

Dear All,

The Deep Blue project reached its second year of life. And six more months are left. 2020 has been a tough year and despite the obstacles, the project board pursued the set objectives and implemented several activities even under new conditions and online formulas.

We would like to wish all of our followers a Merry Christmas, Happy Winter Holidays and a bright new year under the watchword "cooperation".

A SUCCESSFUL ONLINE TRAINING OF TRAINERS ONLINE



The Tunisian Higher Institute of Fishing Technologies and Aquaculture (ISPA) coordinated the online **Training-of-Trainers about Effective management and sustainable development of fisheries resources and aquaculture** held from 7-10 December 2020.

The activity brought together more than 50 participants from all over the Mediterranean, young researchers, professors and experts in the marine environment. The Faculty counted on the contribution of the FAO, GFCM and international Universities giving a

interdisciplinary and worldwide perspective to the tackled topics.

The online experience has been very positive and the overall appreciation of the management has been appreciated by the attendees and the speakers. The online course proposed specific workshops and produced video documentaries on fishery and aquaculture describing the common challenges we are all facing in the Mediterranean basin and above. We thank all the participants and the contributors that gave an added value to the activity! Don't miss to visit and subscribe to our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQD_hU7ugQMj2LYF31RrBhw.

The **Higher Institute of Fishing Technologies and Aquaculture (ISPA)** is a public organisation under the double tutelage of the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research.

Video presentation by ISPA: <https://youtu.be/i7MJI4ePV-w>

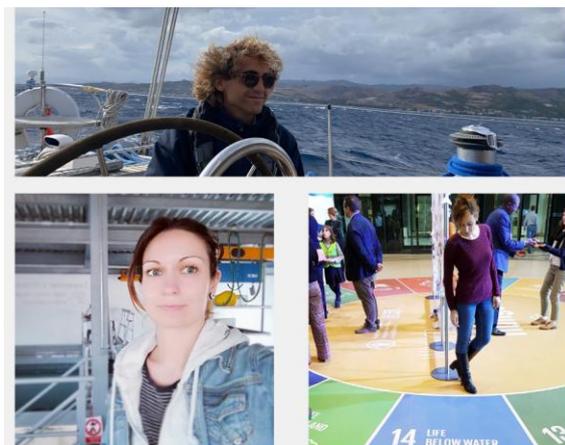
DEEP BLUE STORIES: THE MOBILITY EXPERIENCES

Before the pandemic outbreak occurred in March 2020, the Deep Blue project mobility action reached to implement the mobility action abroad giving the opportunity to six young researchers and experts in the marine field the support to implement a job shadowing in selected Hosting organizations within the Mediterranean area. They received the support and the tutoring by the **Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM)** and the Italian **National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS)**.

All the testimonies have been collected in a new section of the website under the chapter "Stories". Surfing through this page you can discover the experience of Alice in Spain, Piero in Greece, Cherif in Slovenia, Nouh in the UK and Sergio in Greece. We are proud of these participants that achieved to complete their



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experience abroad despite the further restrictions due to the pandemic obstacles. The Deep Blue project board is also glad of having received the support of the Hosting organizations such as the Herriott-Watt University (UK), the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean - FAO (IT), the Polytechnic University of Catalunya (ES), the Mediterranean Information Office for the Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (GR), the Slovenian National Institute of Biology (SLO) and the NGO Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation (GR).

Check this out! <http://bluegrowth.inogs.it/content/deep-blue-stories-0>

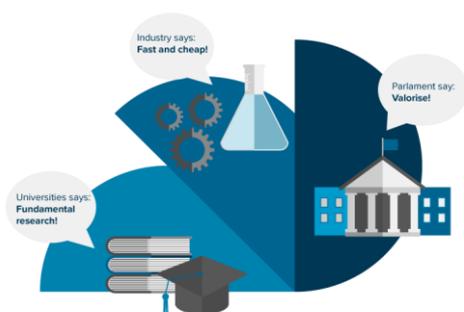
CROSSBORDER ONLINE TRAINEESHIP: NEWS

The mobility action turned into a cross border online traineeship in order to overcome the restrictions due to the pandemic outbreak. The project board had to elaborate a new formula in order to give the opportunity to the other selected candidates to pursue the project proposal under new conditions.

Finally, ten young researchers and experts in marine sciences implemented the new online traineeship under the supervision of the tutor from the **Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM)** and the Italian **National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS)**.

We thank the Deep Blue participants from all over the Mediterranean and their Hosting Institutions for making this possible! We look forward to the next ten participants that will begin their online crossborder traineeship at the beginning of 2021. We wish them good luck!

MASTER BLUE GROWTH: NEW EDITION



The 2020 edition of the Master is coming to an end, while the 2021 edition is getting started.

From the 3rd edition, which was held entirely online due to the pandemic condition, 5 over 18 students already discussed their final project works, while the others will discuss it in February 2021. Congratulations to the already graduated students and good luck with their final project work to the others! The new 2021 edition is welcoming 25 students from the Mediterranean countries and even further: Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Spain, France, Italy, United States and Trinidad and Tobago. We are thrilled to start this new adventure. Welcome on board!

Further information about the Advanced Master: <http://bluegrowth.inogs.it/advancedmaster/introduction>

THE MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION AND COVID19: AN INSIGHT FROM THE UFM SECRETARIAT

Tackling COVID - 19: Contributing to the global effort | As an international organisation for regional cooperation, the UfM, acting as partner to the World Health Organization, is mobilising all stakeholders to protect lives and livelihoods from Covid - 19. The current situation also offers an historic opportunity to explore and promote the potential that it entails for the Euro-Mediterranean region. Moreover, the pandemic is a unique chance to address the heavy impacts of climate and environmental change. The UfM is already working with its partners on assessing the impacts of the climate emergency, as well as assuming its role in promoting the economic potential, leveraging on its expertise, its networks and its methodology of action. More resources available at: <https://ufmsecretariat.org/covid-19/>



BLUESKILLS: Trieste ESOF2020



The Blueskills project, led by the Italian National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics and labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean, was the protagonist of an important event within the European Science Open Forum in Trieste - ESOF2020. The seminar "[Blue skills to feed jobs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Region](#)" attracted 161 on-line views in real time on the Livebit platform. The recorder session is also now available online on the

Youtube channel, at the following link: <https://youtu.be/ql6Lb1hrGCU>.

The event highlighted the **importance of the blue growth sectors as beacons of economic growth, social inclusion and labour market attractiveness**, and thus as catalysers of **job opportunities and employability**. This should be particularly attractive in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions, which are characterised by a dynamic geopolitical situation, with a high risk of instability, where youth unemployment is increasing and where, above all, awareness is lagging behind about the opportunities in the marine and maritime sectors. Given the mismatch between the number of graduates and the professions available represents an issue for the concerned countries, it is imperative to enhance the educational offer in these geographic areas **to align the next generation of labour forces with the emerging economic opportunities**. Check it out!

Further information about BlueSkills: https://ufmsecretariat.org/project/blueskills-blue-jobs/?fbclid=IwAR1JmuATpMwt7f40XU1FnOhYQ63sCBMJ7OvoCW3CW0K0eKHdGq77_tJZGbg

Further information about ESOF2020: <https://www.esof.eu/en/home.html>

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