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ta' Malta

SEA-EU Governing Week

26-28 November 2024



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Professor **Alfred J. Vella** UM Rector



Dear Rectors and other esteemed colleagues,

The Governing Board meeting taking place in Malta on 28 November 2024 will coincide with the end of the period during which I had the honour and privilege of carrying the title “Rector of SEA-EU”.

Malta, for the second time a meeting venue for SEA-EU, will be welcoming the other eight universities to our campus and their staff will participate in discussions and decisions that need to be taken to move the Alliance forwards. We have a packed agenda for the Governing Board meeting, which we have stretched into the afternoon, a first for SEA-EU.

We will have a day-long informal meeting for Rectors on Wednesday which I hope to be useful. Rectors will be invited to join the fray of dis-

cussions, some of which of a technical nature, but all of which involving the financial viability and sustainability of our Alliance. That is why Rectors should come down into the engine room of this great ship of ours and talk to the technicians and able seamen even if that risks getting our hands dirty with oil. We’re approaching the imminent launch of joint degree programmes and this must be a great moment in the life of SEA-EU: that is why Rectors must have the closest view and from the inside of the decisions.

I firmly believe in the Alliance and this faith in SEA-EU must be placed on a firm ground to ensure the community of universities can continue to perform its good going forward.

Professor **Alan Deidun** UM Rector's Delegate for SEA-EU



It's a common adage that time flies and, truth be told, we are already in the third year of this second SEA-EU Alliance. We are gathered here in Malta, within one of the oldest University campuses in the world, to take stock of what has been achieved so far and to plot the course ahead of us, motivated by the searing desire to bring to fruition the various programmes and initiatives that have been conceived by our academics, administrators and students. Malta's ambition has always far outstripped its territorial extent.

For instance, the EU's smallest EU member state and a member of the Commonwealth, was instrumental in the formulation of the UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) in 1982, was actually was the first country to formally table the issue of climate change as a political agenda to the United Nations General Assembly in 1988, hosted a historic George Bush-Mikhail Gorbachev summit in 1989 just a few weeks after the fall of the Berlin Wall and is currently occupying a rotating seat on the UN Security Council. The fact that tiny Malta manages to punch so significantly above its weight can serve to inspire and to motivate us all to aim ever higher within our Alliance.

Numerous visionaries and luminaries have, over the passage of time, commented on the importance of collaboration and cooperation. For instance, Sir Isaac Newton is attributed with 'If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulder of giants', whilst the insightful 'It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed' has been attributed to none other than Charles Darwin.

In agricultural societies dominated by the cultivation of corn, such as the US and Canada, the month of November is synonymous with harvest time and we have indeed reached the juncture within the Alliance where we start concretising on the key deliverables which had been pledged at proposal stage. Malta welcomes you all and solicits the implementation of the bold steps necessary to ensure the future legacy of our Alliance.

Professor

Marcela Iglesias

SEA-EU General Coordinator



The SEA-EU alliance is entering a new and exciting chapter, focusing on intensifying collaboration among our nine partner universities and the territories to which they belong. SEA-EU 2.0 currently prioritises the first four joint programmes, from Bachelor to PhD, expanding physical and virtual mobility, enhancing research collaboration across disciplines and increasing engagement with associated and external partners and the wider university community.

Our vision centers on the power of collaboration, recognizing each university's unique contributions. Governing weeks, previously held in Cádiz, Split, and Bodø, have been essential in nurturing this collaborative spirit. These gatherings allow focused discussions and strategic planning, enabling us to tackle challenges, create innovative solutions, and elevate education, research and societal impact across the Alliance and beyond.

I firmly believe that the active engagement of each university's roots — distinct traditions, research strengths, regional ties and cultural perspectives — is vital for SEA-EU's success. Through this diversity, and yet our common coastal identity, we can build a vibrant European University, capable of addressing global challenges. Our interconnected ecosystem strengthens our mission and extends its impact on European higher education by engaging stakeholders beyond academia.

This governing week hosted by the L-Università ta' Malta is particularly significant, reinforcing the commitment of our Rectors as key decision-makers. Their agenda is focused on exploring funding strategies for joint programmes and securing the alliance's sustainability well beyond the current project, solidifying our shared path forward.

Key discussions during the week involve expanding mobility opportunities and advancing council initiatives: the Cities Council will develop joint activities aimed at attracting talent to our regions, while the Ports Council will intensify efforts to strengthen collaboration within the blue economy. The Student Council will work on strategies to enhance SEA-EU's outreach. Additionally, the Technical Working Group will focus on comprehensive monitoring and reporting, while the Stakeholders Group will clarify the roles of specialized sub-groups within our stakeholder community. And let's not forget that a governing week is also celebration of the successes achieved over the past six months, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our entire university community, especially the expert groups who have been working diligently on various tasks.

Let us continue embracing this opportunity to work together, learn from each other, and shape the future of SEA-EU as a model of excellence in European higher education.

A photograph of a narrow, cobblestone street in Mdina, Malta. In the foreground, a rickshaw with a yellow canopy is being pedaled. The street is lined with historic stone buildings. In the background, a prominent church tower with a dome and a bell tower rises against a clear sky. The overall atmosphere is that of a historic, quiet city.

General information

26 - 29 November 2024

Mdina, the “Silent City”, the former capital of Malta

Meeting Venue

Almost all the SEA-EU Governing Week sessions take place at the **Valletta Campus** of the University of Malta.

Some meetings have different locations, please refer to the agenda for exact location.

How to get to **Valletta**?

Valletta can be reached by bus. Please leave at bus stop "Valletta". You can also take a [ferry](#) from Sliema or Isla (Tricity).

The Valletta Campus has two entries. You can access the building from St Paul Street or Merchants Street.

Link to Google map: [Valletta Campus](#).

Register

Upon arriving at the Valletta Campus, please proceed to the staircase leading to the **first floor** to complete your registration.

We kindly ask that you **check in at the registration desk each day of Governing Week** to sign the attendance sheet.

Private meeting rooms

If you have another meeting scheduled during SEA-EU Governing Week or wish to meet with a colleague from another SEA-EU university, you may use one of the **designated meeting rooms**.

Four rooms will be available for meetings throughout the event: room 2, room 3, room 4, and room 5. All rooms are located on the **ground floor**.

WhatsApp group

To **facilitate communication** during the event and keep up to date with announcements, join the group on WhatsApp: [LINK](#)

Bolt discount

You can travel around Malta by bus, ferry, and taxi. Popular ride-hailing apps like Uber, Bolt, and eCabs are also available.

UM has secured a discount code for Bolt travel for Governing Week participants: **SEAEUMALTAGW**

Attendees can open the app, enter the discount code, and receive a 20% discount on four rides, each capped at €2.50 per ride.

Full-week programme

Are you looking for a SEA-EU Governing Week schedule for all the days available under a single click?

You can find the SEA-EU Governing Week schedule under the [link](#).

Technical matters during the meeting

Presentations:

Presentations will be uploaded to the computer on the day of the meeting. We ask that meeting chairs send their presentations to the SEA-EU Communications Manager at communications.manager@sea-eu.org.

If you plan to change something in the presentation after it has been sent, please inform the organisers.

Meetings recordings:

All meetings will be recorded automatically.

Microphones:

Please use a microphone during meetings, even in smaller rooms. This ensures that online participants can hear everyone in the room clearly, and it allows the discussion to be recorded.

Wi-Fi access

1. Connect to **'CSC-UOM-WIFI'** wifi
2. If the web page does not open automatically, open your browser and type the following address: wifi.um.edu.mt
3. From the welcome screen select the option: **'Attending a conference or event at the University of Malta'**
4. Click on the event name from the list provided
5. Enter the following conference code: **SEAEUGWK**
6. Fill in online form.

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PART I

AGENDAS

Outline Schedule

Tuesday 26 Nov	09:30 - 13:00	Quality and Ethics Meeting Technical Working Group Student Council Meeting
	09:30 - 11:30	Local council excursion
	11:30 - 13:00	SDG14 Beyond 2030 (workshop)
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00 - 16:30	Quality and Ethics Meeting Technical Working Group
	14:00 - 15:20	Talents in University City (workshop)
	15:20 - 15:30	Introduction from General Coordinator and General Director of the Alliance
	15:30 - 16:30	Cities Council Meeting Ports Council Meeting Students Council Meeting Stakeholders Group Meeting
	17:45 - 20:00	Welcome ceremony of the SEA-EU Governing Week & DiveIn exhibition opening ceremony
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Wednesday 27 Nov	09:30 - 13:00	Rectors' Meeting Executive Committee Meeting Student Council Activity
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00 - 16:30	Rectors' Meeting Executive Committee Meeting Student Council Meeting
	18:00 - 20:00	SEA-EU Photo Exhibition and Live Performance
	19:00 - 21:00	Rectors' Dinner
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Thursday 28 Nov	08:00 - 12:00	Governing Board
	12:00 - 13:00	Tour of St John's Co-cathedral
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00 - 16:30	Governing Board
	18:00 - 22:30	Formal Dinner
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Friday 29 Nov	10:00 - 11:00	Valletta Campus tour
	11:00 - 12:00	Tour of St John's Co-cathedral



Tuesday

26 November 2024

Birgu is a historic fortified city located on the southern side of the Grand Harbour

Tuesday schedule

- 08:30 - 09:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 09:30 - 13:00 **Quality and Ethics Meeting**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Technical Working Group**
Aula Prima, second floor | Valletta Campus
- Students Council Meeting**
Room 6, ground floor | Valletta Campus
- 09:30 - 11:30 **Local Council excursion**
Different meeting venue: [Valletta Local Council Hall](#) | *participants: Cities Council*
- 11:30 - 13:00 **“SDG14 Beyond 2030 (...)” workshop**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus | *participants: Ports, Cities, and Stakeholders*
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 14:00 - 16:30 **Quality and Ethics Meeting**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Technical Working Group**
Aula Prima, second floor | Valletta Campus
- 14:00 - 15:20 **“Talents in University City” workshop**
Room 101, first floor | Valletta Campus
participants: Ports, Cities, Students and Stakeholders
- 15:20 - 15:30 **Introduction from General Coordinator and General Director of the Alliance**
Room 101, first floor | Valletta Campus
participants: Ports, Cities, Students and Stakeholders
- 15:30 - 16:30 **Cities Council Meeting**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Ports Council Meeting**
Room 102, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Stakeholders Group Meeting**
Boardroom, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Students Council Meeting**
Room 6, ground floor | Valletta Campus
- 16:45 - 17:45 **Transport** to Esplora Centre
Meeting point: ground floor | Valletta Campus
- 17:45 - 20:00 **Welcome event & DiveIn exhibition** opening ceremony
Different meeting venue: [Esplora Centre](#), Kalkara



Bruno Xavier, "The Missing Piece" (1st place)
University of Algarve
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Quality and Ethics Committee

LINK for Sharepoint repository:

[TASK 1.3 QUALITY & ETHICS AND DATA PROTECTION](#)

Target: Quality and Ethics Committee members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Aula Magna, first floor

Meeting time: 9:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Agenda Items	Owner
<i>Group Photo at 9:30</i>	UM
Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting	All
Update of QEC Manual - reflection on CAU's contribution and other partners' comments	All
SEA-EU Internal Quality Assurance Handbook – comments' review	UCA
SEA-EU Students' Code of Ethics – review of comments	UCA
SEA-EU Data Protection and Sharing Regulations – review of comments	UCA
Draft of SEA-EU Data Management Plan	UNIST
Update on the achieved Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D6.2 2nd 365 Days of SEA-EU [UCA], due date for EACEA: 15/11/2024 • D3.3 1st report on joint research framework activities [NORD]: 15/01/2024 • D6.5 1st SEA-EU SciComm report [UALG]: 15/01/2024 	UCA NORD UALg
Update on the achieved Milestones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS9 - Accreditation request of three joint degrees [UCA]: 15/07/2024 • MS7 - 1% of SEA-EU staff in physical mobility each year to foster mutual knowledge and build interinstitutional mutualised operating mechanisms [UBO], due date: 15/11/2024 	UCA UBO
Motions and queries & Next meeting	All

Technical Working Group

Meetings goals:

- To agree upon a specific structure and content for the Periodic Report.
- To define each partner’s role in the development of the different parts of the Periodic Report.
- To set up a structured timeline to develop the Periodic Report efficiently.
- To collect a list of pending questions on the reporting process.

Target: Technical Working Group members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Aula Prima, second floor

Meeting time: 9:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
9:30	Periodic Report, Part B.1: Overview of the progress	UCA
11:30	<i>Group Photo</i>	UM
11:40	Periodic Report, Part B.2: Work Plan	UCA
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	Periodic Report: last remark, pending questions, next steps	UCA
15:30	TWG team building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflection on previous experiences • any suggestions to the Coordination? • what is next? 	All

Students Council

LINK for TEAMS repository:
[Student Council](#)

Target: Students Council members
Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Room 6, ground floor
Meeting time: 9:30 - 13:00 and 15:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Agenda Items	Owner
Group photo at 9:15 am	UM
Welcome & introductions	UM
Debrief Executive Committee	Selected rep.
Working session on the Bylaws	CAU
Changes in Student Council members	UM
Microsoft Teams updates	UM
Election of new Internal Communications Officer	UM
Election of External Communications Officer	UM
Connection with local ESN organisations	UCA
New forms of student engagement	UCA
Setting of hosts for monthly meetings until next Governing Week	UM
Motions & Queries & Next meeting	UM

Local Council Excursion

LINK for TEAMS repository:

[Cities Council](#)

Target: Cities Council members

Meeting venue: [Valletta Local Council Hall](#)

Meeting time: 9:30 - 11:30

The meeting will take place exclusively in person.

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
9:30	Meeting in front of the Valletta Local Council premises	All
9:40	Short presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valletta Mayor Olaf McKay on behalf of the Valletta Local Council, Local Councils Association (LCA) of Malta - video presentation, SEA-EU Office at the University of Malta 	Malta
10:30	<i>Departure on foot for a visit to the Upper Barrakka Gardens</i>	
10:45	<i>Group photo at the Upper Barrakka Gardens</i>	
10:50	<i>Departure on foot for the Valletta Campus</i>	

SDG14 Beyond 2030: Charting a course for sustainable coastal and marine ecosystems (workshop)

Workshop description:

There is an intrinsic relation between the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, jobs and social and financial inclusion, and the preservation and restoration of ocean ecosystems and the services they provide (UNDP, 2023). Several new initiatives could potentially lead towards a sustainable development of the coastal and marine ecosystems. However, decision-makers need to address the multiple social, ecological, and technological dimensions from managing the coastal and marine areas and need to make choices about potential opportunities and how to resolve tensions or conflicts to develop a long-term future vision for sustainability. This is a hands-on workshop where we will explore three future pathways related to the development of marine renewable energy, nature-based solutions and ecosystem services, and the actions and trade-offs needed to work towards achieving SDG14.

Target: Ports, Cities, and Stakeholders representatives

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Room 103, first floor

Meeting time: 11:30 - 13:00

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)



Talents in University Cities

Workshop description:

The SEA-EU Cities Council is hosting a workshop on “Talents in University Cities” to address the growing skills shortage in SEA-EU cities, which is expected to become more acute in the coming years. The “Talents in University Cities” project aims at connecting businesses and city administrations within SEA-EU member cities with Master’s students from SEA-EU universities, offering valuable internship opportunities that benefit both parties.

Businesses are eager to recruit early international talents, while students gain crucial insights into various professional fields, experience different cultures, and expand their networks. The collaboration between SEA-EU cities and universities serves as a bridge between the interests of students and companies, with several SEA-EU cities already launching related initiatives. Synchronizing these efforts across the SEA-EU network adds sustainable value for both students and businesses.

Target: Ports, Cities, Students and Stakeholders

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Room 101, first floor

Meeting time: 14:00 - 15:20

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
14:00	Framework of the “Talents in University Cities” project	Brest
14:05	Examples of City projects already taking place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthieu CHAVE, Brest métropole • Luca GEDIEHN, Kiel Region • Hrvoje PULJIZ, City of Split 	Brest Kiel Split
14:20	Student Perspective	
14:30	Business Perspective: Guy MORDRET, Anaximandre	
14:45	SWOT analysis: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the “Talents in University Cities” project	All
15:00	Open discussion	All
15:15	Conclusion and recommendation of actions	

Cities Council

LINK for TEAMS repository:

[Cities Council](#)

Target: Cities Council members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Room 101, first floor

Meeting time: 15:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Agenda Items

Welcome

Activity report

Projects:

- Talents in university cities
- Attractiveness of university cities
- Science comes to town

Cooperation with the SEA-EU Governing Bodies

LOI SEA-EU Cities

Ports Council

LINK for TEAMS repository:

[Ports Council](#)

Target: Ports Council members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Room 102, first floor

Meeting time: 15:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
15:30	Opening	SEA-EU Coordinator/Port Council
15:40	Special Economic Zones	Federica Navas Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mar Tirreno Centrale
15:52	Decarbonisation in Ports, Fisheries, and Cruises	Sergio Faias Docapesca Board of Directors
16:04	Baltic Sea Cruise Security	Andre Bender Port of Kiel
16:16	Sharing success stories: MEDPORTS Training course decarbonisation	Luis Núñez Head of Strategy & European Af- fairs – Algeciras Port
16:20	Closing Remarks	SEA-EU Coordinator/Port Council

Stakeholders Group

LINK for TEAMS repository:

[Stakeholder Group](#)

Target: Stakeholders Group members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Boardroom, first floor

Meeting time: 15:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Agenda Items

Identification of the different categories of Stakeholders (SH)

Commitment of associated partners in different councils (Ports, Cities and Stakeholders)

Improvements to make in the webpage

Improvement of communication among SH and the Cities and Ports Councils

Improvement of communication between the Alliance (i.e. Universities) and the SH

Clarify the role of SH within the joint programmes (BS, MS, PhD)

Identify a small number of joint interests/targets the SH would like to use the alliance for



Emma Moe Franke, "Pumping down the line" (2nd place)
University of Algarve
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Social Event

Welcome ceremony of the SEA-EU Governing Week



DiveIn exhibition opening ceremony

Evening event description:

The Welcoming Event of the SEA-EU Governing Week and official opening ceremony of the DiveIn Exhibition will take place at the Esplora Interactive Science Centre. The event will feature the addresses from distinguished speakers.

At the same time it will be concluding event of the ongoing collaboration between UM and Xjenza Malta, titled: 'Investing in a lasting Blue Economy legacy through smart specialisation: the promotion of digital technologies within ocean literacy and within ongoing maritime research'.

Official part will be followed by a standing reception and a performance by UM students.

Target: SEA-EU Governing Week participants & guests from Malta

Event venue: [Esplora Interactive Science Centre](#), Kalkara

Event time: 17:45 - 20:00

Time	Agenda Items
16:45	<i>Transport to Esplora Interactive Science Centre Meeting point: Valletta Campus, ground floor</i>
17:45	Short demonstration at the DiveIn exhibition at Esplora
17:55	<i>Proceed to the Chaplain's Hall</i>
18:10	<p>Welcome Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Investigator at UM on the collaboration in caption and Rector's SEA-EU Delegate, Prof. Alan Deidun and Esplora Interactive Science Centre Senior Director, Mr. Olaf McKay Former EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs, Mr Karmenu Vella Rector of the University of Malta, Prof. Alfred J Vella
18:35	The SEA-EU Alliance, General Coordinator of the SEA-EU Alliance & Vice-Rector for Internationalisation at the University of Cadiz, Prof. Marcela Iglesias
18:45	<p>Outcomes of the collaboration between the University of Malta and the Permanent Secretary for Youth, Research and Innovation Office, Prof. Alan Deidun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Research Grants - students' project presentations SEA-EU Conference field trip
19:10	<p>UM Students performance & reception</p> <p>You can read the profile of the artist on page 88.</p>
20:00	<i>Transport to Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta Pick-up point: Villa Portelli</i>



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Information

Transport to the event



We offer bus transport for international visitors.

Information for international visitors:

- Pick-up time: **16:45**
- We ask all participants to meet on the **ground floor at Valletta Campus** from where we will walk together to the coach.
- Please note that there will be no time to return to the hotel after the end of Tuesday's proceedings.

Information for Maltese guests:

- Event venue: Explora Interactive Science Centre
- Car parking is located next to the [Kalkara Marina](#).

Dress code

Event dress code: **Formal**

Please note that the event venue does not have changing rooms or cloakrooms. Those willing will be able to leave their personal belongings overnight at Valletta Campus.



Transport to the event



The event will finish at **20:00**.

The pick-up point is located next to the [Villa Portelli](#). A hired coach will take all participants to the Grand Hotel Excelsior.



Wednesday

27 November 2024

Marsaxlokk, Malta's fishing village

Wednesday schedule

- 08:30 - 09:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 09:30 - 13:00 **Rectors' Meeting**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Executive Committee Meeting**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Executive Committee Meeting - observers**
Aula Prima, second floor | Valletta Campus
- Student Council Activity**
Valletta
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Rectors' Lunch**
Rector's Office, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Lunch Break**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 14:00 - 16:30 **Rectors' Meeting**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Executive Committee Meeting**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Executive Committee Meeting - observers**
Aula Prima, second floor | Valletta Campus
- Student Council Meeting**
Room 6, ground floor | Valletta Campus
- 18:00 - 20:00 **SEA-EU Photo Exhibition and Live Performance**
Different meeting venue: [Valletta Campus Theatre](#)
- 18:30 **Transport for Rectors'** to the dinner venue
Pick-up point: [Valletta Campus - St Paul's street entrance](#)
- 19:00 - 21:00 **Rectors' Dinner**
Different meeting venue: [Embassy of Spain](#), Hal Balzan



Giusy Minelli, "Synchrony in Motion" (3rd place)
University of Naples Parthenope
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Executive Committee

Meetings goals:

- Provide an overview to the EC on the main activities of the Alliance in the last months.
- Present the latest work by the TWG, as well as the co-creation bodies (CC, PC, SG) and the Advisory Board.
- Achieve an agreement on concrete actions to be implemented about the SEA-EU Mobility Framework.
- Drawing from the discussions held during the Finance Workshop, reach an agreement on the funding of the SEA-EU joint programmes and pass then on to the GB and Rectors for their definitive confirmation.
- Present an initial workplan for the SEA-EU Joint Research Office.

Target: Executive Committee members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Aula Magna, first floor

Meeting time: 9:30 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Observers can follow the proceedings from Aula Prima, second floor, Valletta Campus.

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
9:30	Opening remarks	Prof. Marcela Iglesias General Coordinator
9:40	Approval of the previous meeting minutes	All
9:45	Welcome to new participants by the General Co-ordinator and brief status report	Prof. Marcela Iglesias General Coordinator
10:30	Coffee Break	All
10:45	Feedback from the TWG	Mr Juan Ramón Real Technical Manager

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
11:30	Presentation and discussion on Mobility	Prof. Dr. Adélie Pomade University of Brest Prof. Dr. Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk NORD University
12:55	<i>Group Picture</i>	All
13:00	Lunch break	All
14:00	Funding of Joint programmes. Follow-up discussion from Cadiz finance workshop meeting	Prof. Lola Perea University of Cadiz
14:30	Future of Joint Programmes	Prof. Dr. Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk NORD University
15:00	Presentations on upcoming project results: deliverables and milestones. 1. D6.2 (365 days of SEA-EU report) 2. D6.3 (Science Communication Report) 3. MS36 (VTLE report) 4. MS20 (Digital Maturity Assessment)	1. Ms Irene de Andrés (UCA) 2. Mr Ulf Evert (CAU) 3. Mr Piotr Andrzejewski (UG) 4. Prof. Dr. Zoran Dogas (UNIST)
15:30	Inclusive communication charter	Prof. Dr. Adélie Pomade University of Brest Prof. Anna Jurkowska University of Gdansk
15:45	Preliminary results from the digitalization survey and outline of future plans	Prof. Dr. Zoran Đogaš University of Split
16:00	Joint Research Office presentation and objectives	Prof. Giorgio Budillon University of Naples Parthenope
16:15	Presentation: Project Proposal submitted to Call Horizon-Europe: Science Comes to Town	Ms Linda Pialek University of Kiel
16:30	Next e-meeting (8th January at 10am) - deliverables approval	All
16:35	Closing remarks	University of Cadiz

Students Council - social activity

This is the **social activity agenda for the SEA-EU Student Council**, designed to promote group integration, networking, and an opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Valletta.

Target: Students Council members

Meeting point: [Parliament of Malta](#) opposite [Burger King](#), Valletta

Meeting time: 9:30 - 13:00

Time	Agenda Items
9:30	Valletta walk
11:00	Visit to St John's Co-Cathedral
12:00	Valletta Campus Tour

Students Council

This meeting will continue with the agenda from the previous day.

Target: Students Council members

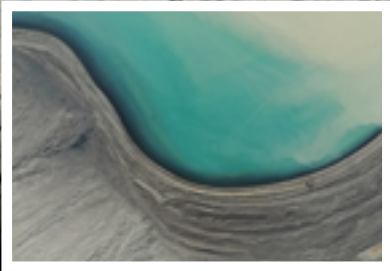
Meeting point: Room 6, ground floor, Valletta Campus

Meeting time: 14:00 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Agenda Items

The meeting will proceed with the agenda from the previous day, which can be found on [page 16](#).



Luis Barbero, "Olas de mar y tierra"
University of Cadiz
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Social Event

SEA-EU Photo Exhibition & Live Performance

Evening event description:

Join us for an informal gathering and reception at the Valletta Campus Theatre, where we will officially launch an exhibition of photographs from this year's SEA-EU Photo Contest, showcasing the work of students from nine universities. The event will feature a standing reception, highlighted by a classical music performance by University of Malta students.

Target: SEA-EU Governing Week participants & guests from Malta

Meeting venue: [Valletta Campus Theatre](#)

Meeting time: 18:00 - 20:00

Time	Agenda Items
18:00	<p>Opening Words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UM Rector's Delegate for SEA-EU, Prof. Alan Deidun
18:05	<p>Introduction of the student performances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Department Music Studies, School of Performing Arts, Dr Max Erwin
18:05	<p>UM Students' Artistic Performance</p> <p><i>Frederic Chopin Ballade no. 1</i> Julia Miller, piano</p> <p><i>Amy Beach no. 3 from Four Sketches Op. 15</i> Julia Miller, piano</p> <p><i>Reinecke 1st & 3rd movement from Sonata for Flute and Piano</i> Clara Galea, flute; Julia Miller, piano</p> <p><i>Handel Suite no. 7 in G minor</i> Francis Camilleri, piano</p> <p><i>Muscat Geryon (6')</i> Clara Galea, flute; Julia Miller, Francis Camilleri, piano ~ composed by Christopher Muscat</p> <p>You can read the profiles of the artists on page 89.</p>
18:30	<i>Transport for Rectors' for the dinner</i>
18:50	Reception
20:00	Closure of the event



Héctor Flores Arias, "Dance of Shadows"
University of Cadiz
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Rectors' Dinner

Rectors' Dinner

Evening event description:

The Rectors' Dinner will be held at the invitation of the Embassy of Spain in Malta. Logistical details can be found below.

Target: SEA-EU Rectors

Pickup point: [Valletta Campus - St Paul's street entrance](#)

Pickup time: 18:30

Dinner venue: [Embassy of Spain](#), Hal Balzan

Expected time for dinner to end: approximately 21:00

Taxis have been ordered to escort the rectors to their respective hotels.

We would like to thank the Ambassador of Spain in Malta, His Excellency José María Muriel for extending a kind invitation to host a dinner for the Rectors of nine SEA-EU universities.



Thursday

28 November 2024

Hofriet Window, beautiful cliffs with a characteristic 'window'

Thursday schedule

- 07:30 - 08:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 08:00 - 12:00 **Governing Board**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Governing Board - observers**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Visit to St. John's Co-cathedral**
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**
First floor | Valletta Campus
- 14:00 - 16:30 **Governing Board**
Aula Magna, first floor | Valletta Campus
- Governing Board - observers**
Room 103, first floor | Valletta Campus
- 18:00 - 18:30 **Transport to Medina Restaurant, Mdina**
Pick-up point: [Grand Hotel Excelsior](#)
- 18:30 - 22:30 **Formal dinner**
Different meeting venue: [The Medina Restaurant](#)
- 22:30 **Transport back to Valletta**
Pick-up point: [Domvs Romana](#), Rabat
Drop-off point: [Grand Hotel Excelsior](#)



Alexandra Hladíková, "Trapped in constant movement"
University of Gdansk
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Governing Board

Meetings goals:

- Confirm Marcela Iglesias' role as the SEA-EU General Coordinator, following provisions in the SEA-EU 2.0 project proposal.
- Present the latest results of the Alliance, as well as the results of the ongoing discussions on the mobility framework of SEA-EU and the funding of the joint programmes.
- Share information about the discussions held at the Rectors' meeting the previous day.
- Share the state of play of the co-creation bodies in the Alliance.
- Give a definitive confirmation to the decisions reached by financial officers and the EC about the funding of the SEA-EU joint programmes.

Target: Governing Board members

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, Aula Magna, first floor

Meeting time: 8:00 - 16:30

Link for virtual attendance: [TEAMS](#)

Observers can follow the proceedings from Room 103, first floor, Valletta Campus.

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
8:00	General welcome	Prof. Alfred J. Vella University of Malta
8:05	University of Malta presentation	Prof. Alfred J. Vella University of Malta
8:10	Confirmation of the new General Coordination	All
8:15	Welcome message and brief status report	Prof. Marcela Iglesias General Coordinator
8:40	Intervention from the European Commission	Ms Vanessa Debiais-Sainton Head of the Higher Education unit in DG EAC
8:50	Approval of the minutes from the previous GB meeting	All
8:55	Coffee Break	All
9:10	SEA-EU Arctic expedition	Prof. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler University of Gdansk

Time	Agenda Items	Owner
9:20	First edition of the SEA-EU Concert	Prof. Gabriele Sampagnaro University of Naples Parthenope
9:25	First edition of the Being SEA-EU conference	Prof. Alfred J. Vella University of Malta
9:30	Report on the discussion from the session of the Executive Committee: Mobility	Prof. Dr Adélie Pomade University of Brest and Prof. Dr Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk NORD University
9:55	Report on the discussion from the session of the Executive Committee: Digitalisation	Prof. Dr Zoran Đogaš University of Split
10:15	Report on the discussion from the session of the Executive Committee: Funding of Joint Programmes	Prof. Lola Perea University of Cadiz
10:35	Updates after the latest meetings of the SEA-EU Vice Rectors	Prof. Dr Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk NORD University
10:55	Results of the discussions held at the Rectors' meeting	Prof. Alfred J. Vella University of Malta
11:25	Flexible slot	-
12:00	<i>Visit to St John's Co-Cathedral</i>	
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00	Group Photo	University of Malta
14:05	Student-led projects video	Prof. Alfred J. Vella University of Malta
14:15	Advisory Board update	Dr Stephanie Vella
14:30	Cities Council update	Mr Wolfgang Schmidt
14:45	Ports Council update	Mr Luis Núñez
15:00	Stakeholders Group update	Dr Gabriele Procaccini
15:15	Students Council update	Ms Bianca Pace
15:30	Motions and queries	-
16:00	Next Governing Board meeting: Handover to the new rotatory SEA-EU Rector (UM/CAU)	University of Malta and Kiel University



Carina Mónico, "The jump"
University of Algarve
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

Social Event

Formal dinner

Evening event description:

Join us for the official closing dinner of the SEA-EU Governing Week in Mdina, Malta's former capital. Enjoy a relaxed evening with dinner and a Knights of Malta re-enactment in this historic setting.

Target: SEA-EU Governing Week participants

Meeting venue: [Medina Restaurant](#), Mdina

Meeting time: 18:00 - 22:30

Time	Agenda Items
18:00	Transport from Excelsior
18:45	Knights of Malta
19:30	Official dinner Medina Restaurant
22:30	Transport to Valletta Pick-up point: Domvs Romana , Rabat

Information

Transport to the event



We offer bus transport for international visitors.

Information for international visitors:

- Pick-up time: **18:00**
- Pick-up point: [Grand Hotel Excelsior](#)

Transport after the event

The event will finish at **22:30**.

Pick-up point: [Domvs Romana](#), Rabat

A hired coach will take our guests to the Grand Hotel Excelsior.





Friday

29 November 2024

The city of Valletta is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Social activities

Event description:

The University of Malta has prepared an optional programme for those wishing to stay a day longer and get to know Malta's beautiful capital, Valletta.

Participants will be able to leave their luggage at the Valletta Campus.

Target: SEA-EU Governing Week participants

Meeting venue: Valletta Campus, ground floor

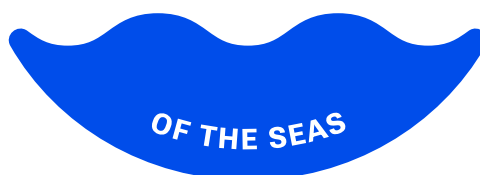
Meeting time: 10:00 - 12:00

Time	Agenda Items
10:00	Valletta Campus tour
11:00	Tour of St John's Co-cathedral

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Tazio Spano, "Primal-Instincts"
University of Malta
Photo submitted to the SEA-EU Photo Contest 2024.

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Alfred J. Vella
UM Rector

Alfred J. Vella is the Rector of the University of Malta since July 2016. He graduated with a PhD in organic geochemistry (1984) from Colorado School of Mines (USA) and has lectured at the University of Malta since 1987 in several areas of chemistry. Currently he still teaches environmental chemistry which has been his principal area of research and publication for many years. For about 30 years, Professor Vella's outreach commitments included acting as Court-appointed forensic expert on chemical accidents, fire and explosion. He has also consulted on environmental and other scientific matters to the Government of Malta, local firms and industrial concerns.

Frank Bezzina
Pro-Rector for International Development and Quality Assurance

Professor Frank Bezzina is the Pro-Rector for International Development and Quality Assurance at the University of Malta. He is currently the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) Vice-Rector for Quality. He lectures in Management Science, Applied Business Statistics and Evidence-based Management.



Valerie Sollars
Pro-Rector Strategic Planning & Sustainability

Professor Valerie Sollars is the Pro-Rector for Strategic Planning and Sustainability, a role she was appointed to in July 2023. Currently, her work is focused on monitoring and reviewing the University's Strategic Plan 2020-2025 as well as promoting and supporting initiatives associated to sustainability, particularly on Campus. Prof. Sollars hails from the Faculty of Education. She has researched and published extensively in the field of early childhood education and care. She was the first female Dean at the University of Malta, a post she occupied between 2007 and 2015.



Simon G Fabri
Pro-Rector - Research and Knowledge Transfer & Professor

Simon G. Fabri is Professor of Control Engineering with the Department of Systems and Control Engineering at the University of Malta and the University Pro-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer. His research interests focus on adaptive and intelligent control systems, artificial intelligence, automation, and robotics. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Systems Science, principal author of the Springer book "Functional Adaptive Control: An intelligent systems approach" and author of numerous papers published in peer-reviewed international journals.





Alan Deidun
SEA-EU Delegate at the UM; Professor in Oceanography

Prof. Alan Deidun, a marine biologist by training, is Malta's first-ever Ocean Ambassador and, since September 2019, is serving as a member of the EU Commission's Ocean Mission Board. He directs the Malta Training Centre of the International Ocean Institute (IOI) and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (London). He is also a Full Professor within the Faculty of Science of the University of Malta, where he coordinates the Master of Science

Angele Attard Chetcuti
Director of Legal Services

Dr. Angele Attard Chetcuti is the Administrative Director of Legal Services at the University of Malta, where she has served in various legal roles for nine years. A lawyer by profession, she previously worked as a Senior Associate at WH Partners, legal advisor to the Minister of Education, and held roles in Brussels and Malta focused on higher education and quality assurance. She holds a Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta and an M.Sc. in Educational Studies from Oxford. Her passion for higher education spans her career, beginning with student advocacy roles in 2003.



Christian Bonnici
Director of Research Support Services

Dr Christian Bonnici is the Director of Research Support Services at the University of Malta (UM). He is actively involved in the strategic dimension of SEA-EU and as co-leader of WP3.3. Dr Bonnici is an alumnus of the UM having graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) and a PhD specialising in university research management small island states. Dr Bonnici is also the current treasurer and a Board member of the European Association of Research Managers & Administrators contributing to the strategic direction and financial management of the Association.



Leonie Baldacchino
Associate Professor

Leonie Baldacchino is an Associate Professor at The Edward de Bono Institute for Creative Thinking and Innovation at the University of Malta (UM), where she held the post of Director from 2013 to 2022. She forms part of UM's Research Ethics Committee and SEA-EU Affairs Committee, and she represents UM on the SEA-EU Alliance's Quality and Ethics Committee.





Luisa Spiteri Baluci
Head, Information and Data Protection Unit

Dr. Luisa Spiteri Baluci, a lawyer with an LL.D. and a Master's in Law from the University of Malta, is Head of the Information and Data Protection Unit at the University of Malta. Her career includes roles as Senior Legal Adviser at the Malta Communications Authority, research analyst in the EU Secretariat at the Office of the Prime Minister, and Legal Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. With over a decade of legal experience, Dr. Spiteri Baluci specialises in data protection, GDPR compliance, and regulatory policy alignment.

Jacqueline Vanhear
Senior Executive - Quality Support Unit

Dr. Jacqueline Vanhear joined University of Malta in December 2021 as Senior Executive of the Quality Support Unit. Previously, she led the Quality Assurance Department within Malta's Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education for eight years, overseeing evaluations, licensing, and compliance for educational institutions. She played a key role in launching the 2021 National Policy and Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care and contributed to the Commonwealth's ECCE Toolkit (2022). With nearly 30 years in education, Jacqueline has taught, coached, and researched learning models in higher education, contributing to quality assurance frameworks and international conferences. Her expertise extends to designing courses on quality assurance and actively participating in global conferences on educational standards in Higher Education.



Lisa Pace
Senior Lecturer

Lisa Pace is senior lecturer of innovation management and foresight with the Edward de Bono Institute for Creative Thinking and Innovation at the University of Malta. Lisa completed a PhD in innovation management at the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, Alliance Manchester Business School, UK and has worked in the academic and public sector spheres on issues related to sustainability innovation, foresight, and the blue economy. Her research interests are in innovation for sustainable development and in the use of foresight approaches to tackle sustainability. She is currently leading a research project on future pathways to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 14 'Life Below Water'.



Adam Gauci
Senior Lecturer

Adam Gauci is a data scientist with the Oceanography Malta Research Group of the Department of Geosciences at the University of Malta. He has been involved in the setting up of meteo-marine observing systems including an HF Radar network to monitor in real-time sea surface currents across the Malta Channel, as well as weather stations strategically positioned within port areas to enhance the safety of ship navigation. Adam obtained his Ph.D. with the Department of Intelligent Computer Systems and did research on the applications of Machine Learning techniques on mega-dimensional datasets. When not onboard a research vessel taking measurements and chasing mermaids, he delivers lectures on instrumentation, remote sensing, data management, and applied machine learning for environmental sciences.





Vince Briffa
Professor of Digital Arts

Vince Briffa is an artist, curator and a Professor at the University of Malta. He is a Fellow of Civitella Ranieri Foundation, New York; and International Associate at CUT Contemporary Fine Arts Lab, University of Technology, Cyprus and the Scuola di Cinema, Accademia di Belle Arti, Catania. He was awarded the prize 'Omaggio all'Arte ed all'Innovazione a Venezia 2019' at the 2019 Venice Art Biennale. Briffa's has exhibited in numerous prestigious venues including the Malta Pavilion, Venice Biennale in 1999 and 2019. His work forms part of many local and international private and public collections.

Max Erwin
Head of Department of Music Studies

Max Erwin, a Tennessee-born musicologist and composer, focuses on musical avant-gardes and their institutional networks. His work has appeared in *Tempo*, *Music & Literature*, *Twentieth-Century Music*, *Perspectives of New Music*, *Revue belge de Musicologie*, and *Nuove Musiche*. His concert music has been performed globally, and he has scored over 30 projects across film, TV, and multimedia. Collaborating with figures like Larry Goves and Kathryn Williams, his flute piece *Inventory* was recorded on Huddersfield Contemporary Records. In 2020, Cambridge University Press published his monograph *Herbert Eimert and the Darmstadt School*.



Maria Grima Calleja
Senior Manager

Maria Grima Calleja brings a strong background in project management, with prior experience in chemical research and quality assurance in the pharmaceutical sector. As Senior Manager at the SEA-EU Office within the University of Malta's Research Support Services Directorate, she leads a team focused on advancing SEA-EU projects to strengthen the alliance's educational, research, and impact capacities. Actively fostering innovation through national and international networks, Maria also heads Work Package 6 on Dissemination and Impact for SEA-EU 2.0 and serves on the SEA-EU Executive Committee, contributing expertise in international coordination.



Fernanda Giraldo
SEA-EU Project Manager

Fernanda Giraldo is a Manager at the SEA-EU Office at UM. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Science, Technology, and Innovation Management. With over 7 years of experience in project management in Higher Education.





Isabella Bianco
SEA-EU Project Officer

Isabella is a Project Officer at the SEA-EU Office who coordinates activities related to the European Campus Life and Student and Staff Mobilities. She holds a BA in Sociology and Politics at the Goldsmiths, University of London and an MA in Humanitarian Action with NOHA at the University of Malta. Her experience is linked to project coordination in NGOs across Europe and with Interreg Italia-Malta.

Stefania Zdral
SEA-EU Project Officer

Stefania is a SEA-EU Project Officer specialising in communications and graphic design. She studied Psychology with a specialisation in Business at the University of Warsaw, where she defended her Master's thesis (2021) describing the effectiveness of graphics in advertising on recall. Since 2019, she has been working in the field of communication, holding roles such as PR Specialist, SEO Writer, and Coordinator of Communication Office at an NGO. Her professional interests include graphic design and sports photography.



Stephanie Vella
Westmed National Hub Malta, Advisory Board

Dr. Stephanie Vella serves as the National Hub for Malta in the WestMED initiative, promoting maritime projects in sustainable tourism and green shipping. She also directs a leading economic consultancy, with experience working on projects for the EU Commission, Commonwealth Secretariat, and various government bodies. Dr. Vella is skilled in EU and local funding programs, including ERDF, Cohesion Fund, and Xjenza Malta. Her maritime work includes assessing the economic feasibility of onshore power supply at Grand Harbour and conducting cost-benefit analyses on maritime infrastructure upgrades.



Bianca Pace
UM Student Representative

My name is Bianca Pace, and I am the current Student Representative on SEA-EU for the University of Malta (UM), the KSU Student and International Affairs Officer for 2024/25, and a third-year Bachelor of Laws (Hons) student at UM. Over recent months working with the SEA-EU office, I've gained a deep appreciation for the Alliance's dedication. Attending a working group at Kiel University, I was inspired by the commitment across SEA-EU to enhance the student experience in research. SEA-EU offers continent-wide opportunities, and I'm excited to see what future projects will bring!





Alessio Marrone
Research Support Officer

Alessio Marrone is a marine biologist and PhD student with expertise in marine ecology, conservation, and project management. He has a strong scientific background passionate in unravelling the complexities of marine ecosystems. With his commitment to sustainability and environmental protection, he embarked in the challenge of writing a book on marine ecology within the project MedVoyAge (financed by the SEA-EU programme), to contribute in making a positive impact on the new generation of Mediterranean Sea users.

Marco Iannaccone
Part-Time PhD student at Department of Biology

Marco Iannaccone, born in Italy in 1991, has lived in Malta since 2013 and is pursuing a PhD in Biology at the University of Malta, focusing on fungal biotechnology. He also holds an MSc on mycorrhizal fungi and a BSc in Forestry. His research centers on fungal biotechnology, supporting sustainable practices. Previously worked in Argotti Botanic Garden, then as Research support officer, now he serves as Project Support Officer for EU projects like CORALLO, promoting environmental sustainability. Fluent in Italian and English, Marco actively contributes to botany and mycology of the Maltese Islands through his research, publications, and presentations.



Other members of the delegation from Malta:

Mark Debono - Director of Finance Office

Victoria Gauci - Deputy Director International & EU Projects, International Office

Colin Borg - Academic Registrar

Giulia Bugeja - Student Representative

Luca Pisani - ARM, Associated Partner

Daryl Agius - ARM, Associated Partner

Charles Selvaggi - Msida Mayor, SEA-EU Cities Council

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Casimiro Mantell
UCA Rector

Professor of Chemical Engineering, holding a degree in Chemical Sciences and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He has led international and national projects. Co-author of 3 patents and has published over 80 scientific papers in high-impact journals.

Marcela Iglesias
Vice-Rector of Internationalisation

Associate Professor of Sociology at the Faculty of Labor Sciences. Member of the research group "Work, Politics and Gender". Co-director of the Ibero-American Research Network on "Work, Gender and Everyday Life". Coordinated several international development cooperation projects in Latin America and Africa, the most recent of which is: "Innovation Sociale et Technologie pour une Meilleure Employabilité des Femmes Tunisiennes (INSAF-Fem)



Isabel Benavente
Vice-Rector of Health Sciences and University Community Wellbeing

A pediatrician in neonatology at Hospital Puerta del Mar, she also teaches at the University of Cádiz. Isabel leads research on neonatal brain development, with multiple national, regional, and European projects. She co-directs 12 doctoral theses and is a founding trustee of the Nene Foundation, dedicated to neonatal neurology.



Antonio Díaz
General Director of Institutional Relations

General Director of Institutional Relations at the University of Cádiz since January 2024. He specializes in intelligence studies and surveillance societies, with a focus on sensitive topics in criminology and security. Antonio has published extensively in this field, including a recent book and an upcoming project with Springer. He has held academic roles at the Universities of Barcelona and Burgos and completed research stays at institutions like King's College. He also serves as deputy editor of The International Journal of Intelligence, Security, and Public Affairs.





Fernando Pérez
General Director of European Projects and SEA-EU

Fernando Pérez is the General Director for European Projects and the SEA-EU General Director. He holds a MEng degree in Telecommunications from the University of Seville and a PhD degree (specialized in neuromorphic motor control) from the University of Cadiz. He has been a postdoc at Bielefeld Universität and ETH Zurich. He has served as advisors for 4 doctoral theses focused on neuromorphic systems. He is an Associate Professor in the University of Cadiz since 2019 (Computer Architecture and Technology Area). He has served as Deputy Director for Academic Affairs of the School of Engineering.

María de Andrés
Director of Degrees

Director of Degrees at the University of Cádiz since January 2024 and an Associate Professor from November 2023. She previously worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the same university and contributed to the MarSP project, focused on Maritime Spatial Planning. Her academic career spans several key roles in maritime research and higher education.



Lola Perea
General Director for internationalisation of education SEA-EU

She holds a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics and is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher at the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Naval Engineering School at the University of Cádiz, Spain, where she teaches Maritime English at graduate and postgraduate levels. She has been Vice-Dean for International Relations and Students at the Naval Engineer School for eight years (2008-2016). Coordinated the Bilingual Programme at the School of Engineering (2017-2022)



Mercedes Ruiz
Director of Research and Innovation Secretariat at SEA-EU, WP1 Leader

I'm a Computer Science professor at UCA. Leading a group specialized in creating digital models for process improvement and generating cutting-edge technological tools for boosting engagement through gamification. I've held different management positions such as Chair of the Department of Computer Science, Coordinator of Doctoral Program, Chair of the Seniors University, and, currently, Director of Research and Innovation Secretariat at SEA-EU.





Irene Delgado
Director of SEA-EU Secretariat at UCA

Researcher at the University of Cádiz since January 2022, with a Professorship in Coastal Geomorphology from Edge Hill University (UK) and accreditation by ANECA in 2020. A marine scientist with a PhD from the University of Guelph (Canada), she has held research and academic roles across Canada, Northern Ireland, Spain, and Australia. Her research focuses on coastal dunes, aeolian transport, and dune-beach interactions.

Juan Ramón Real
SEA-EU Technical Manager

Having an academic background in Law and International Relations, he has been working for the SEA-EU Alliance at the University of Cadiz since 2021, firstly as the coordinating project manager of the SwafS project reSEArch-EU, then as the local manager for SEA-EU at UCA, and since June 2023 as the interim Technical Manager of the SEA-EU Alliance.



Irene de Andrés
SEA-EU Communications Manager

SEA-EU Communications Manager since February 2023, previously serving as Local Manager for 3 years during which she actively collaborated in writing the SEA-EU 2.0 proposal, specifically focusing on the communication aspects. With a Double Master's in Fine Arts and Corporate Communication, she's specialized in social communication since 2012, with a solid corporate communications background since 2005.



Luis Nuñez
Manager of European Affairs of the Algeciras Bay Port Authority

He is a civil engineer and has several specialized master's degrees in logistics, among other academic backgrounds. With 15 years of experience, he has participated in various international projects such as the Haramain High Speed Railway in Saudi Arabia and HS2 in the United Kingdom, among others.





Julia Pérez
Vice-president UCA Student Council

I am currently undertaking a Master's degree at the University of Cadiz. In addition to my postgraduate studies, I am a student representative on the Student Council of my university. This has allowed me to join both the Student Council and the Governing Board of the Sea-EU Alliance.

Estíbaliz Cobo
ESN Cadiz Secretary

Since 2023, she's been the Erasmus Student Network Cádiz Secretary, previously serving as Volunteer in this non-profit organisation and studies a Double Degree in English and French Studies in the University of Cádiz since 2022.



Other members of the delegation from Malta:

Kate Bonner - Port Representative

Álvaro Márquez - Member of City Council

Javier Vázquez - Member of City Council

The logo consists of the letters 'W', 'B', and '0' in a stylized, white, sans-serif font. The '0' is a solid circle with a small dot in the center.

Université de Bretagne Occidentale

A low-angle photograph of a modern university building with a facade of blue and green panels and large windows. The building's name is visible on the facade. Green tree branches are visible in the top right corner.

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Pascal Olivard
UBO Rector

Pascal Olivard was elected President of the University of Brest on 27th January 2023, a mandate he had already held from June 2007 to March 2016. He was also President of the Université Bretagne-Loire from 2016 to 2019. In May 2012, he was elected president of the UEB (Université européenne de Bretagne) and re-elected in May 2013. Pascal Olivard holds a baccalaureate in electrical engineering, followed by a bachelor's degree in electronics. He has been a lecturer in physics since 1998 (first as a senior lecturer, then as a university professor in 2013), and was Dean of the Science and Technology Department at the University of Bretagne-Occidentale from 2001 to 2007.

Adélie Pomade
Vice-Rector for SEA-EU

Adélie Pomade is Associate Professor in environmental Law and a researcher at the Center of Law and Economy of the Sea (AMURE). She is vice president of Sea-EU for the UBO, and co-director of the Zone Atelier Brest-Iroise, a research infrastructure put in place by the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). She interdisciplinary works on the public participation tools to decision making process, legal scenarios and agent-based modelling.



Delphine Dall
UBO SEA-EU Coordinator - WP2 leader

Delphine Dall is an experienced international relations expert with a robust background in project management and international relations development. She currently coordinates SEA-EU for UBO and is WP2 leader. She holds a Master's degree in Executive International Management from the University of Lille and a Bachelor's degree in Applied Foreign Languages from UBO. Fluent in English, German, Delphine is passionate about cross-cultural exchanges & sustainable living.



Gwenaëlle Goyat
SEA-EU local manager

I have an academic background in political sciences and international affairs, and experience in formal and non-formal education European projects in various contexts: NGOs, local authorities and since 2020, at the University of Brest in the frame of the SEA-EU alliance.





Noah Le Meur
Student Representative

I'm a 20 years old student in my last year of my bachelor's degree. I study public administration at the University of Western Brittany.

Matthieu Chave
International Relations, Member of City Council

Matthieu Chave is working for Brest métropole's international relations department, part of the economic and international development division. His missions include: coordinating international twinning and partnerships, supporting companies and higher education and research establishments in their international development, organizing international events...



Other members of the delegation from Brest:

Nathalie Queffelec - Quality and Ethics Committee

Lisa Le Bihan - Student Representative

Caroline Gernez - Stakeholder

Céline Liret - Stakeholder



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Ralph Schneider
Vice President for Internationalisation and Early Career Researchers

Prof. Ralph Schneider is Vice President for Internationalisation and Early Career Researchers. He is marine geologist by profession, working on the role of the ocean in past climate change. He is/was active as Director of the Institute of Geosciences, Director of the Leibniz Laboratory for Radiometric Dating and Stable Isotope Research, and until 2023 Director of "Kiel Marine Science" (KMS), a multidisciplinary research priority area at CAU.

Solveig Randhahn
Managing Director of the University Board

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Martina Schmode
Director of the International Center



Martina Schmode is the Director of the International Center at Kiel University. Her area of responsibility covers the full range of strategic and operational tasks of an international relations office. Since 2022 she is also responsible for the overall coordination for SEA-EU at CAU. Current function: VP delegate. Academic background: Romance Languages and Literature (doctoral degree) and Social Sciences.

Linda Piálek
Head of the EU Office

Linda has almost 20 years of experience in EU proposal writing and grant management, including as the Head of the European Team at Oxford University. An active member and spokesperson for several national and European research management networks, she has always been keen to share best practice and advocate for simplification. In SEA-EU, she is leader of WP3 (research) and member of the QEC.





Katrin Käis
QEC; Coordination of Task 2.6; Accreditation Consultant

Since March 2021 - SEA-EU 1.0/2.0: legal framework of education; automatic recognition of academic achievements; joint educational offers; quality assurance of education etc. from an administrative perspective.

Stefanie Altemark
Research Manager/SEA-EU

I am a research and project manager with more than a decade of experience and a passion for the strategic development of higher education institutions. My strength lies in managing strategic processes and coordinating project proposals to promote academic and operational excellence. Within SEA-EU, I coordinate WP 3 "Research and Innovation".



Jonathan Durgadoo
Head of SEA-EU Project Office Kiel University

Head of the SEA-EU Project Office at Kiel University. Involved in the coordination of SEA-EU activities since March 2020.



Rosemary Wilson
SEA-EU Communications Officer

As communication officer for SEA-EU at Kiel University, Rosemary coordinates the communication regarding SEA-EU activities within Kiel and beyond, including creating content and organising events. She has been part of the SEA-EU at Kiel team since May 2023, following more than a decade doing communication and outreach for international research organisations.





Deborah Hincapie Perilla
SEA-EU Project Office Assistant

After completing a Master's degree in Scandinavian Studies and gaining experience with project work in tourism, development cooperation and digitisation in the public sector, I was very happy to join SEA-EU at the beginning of the 2nd phase. Now I enjoy being a member of the Technical Working Group and supporting the Kiel SEA-EU Office in various administrative and organisational matters.

Quentin Sohet
SEA-EU Project Office - Coordinator for the development of innovative study programmes

After a master in International Relations, I worked in various different fields: international banking, politics, teaching and internationalisation of higher education. Since 2022, I am coordinating all the training and education activities for SEA-EU in Kiel University. To support flexible curricula and internationalisation of the educative offer are for me important goals.



Wolfgang Schmidt
Coordinator Cities Council, Member Governing Board | City of Kiel



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- Conference of European Cross Border and Interregional City Network - Secretary General
- City of Kiel - International Affairs
- Kiel University: Political Sciences, Literature, Business Administration

Zeno Polley
Student Representative

Currently in a Master of Education for Economics/Politics, Geography and French, I became engaged in SEA-EU after my Erasmus in Brest in 2020. Ever since then I've been a member of the Student Council. At Kiel University I was engaged in ESN and during my whole studies active in the student representation for the students of Economics/Politics. What I really like about SEA-EU is that it aims to create a European Society and I'm glad to help building it.





Maximilian Haertel
Student Delegate SEA-EU

Studying European Literature at Kiel University (CAU), working as the CFO of the student administration, in addition being the SEA-EU student delegate of CAU, the Co-Speaker of LAK (the student representation of the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein), playing Tennis, Sailing, Kitesurfing in my free time. SEA-EU as the vision of the maritime European Universities is a goal I strongly believe in and merits to commit my time and energy.

Other members of the delegation from Kiel:

Katja Barth - Head of Research Unit

Eva Sittig - Head of Press Office

Andre Bender - Ports Representative



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Piotr Stepnowski
UG Rector

Professor of Environmental Sciences, Rector of the University of Gdansk, Member of Polish Academy of Sciences, President of the Conference of Rectors of Universities in Poland, Chairman of the Fahrenheit University Union in Gdańsk, author of original methods of determining pharmaceutical residues in the environment, recognised scientist and organiser of academic life. His non-scientific interests include fine arts, wood carving and guitar playing.

Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler
Vice-Rector for Cooperation and International Relations

Lawyer, Professor of the University of Gdańsk at the Faculty of Law and Administration, Vice-Rector for Cooperation and International Relations at the University of Gdańsk. Her research specialisation is financial market law. She has been an expert for the European Commission, the European Forum of Deposit Insurers, and the national financial safety net institutions - the Financial Supervision Commission and the Financial Ombudsman. She is Vice-Rector of the SEA-EU and the first chairwoman of the University Internationalisation Committee of the Conference of Rectors of Polish Universities.



Ewa Szymczak
Vice-Rector for Education

PhD in Earth Sciences in the field of oceanography, associate professor. She also specializes in university teaching, quality assurance, educational project management. She was Vice-Dean for Education at the Faculty of Oceanography and Geography and Director of the Centre for Development of Teaching and Tutoring. She completed numerous courses in academic didactics, tutoring, leadership in Poland and abroad. She is Vice-Rector for Education, overseeing the proper implementation of the university's education system, particularly the organization of studies, study programs, internships, and the quality assurance process for education.



Angelika Kędzierska-Szczepaniak
Co-Leader of WP4

Member of the Executive Committee. In the SEA EU team, responsible for WP4. Member of the 2.4 team dealing with Joint programmes. Dean of the Faculty of Management at the University of Gdańsk.





Maciej Siwy
Legal Counsel / Quality and Ethics Committee

Legal Counsel, University of Gdańsk Legal Office Coordinator, Member of SEA-EU Quality and Ethics Committee.

Natalia Lubińska
Head of the SEA-EU Project Office at the UG

Head of the SEA-EU Project Office at the University of Gdańsk. Involved in SEA-EU since 2021. Responsible for communication, promotion, and team management.



Other members of the delegation from Gdansk:

Paweł Antonowicz - Vice-Rector for for Cooperation and Development

Paulina Pawelska - Quality and Ethics Committee

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Marlena Rutkowska-Myzyk - Technical Working Group, Project Manager

Joanna Jakubowska - Student Representative



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Dragan Ljutić
UNIST Rector

Prof. Dr. Dragan Ljutić, MD, is in his second term as Rector of the University of Split and is a part of the Governing Board of the SEA-EU Alliance. His career includes extensive scientific contributions in nephrology and internal medicine, significantly raising Split University's international profile. His leadership emphasizes research excellence, innovation in the blue economy, and enhanced global partnerships, with Split set to host the 2028 European University Games.

Zoran Đogaš
Vice-Rector for International Relations, SEA-EU Vice-Rector for digitalisation

Prof. Zoran Đogaš, MD, PhD is Head of the Neuroscience and Sleep Research Group at the University of Split. He serves on the Executive Committee of the SEA-EU project, contributing to advancing international research collaboration. His work focuses on basic and clinical neuroscience, with expertise in neurophysiology and sleep medicine, utilizing innovative techniques like transcranial magnetic stimulation.



Igor Jerković
Vice-Rector for Science and Quality assurance

Igor Jerković, Vice-Rector for Science and Quality assurance at the University of Split, is a professor specializing in the chemistry and technology of aromatic plants. He holds a PhD in Natural Sciences. He is a member of the SEA-EU project's Executive Committee and WP4 leader. With 100+ scientific publications and over 1,000 citations, his research focuses on volatile compounds, antioxidants, and natural products.



Nikola Koceić Bilan
Vice-Rector for Students, Teaching, and Operations

Professor Nikola Koceić Bilan is the Vice-Rector for Students, Teaching, and Operations at the University of Split. With a background in Mathematics, he has authored over 40 research papers and contributed to several academic projects. He oversees academic development, student services, and university operations, promoting educational quality, student support, and research excellence.





Jelena Hrga
Head of the Department for Financial Operations and Accounting

Jelena Hrga, dipl. oec., is the Head of the Department for Financial Operations and Accounting at the University of Split. She has significant experience in financial management, overseeing the university's financial operations. Additionally, Jelena has been involved in the SEA-EU project since its first phase, contributing to its financial planning and execution within the academic and research framework.

Ivana Pletković
Head of Rector's Office

Ivana Pletković, M.Sc. (OEC), is the Head of Rector's Office at the University of Split. She has contributed significantly to the university's strategic development and international initiatives. Pletković has been actively involved in the SEA-EU project since its first phase, strengthening collaboration between European universities. Her work also focuses on administrative leadership, supporting academic and research excellence at the institution.



Mile Dželalija
Quality and Ethics Committee

Prof. Mile Dželalija, PhD is Physics professor at the University of Split, specializing in high-energy physics and computational physics. He has led over 20 international projects, including work on SEA-EU in Quality and Ethics Committee and Digitalisation. Dželalija has given 50+ invited talks worldwide and mentored numerous undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral theses.



Ana Marušić
Quality and Ethics Committee

Ana Marušić is Professor of Anatomy, Chair of the Department of Research in Biomedicine and Health, and Head of the Center for Evidence-based Medicine at the University of Split School of Medicine. She is an Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh in the UK, and holds honorary doctorate from the University of Western Brittany in France. Her research interests include evidence-based medicine and research ethics and integrity.





Gordana Dujmović
SEA-EU Technical Manager at UNIST

Hi! My name is Gordana and those who know me know I always have something to add or ask. I have been a part of the SEA-EU family for more than 3 years and have changed several positions since then. I see the current position of technical manager at UNIST as the most challenging one, however, I am excited to be a part of a versatile group that thinks outside of the box hoping to shape a better future for tomorrow.

Jelena Saraga
Technical Working Group

Jelena Saraga is an expert advisor in the SEA-EU Office in Split, focusing on WP4 within SEA-EU 2.0. With a Master's in Croatian Language and Literature and a PhD in Human Sciences underway, she excels in project coordination, event organization, and fostering international academic cooperation. Jelena is dedicated to creating productive work environments and views challenges as opportunities for growth.



Roko Glavinović
Student Council



Roko Glavinović, PhD student at the Faculty of Maritime studies at UNIST, researches the application of ferries with alternative propulsion systems in transportation networks. He is heavily involved in the SEA-EU project, in which he already participated in the first phase of the project. Currently, Roko is a member of the SEA-EU Governing Board and the Student Council. He is also a delegated expert for task within Work Package 4.

Vladimir Ercegović
Student Council

Vladimir Ercegović is the President of the Student Council at the University of Split School of Medicine, where he leads projects to enhance education, research, and health policy. As part of the SEA-EU Student Council, he collaborates on European-wide initiatives to improve student experience and advocate for equal opportunities. A final-year medical student, Vladimir is passionate about health policy, research, and global learning.



Other members of the delegation from Split:

Hrvoje Puljiz - City of Split representative



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Antonio Garofalo
UPN Rector

Rector of Parthenope University of Naples since 2022. His history with Parthenope is long and eventful. It roots back in 1994 when he obtained his bachelor's degree with honors at Parthenope University, where he became Full Professor of Economic Policy in 2006. Previous leadership positions: Vice-Rector for Teaching and Institutional Affairs, Chairman of the Teaching Coordination Council of Economics, Dir. of the Dept of Economic and Legal Studies. Currently Dir. of the peer reviewed Journal "Review of studies on sustainability" and President of The Regional University Committee of Campania.

Giorgio Budillon
Vice-Rector for Research

I am full Professor of "Oceanography and Atmospheric Physics" at the University of Naples "Parthenope" where I am Pro-Rector in charge of "Research" and "Institutional relations". I am a field-going physical oceanographer, an observationalist. My research is primarily directed at the ocean's stratification, circulation and mixing and its role in Earth's climate system.



Vito Pascazio
Vice-Rector for Internationalization

Vito Pascazio is Professor of Telecommunications at Department of Engineering of University of Napoli Parthenope. His main research interests are in the field of Radar Remote Sensing, Signal and Image Processing, and Application of AI to Remote Sensing and Imaging. He is also Vice-Rector for Internationalization.



Gabriele Sampagnaro
Member of the Governing Board / Rector's delegate for SEA-EU at UPN

Gabriele Sampagnaro is a Full Professor of Banking and Finance at the Department of Management Studies and Quantitative Methods at the University of Naples Parthenope. He is the Rector's Delegate for the SEA-EU Alliance, and his primary research areas are financial intermediation, financial markets, and sustainable finance.





Marco Ariola
Quality and Ethics Committee

Marco Ariola, born in Naples, Italy, in 1971, graduated with honors in Electronic Engineering from the University of Naples Federico II in 1995 and earned a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 2000. Since December 2012, he has been a Full Professor of Automatic Control at the University of Naples Parthenope, where he serves as Chair of the Engineering Department. His research includes over 200 publications, focusing on the stability of uncertain systems and the applications of control theory, especially in magnetic control of plasmas for nuclear fusion technology.

Marcello Risitano
Professor of Management / Co-Leader WP5

Marcello Risitano (Ph.D. in Business Science) is Associate Professor of Management at Parthenope University of Naples. His research is focused on the areas of strategic management, marketing, branding, innovation practices, port management, coastal & cruise tourism. He has written more than 110 academic works, discussed in conferences and/or published in peer re-viewed journals. He is a Member of the Board of Directors in Italian Technological Cluster of Blue Economy. In Sea-EU project, Marcello Risitano is Co-Leader of WP5 - Bridging the gap with society and Member of Executive Committee.



Giovanna Apice
SEA-EU Local Manager / Head of EU and International Research Project Office

Head of EU and International Research Project Office at Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope". Project manager of many EU funded projects; Member of the Italian Research managers network; Coordinator of the Admin Working group of the HRS4R - Human Resources Strategy for Researchers; Member of the Focal Point for the implementation of Gender Equality Plan; Admin in charge of the Fulbright Programme; SEA-EU Local Manager.



Sara Erica Rocco
SEA-EU Officer / EU and International Research Projects Office

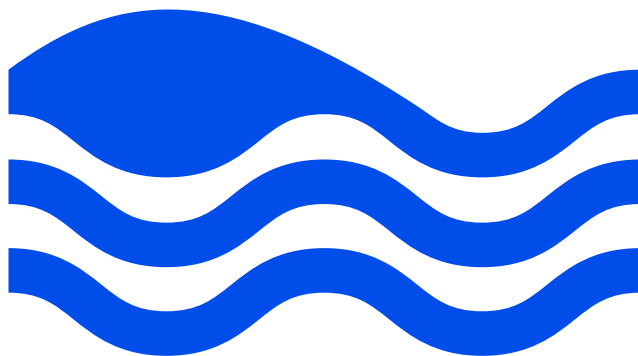
Member of EU and International Research Projects Office at Parthenope University of Naples and SEA-EU Officer. Holding a bachelor degree in Comparative Cultures and Languages (Univerasità di Napoli "L'Orientale"), she joined Parthenope University staff one year ago focusing on the international affairs branch and particularly the SEA-EU Alliance. She is mainly involved in the Technical Working Group and the Communications Office activities, as well as being in charge of monitoring and providing technical support for other SEA-EU tasks.



**Gabriele Procaccini**

Director of Research at the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn in Naples / Stakeholders Group

Gabriele Procaccini, currently Director of Research at the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn in Naples, is a Molecular Ecologist with main interests on the evolutionary history of populations and species along natural clines and on the response plasticity to climate and environmental changes in marine organisms, with particular focus on Mediterranean marine plants. In his research group, studies are performed both on the field and on mesocosms and encompass different levels of analysis (e.g. physiological, transcriptomic, (epi)genomic). He is also author of 150 ISI papers, organiser of National and International congresses and workshops and participated in many oceanographic expeditions.





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Paulo Águas
UAlg Rector

Paulo Águas has a PhD in Management, specializing in Marketing. He graduated in Economics in 1985 and obtained a master's degree in Management in 1992. He has been Coordinating Professor of Marketing since 2010, having joined the University of the Algarve in 1986. He has been rector since 2017, having previously held several academic positions such as vice-rector, pro-rector and director of the School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism.

Patrícia Pinto
Pro-Rector for the SEA-EU

Patrícia Pinto is Full Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Algarve (UAlg), Portugal and the coordinator of the Research Centre for Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being (CinTurs). She teaches mainly courses on quantitative data analysis and research methodologies. She is currently the Pro-Rector for the European Universities of the Seas (SEA-EU) at the University of Algarve.



João Vidal
Quality and Ethics Committee

Ph.D in Law; Ph.D in Tourism; Master in General Management; Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of the Algarve; Assistant Professor at ISMAT (Lusófona Group); Lawyer; Integrated Member of CinTurs (Research Centre for Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being)



Marleni Azevedo
Local Manager & Head of International Relations Office

Head of UAlg International Relations Office since 2017. Graduated in Financial Management. Since 1999 has been involved in European projects. From 2004 to 2017, managed administratively and financially numerous mobility projects, largely, Erasmus Mundus. She oversees UAlg internationalization policy and strategy with the Rector's Office. She is the SEA-EU 2.0 local manager, JPWG and MEG co-leader.





Lídia Nicolau
Stakeholder

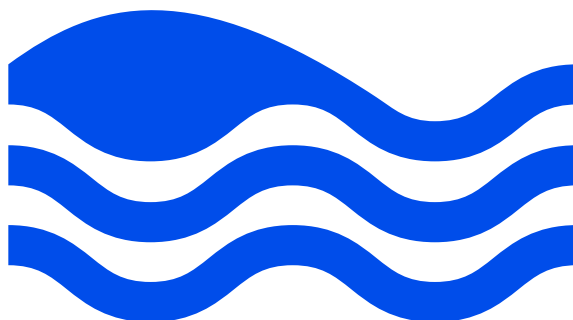
Lídia Nicolau holds a bachelor's degree in environmental biology – Marine variant, from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, and a PhD in Biology and Ecology of Global Changes – specialisation in Marine Biology and Ecology, from the University of Aveiro. Over the years, she has worked in the areas of Aquaculture, Ecology and Conservation of cetaceans and marine turtles, and small-scale fisheries. Since the beginning of 2024, she is the training coordinator at S2AQ-UAcO LAB, being responsible for preparing and managing training activities, as well as the certification process of S2AQUAcO LAB as a certified entity.

Other members of the delegation from Algarve:

Ana de Freitas - Quality and Ethics Committee

Milene Lança - Technical Working Group

Rita Tavares - Student Representative





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Hanne Solheim Hansen
NORD Rector

My scientific career is within Animal Science, Animal Production. However, the past 15 years I have been in different leadership positions, and the last 5 years as Rector at Nord University.

Toril Irene Kringen
Senior advisor

Lawyer and Data Protection Officer at Nord central administration. Member of SEA-EU Expert Group on Legal Matters Task lead at Nord for task 1.1. Member of SEA-EU Quality and Ethics Committee and Data Protection Expert Group. Task lead at Nord for task 1.2.



Cathrine Moe
Associate professor

Cathrine Moe works at Faculty of nursing and health sciences, Nord University. She specialises within ethics and research ethics, collaborative practices, and health service research.



Thorbjørn Aakre
Senior advisor

I have 20 years' experience in the education sector and senior advisor in the director of academic affairs' staff with responsibility for the study portfolio, quality assurance of the education area and accreditation of study programs. I've been a representative in SEA-EU since Nord's entry as a member of the Quality and Ethics Committee.





Tove Holm
Local manager for SEA-EU at Nord University

Tove Holm is the local manager for SEA-EU at Nord University, situated at campus Bodø. She describes herself as a transdisciplinary facilitator for sustainable development, committed to driving positive change and fostering impactful collaborations in education and research. With a PhD and over two decades of experience in higher education, she is an experienced professional in her field.

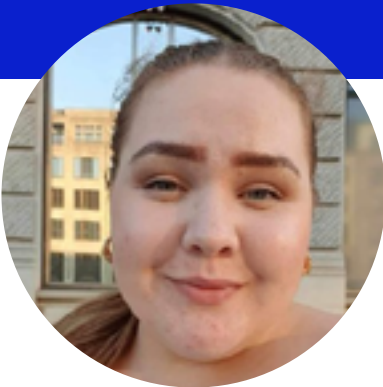
Monica Brobak
SEA-EU Project Office

Have worked with internationalisation of education since 2002. Am currently a member in Nord`s SEA-EU office facilitating the piloting Joint Programmes /European Degree. My first bachelor degree with honours is within languages, majoring in French.



Hanna Mary Pettersen
Student Representative

A bachelor in International Relations brought me up to the beautiful north and Nord University. Through my studies I have been able to represent Nord University and its students in various arenas, such as SEA-EU Student Council, where I have been a member for a year and will continue to be so for another year. I am further greatly excited to assume my position as leader of the student organization at Nord over the summer.



Hallvard Nøstdahl
Student Representative

I'm a new member of the SEA-EU family and thrilled to attend my first official Governing Week. Currently, I'm pursuing a bachelor's degree in International Relations at Nord University. I believe that the SEA-EU alliance is a powerful way to foster cross-border collaboration, providing unique opportunities for students and staff alike. I look forward to an inspiring and productive week here in sunny Malta, connecting with everyone and gaining new perspectives.



Other members of the delegation from NORD:

Ketil Eiane - Vice-Rector for Research

Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk - Vice-Rector for Education

A black and white silhouette of a person playing a harp against a sunset sky. The harpist is on the right, and the harp is on the left. The sky is a gradient of dark to light, with some clouds visible. The harpist's hands are positioned to play the strings.

Artists

artists performing at the
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Drakard

Born on the 21st of October 2003, Aidan Drakard, commonly known as Drakard is one of Malta's youngest yet foremost performers. The son of a sound engineer, Drakard has always had a penchant for music, and a solid background formation.

Drakard has been on the forefront of the industry ever since he was a child. He has taken part in events such as San Remo Junior Malta; Junior Voices; Konkors Kanzunetta Indipendenza Junior; the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest; Singer Stage; and L-Għanja tal-Poplu Żagħżagħ, the latter two seeing him finish in first place.

With the teens setting in, Drakard set two goals for himself: try new things, and perform for as many people as possible. Hitting two birds with one stone, he took part in the third season of X Factor Malta, where he was chosen to join Howard Keith's Boys in the live shows. Despite it being Drakard's first time on the X Factor, he made it to the finals and even finished amongst the top 3.

Since then, he has booked numerous gigs, both with his band and as a guest with other orchestras and bands including the MPO, Brass House Unit, PSO and Mu-sea. Moreover, Drakard has been invited to some of the country's leading events, such as The Farsons Beer Festival; Rockestra; and NYE's Valletta Celebration with a crowd of over 50,000 people. Since 2022, he has released original songs 'Over', 'Dust' and 'Alive', all of them making it to the Top 10 on Malta's airplay charts. The first two releases were followed by his debut on Mużika Mużika, where he secured 2nd place with the song 'Jekk Mhux Int'. In order to continue deepening his musical knowledge, in 2023 Drakard started reading for a Bachelor of Music at the University of Malta.

Band members

Aidan Drakard, Main Vocals

Jason Spiteri, Electric Guitar

Thomas Valletta, Drums & Sampling

Juergen Valletta, Keys

Luigi Busuttil, Bass Guitar



Clara Galea
Flute

Having recently been appointed Sub-Principal Flute doubling on Piccolo at the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, Clara enjoys a career in music performance and teaching. She is currently also in her final stages of completing the Doctor of Music in Performance programme at the University of Malta, under the supervision of Dr Max Erwin and Dr Rebecca Hall, as a recipient of the Malta Arts Scholarship. Clara has vast experience playing not only in orchestral concerts, but also in solo recitals alongside Maltese pianists, as well as in numerous masterclasses abroad.



Francis Camilleri
Piano

Francis Camilleri formally commenced his pianoforte studies with Lucia Micallef and continued his tuition with Karen Briscoe, obtaining his Licentiate from the Royal Schools of Music with distinction. He also took regular lessons with Vanessa Latarche at the Royal College of Music, London. Francis graduated from the University of Malta under the tuition of Michael Laus, and has participated in master classes led by John Lill, Mikhail Pethukov, and Young-Choon Park, amongst others. Francis was coached in harmony and counterpoint by Joseph Vella, Malta's leading composer. Upcoming concerts include a recital at the upcoming Valletta Baroque Festival in San Anton Palace and a Schubert recital in Valletta as part of the Valletta Cultural Agency programme of events.



Julia Miller
Piano

Having recently been appointed Sub-Principal Flute doubling on Piccolo at the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, Clara enjoys a career in music performance and teaching. She is currently also in her final stages of completing the Doctor of Music in Performance programme at the University of Malta, under the supervision of Dr Max Erwin and Dr Rebecca Hall, as a recipient of the Malta Arts Scholarship. Clara has vast experience playing not only in orchestral concerts, but also in solo recitals alongside Maltese pianists, as well as in numerous masterclasses abroad.



Christopher Muscat
Composer

First prize winner of national and international composition competitions, Christopher Muscat's works have been performed all over Europe and also in Africa, China and the United States in such prestigious venues as the Berliner Philharmoniker, the Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre and the Grand Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatoire in Moscow. Muscat's wide-ranging interests as a conductor vary from sacred to contemporary music and he has conducted and recorded numerous world premieres by contemporary composers. Christopher Muscat is the Music Director of the Jubilate Deo Choir, Maestro di Cappella of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Head of the Academy of Sacred Music Francesco Azopardi, and Music Director of Fondazzjoni Paulus. He is a visiting lecturer in music at the University of Malta where he is also a doctoral student in composition.

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Popeye Village - a picturesque film set that now serves as a tourist attraction

On the occasion of the SEA-EU Governing Week in Malta, on behalf of the University of Malta, we would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the following collaborators. Their invaluable support and contributions have been instrumental in ensuring the realisation of this significant event.

We sincerely thank each individual and organisation involved for their dedication and commitment to the vision of SEA-EU.

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Professor Alfred J. Vella**

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Professor Alan Deidun**

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A photograph of the Ta' Pinu Church on Gozo, Malta, featuring a tall bell tower and a large dome, set against a clear blue sky. The church is built on a hillside with some greenery in the foreground.

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Ta' Pinu Church on Gozo, Malta's sister island, built on the site of Virgin Mary's apparitions

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