

**Training-of-Trainers
“Advanced Scientific Knowledge of the Marine Environment”**

Project | DEEP BLUE: Developing Education and Employment Partnerships for a Sustainable Blue Growth in the Western Mediterranean Region

Background | In recent decades, concern about environmental damage in different parts of the world has led to public pressure on governments to minimize adverse environmental effects, while allowing economic activities to continue. Marine Environmental assessment (MEA) has been developed as a critical component of the approach to achieving sustainable blue growth. The DEEP BLUE project was designed to building capacities throughout enhancing geopolitical dialogue and international scientific cooperation (Science Diplomacy) in the Western Mediterranean Region. Partners from Italy, Spain and Tunisia with the support of private and public local stakeholders will strive to develop education and training paths aiming at creating an advanced shared knowledge and common methodological ground on the key sectors of Blue Economy in the Mediterranean basin while fostering North-South and South-South cooperation among public and private sectors.

Purpose | The training for trainers “Advanced Scientific Knowledge of Marine Environment” will allow sharing knowledge and scientific expertise on methods and modeling tools in assessing environmental impacts in the marine sector with the aim of creating a common methodological ground for high skilled experts. It will help contribute to build an inter-disciplinary education for the key sectors of the blue economy in the Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education Area promoting quality standards and mutual recognition. The Training is structured on the following modules:

- Law & Policies
- Innovative Marine Monitoring
- Modelling - Decision support tools
- Open data services - Copernicus

Participants | This Training is designed for 30 Mediterranean* post- graduate students; PhD researchers and professionals in marine sciences or maritime sectors related subjects. Candidates must apply with two reference letters and they must engage the transfer knowledge within their local environment. * Mediterranean citizenship (ref. 43 UfM countries) – priority given to 5+5 member countries.

A selection committee composed by members of the Scientific Committee of the project will go through a selection process based on well-defined selection criteria and select appropriate candidates. The coordinator of the action will notify the selected candidates according to the timeline indicated.

Publication of the Call: 28th JUNE 2019

Deadline for applications: 26th JULY 2019

Decision and notification: 30nd JULY 2019

When and where | The Training will take place from 21-26 October 2019 in Sfax (Tunisia).

How to apply | Please fill in the on-line form at the following <http://bluegrowth.inogs.it/content/deep-blue-a2-registration-form>

Funding | The Training is co-financed by the European Union’s European Maritime and Fishery Fund (EMFF). Accommodation in a double room (7 nights), lunch meals, airfares and local transportation are covered by organizers. Any other service, extra night stay and/or an upgrade are at the expense of the individual participant.

Training’s coordination and further enquires

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