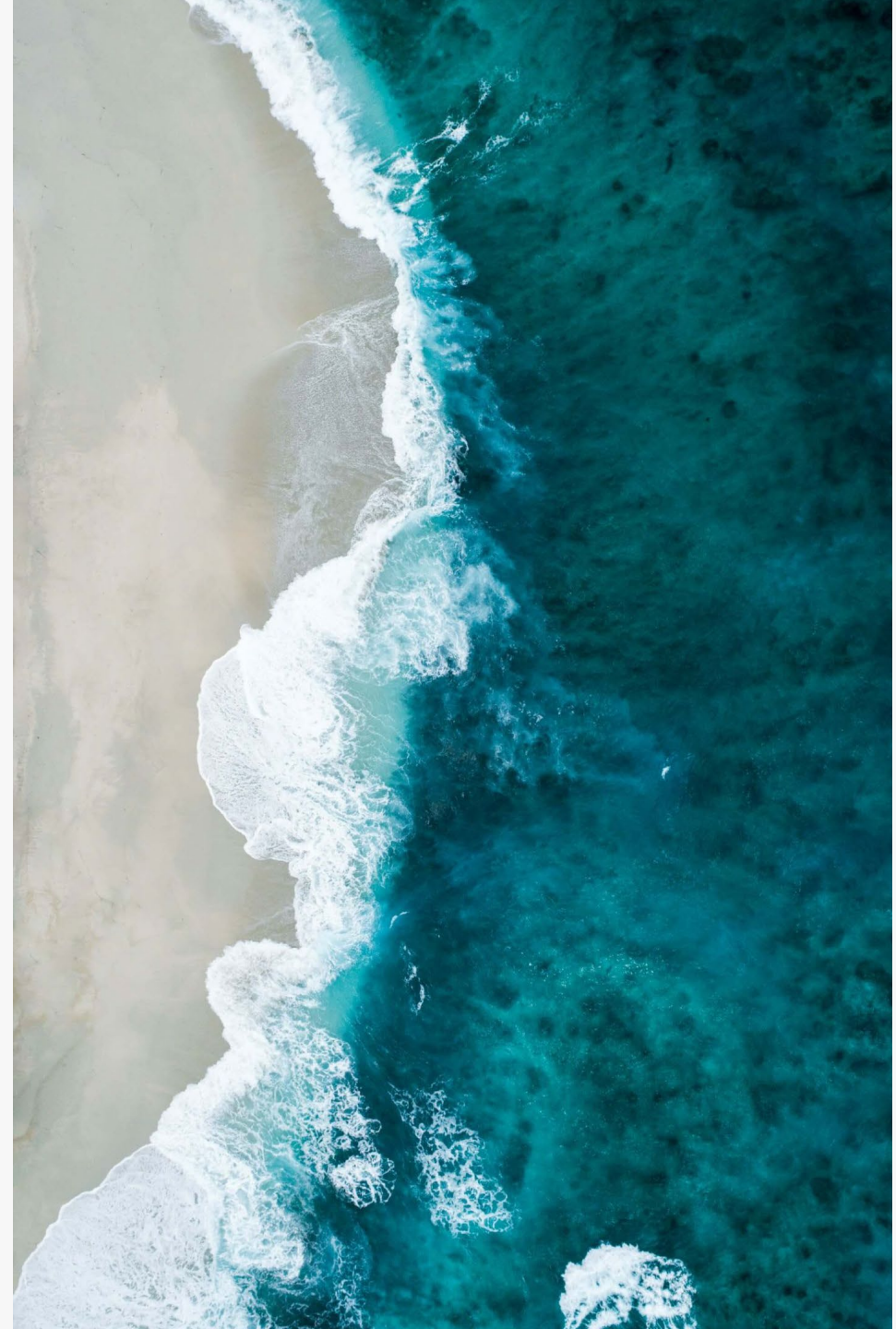


FOR SOCIETY

TOGETHER FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY
OF SEAS AND COASTS

Understanding and addressing
societal challenges that are
experienced by communities from
urban and semi-urban coastal
regions (rivers, seas and oceans).

Challenged-based education



FOR SOCIETY

EXAMPLES



- Joint Minors:
- Blue Economy and Growth
- Coastal Development



- Joint Master
- Marine Biotechnology



- School Contest for
middle and high
schools



- Green Campus

Scientific conferences

Joint research activities

Science festivals



EU-CONEXUS Minor programmes

THE CONCEPT

SINCE SPRING 20-21



30 ECTS



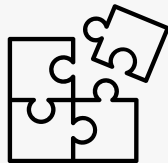
a) part of study
programme
or
b) extra ECTS



Accessibility:
For all Bachelor
students, for free



Interdisciplinarity:
5 thematic sectors



Joint offer:
Over 20 courses per
Minor from 7 universities



Flexibility:
Students select
courses freely



Connectivity:
Virtual or blended
format



WITH SOCIETY

INVOLVING INDUSTRY EXPERTS IN
THE CLASSES OF MINOR
PROGRAMMES

One of the focuses: practical insights from relevant industries through direct participation of representatives of companies and institutions in the classroom.



INDUSTRY EXPERTS INVOLVEMENT



Online:
Guest speakers
2-4 hours of seminar or
workshop
(synchronous session)



Offline:
Interactive sessions on
campus or at the
companies

Visits to the premises





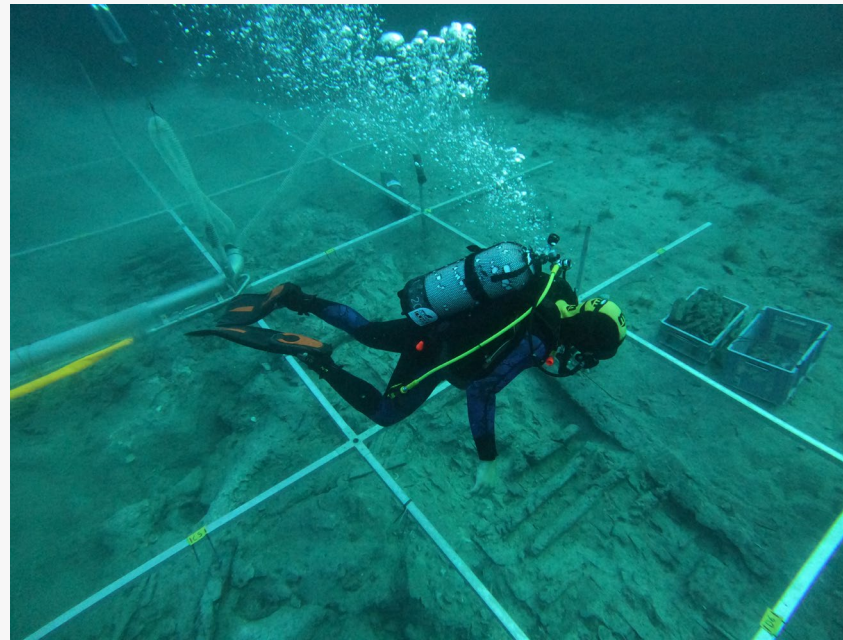
Course: Aquaculture

AVRAMAR
company: fish cages
in the open sea;
municipality
authorities



Course: Introduction to Underwater Archaeology

Underwater
archaeological
site in the islands
of Pag and Ilovik,
Croatia





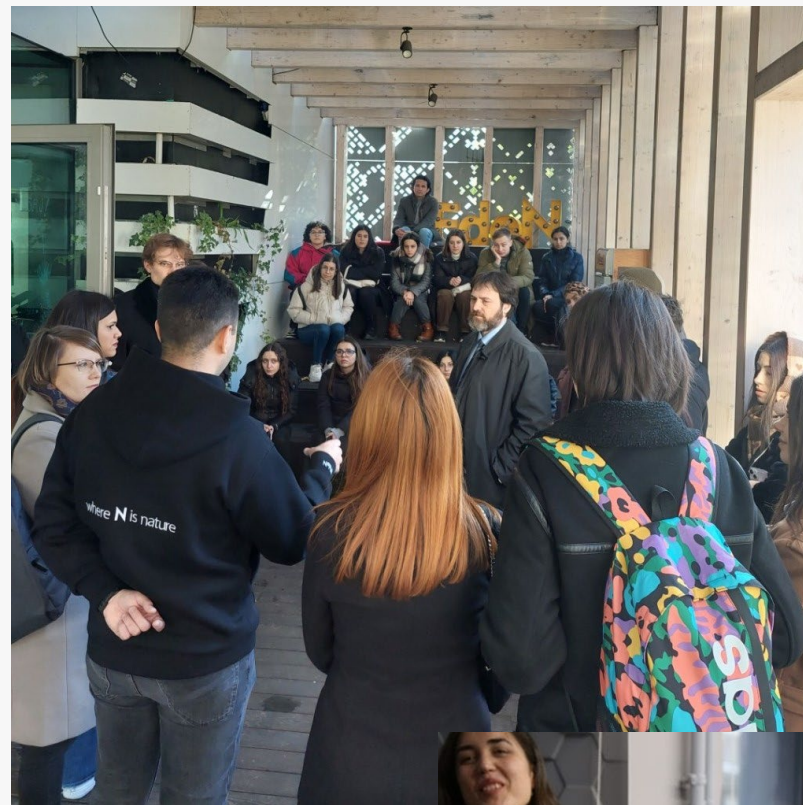
Course: Effects of Climate Change

Romanian National
Meteorological
Administration



Course: Pollution and Depollution

EFDEN – Sustainable Buildings, Romania





Course: Entrepreneurship

Zero Carbon
Cooperative, Les
Cabanes Urbaines,
France



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How?

- The role of teachers
- Personal contacts
- Pro-bono



Challenges

- Difficulty in finding the experts
- Financial constraints



INDUSTRY EXPERTS INVOLVEMENT



Successes

- 50 % rate in virtual courses
- 100% rate in on-campus weeks
- Very positive feedback from the students
- International dimension

48

Courses

10

On-campus
weeks



Future

- Incentives for teachers
- Are individual contacts enough?
- Need for institutional support? university-company relations policies?
- Implementation in more programmes





Thank you!

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