



TITLE

Blue Growth, structural change and resilience of coastal regions during the pandemic crisis

RESEARCH UNIT & PEOPLE

- **Name of the hosting lab:** CinTurs
- **General activities of the lab:** development and transfer of knowledge towards the sustainable development of tourism destinations and the well-being of tourists, visited communities and employees in the tourism industry.
- **Website:** <https://www.cinturs.pt/site/index.php>
- **Number of staff / PhD:** Currently ~40 PhD integrated researchers.
- **Supervisor name and contact:** Hugo Pinto hpinto@ualg.pt

TOPIC OF THE INTERSHIP

- **Scientific context of the internship (max 20 lines)**

This internship project is linked to a line of research on the political economy of structural change. It focuses on how coastal areas have adapted to the economic shocks resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, resisting, recovering and transforming for coping with this disruptive event. The theoretical-methodological approach is pluralistic, mixing a variety of frameworks and tools to produce relevant knowledge for understanding the regions' structural change and resilience. Particular attention will be paid to coastal territories, especially those highly representative of key maritime cluster activities, such as port industry, coastal tourism, or fisheries and aquaculture.

Keywords: Resilience; Maritime cluster; Blue Growth; Post-pandemic Transformation; Tourism; Political Economy.

References:

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- **Tasks and duties entrusted to the student:**
 - Literature review
 - Quantitative data collection
 - Data analysis
 - Clipping of relevant news
- **Skills to be acquired or developed:**
 - Capacity to revise and select key literature, data treatment capacities, capacity to screen and evaluate relevant news and revise critically, capacity to report research findings orally and in written format.

PROFILE OF THE DESIRED STUDENT

- **Minimum level of study required:** Master or PhD student
- **Field(s) of study:** Economics, Sociology or other relevant disciplines
- **Scientific skills:** capacity to understand scientific literature, knowledge of Excel and SPSS.
- **Language skills required:** English

THE INTERNSHIP ASSIGNMENT:

Desired duration of the internship (in months): 3 to 6 months

Desired Starting date of the mission: February 2024 or 2025

Indicative weekly schedule: 35h / week

Remuneration: NA

Erasmus grant: NA

Vacancies: 2 positions

Internship agreement: *an internship agreement will be signed.*

To SEA-EU students:

If you're interested please send your CV and letter of motivation to the scientist in charge, hpinto@ualg.pt