

WP5: Bridging the gap with society



## **Global Gateway Declaration**

The European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) is an alliance of nine coastal European universities navigating towards regenerative and co-transformative inter-campus life, people-driven, planet-friendly, and knowledge-based on both local and global levels.

SEA-EU aims to become more outward-looking and competitive on the global scene, contributing to strengthening higher education systems in partner countries, in line with European values. SEA-EU, as a supportive and inclusive environment, fosters a global commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of different HEIs and non-academic institutions across seas and continents to strengthen the global position and visibility of the SEA-EU Alliance.

The European University of the Seas is paving the way to become a truly co-transforming actor in the European Higher Education and Research Area, with the potential to increase and intensify the effect of high-quality Higher Education missions within Europe and the world. Therefore, the signatories of this declaration, as partners, collaborators, and institutions understanding and supporting the values and objectives of the European University of the Seas Alliance jointly, declare to commit:

- to support the United Nations 2030 Agenda, including the goals of sustainable development, quality education, social justice, the protection of human rights and addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequalities.
- to develop research and educate future generations of society to raise awareness of global risks threatening Ocean health whe promoting initiatives in favor of native biodiversity, the well-being of coastal populations and a sustainable blue economy and food production.
- to promote a culture of international collaboration in the preservation of peace, respect for human life, protection of the oceans and promoting scientific and educational mobility of the members of our societies, open science and free exchange of ideas, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and science diplomacy.
- to develop the traditional and sustainable activities of a coastal region by collaborative and supportive forms of leadership through collective solidarity with key actors.