

Blended Intensive Program – Sustainability and Social Innovation on the Move

Important note:

Students interested in this program have to apply to their home university according to the internal procedure.

Student applications made directly to the hosting institution will not be considered.

General information

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| Course Title | Sustainability and Social Innovation on the Move |
| Coordinating institution | University of Algarve (UALg) Erasmus code: PT FARO 02 |
| ISCED code: | 0521 Environmental Sciences 031 Social and Behavioral Sciences |
| Partner institutions | University of Gdańsk (UG) University of Naples Parthenope (UPN) |
| BIP Code | 2025-1-PT01-KA131-HED-000343679-2 |
| Abstract: (a few lines describing the course) | This course is intended to explore the concept of sustainability and its significance in addressing global challenges such as climate change, resource decrease, and biodiversity loss. We examine the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic systems and how they impact on sustainability efforts. Through case studies and discussions, participants learn about sustainable practices in various sectors, including energy, water cycle, seafood production and tourism. Additionally, we explore strategies to promote sustainability at individual, organizational, and community levels. It addresses environmental, sustainable, and social/community strategies, synchronized with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, it is an opportunity for the participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of sustainability principles and to have insight of practical cases to contribute to a more sustainable future. |
| Number of ECTS | 4 ECTS (40 hours) |
| Calendar | *Nominations by home university until: 21/04/2026 |

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| | <p>*Students' confirmation of acceptance until: 28/04/2026</p> <p>*Virtual component (before physical): 09 and 11 of June, 2026</p> <p>Online: 5 hours</p> <p>*Physical component: 13th - 17st of July, 2026 (Physical: 35 hours)</p> <p>*Total hours: 40h</p> |
| Number of participants | <p>The minimum number of participants is 15, maximum is 20. Each SEA-EU University can propose up to 4 students: 2 on the main list, 2 on the waiting/reserve list (according to your registration dates).</p> <p>Equal distribution of available places among SEA-EU partners shall be applied, if applicable (possible to add the number of students from each partner university).</p> |
| Mobility costs | <p>Participants interested in this program apply for Erasmus+ financing to their home universities in accordance with their internal procedures.</p> <p>Please contact your university for more information.</p> |
| Contact | <p>Prof. Conceição Ribeiro (cribeiro@ualg.pt) - Academic Coordinator</p> <p>Mrs. Marleni Azevedo (international@ualg.pt) – Head of International Relations and Mobility Office & SEA-EU 2.0 Local Manager Office</p> <p>Mr. Filipe Lage – Logistical Support (international@ualg.pt)</p> |
| City & country of the physical mobility | Faro, Algarve, Portugal |
| Apply to | Each university from the SEA-EU will nominate their own students. |

Pedagogical information

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| Target group / Expected student profile | <p>Each university from the SEA-EU will nominate their own students.</p> <p>Student applications made directly to the hosting institution will not be considered.</p> |
| Requirements/ Academic background/ Level of studies | English B1 (test can be taken on EU academy) |
| Selection of participants | Done by each university from the SEA-EU 2.0. |

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| Selection criteria | Defined by each university from the SEA-EU 2.0 |
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| Description of the virtual component | <p>Day 1 (09 of June): 1h 11:00-12:00 - Workshop 1 - The starting point of the innovation and future (UALg, UG and UPN), Welcome session (synchronous) Workshop 2 (2h) - Diving into Portuguese language (6 asynchronous sessions)</p> <p>Day 2 (11 of June): 2h 11:00-13:00 - Workshop 3 - Research exchange (UALg, UG and UPN)</p> |
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| Description of the physical component (please include any relevant information for the applicants): | <p>Day 1 (13th of July): 7h 09:00-09:10 - Welcome session 09:10-09:30 - Presentation of AMIC (resident association of the Culatra Island) “Challenges to the Future of Culatra” 09:30-10:00 - Culatra 2030 Initiative – Sustainable Energy Community 10:00-10:10 – Coffee break 10:00-11:10 - Sustainable Futures for Coastal Communities: The example of Culatra 2030 11:10-12:30 - Water Circularity - Exploring Solar Desalination – Part I 12:30-13:30 - Lunch Break 13:30-14:45 - Water Circularity - Exploring Solar Desalination – Part II 14:45-16:00 - Energy Sustainability in the Tourism Sector - The case of cold-ironing for cruise ships – Part I 16:00-16:15 - Coffee break 17:30 – Campus de Gambelas visit/tour</p> <p>Day 2 (14th of July): 7h 09:00-10:30 - Energy Sustainability in the Tourism Sector - The case of cold-ironing for cruise ships – Part II 10:30-10:45 – Coffee break 10:45-12:30 - Monitoring and Control of Consumptions in a Smart Grids context – Part I 12:30-13:30 – Lunch Break 13:30-14:45 - Monitoring and Control of Consumptions in a Smart Grids context – Part II 14:55-16:10 - Urban green transition in the European Union: mobility, pollution and the fourth nature – Part I 16:10 – 16:30 – Coffee break</p> <p>Day 3 (15th of July): 7h 09:00-10:45 - Marine Protect Areas</p> |
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| | <p>10:45-11:00 – Coffee break 11:00-12:30 - Underwater acoustic propagation from music to noise – Part I 12:30-13:30 - Lunch Break 13:30-15:00 - Underwater acoustic propagation from music to noise – Part II 15:00-16:00 – Urban green transition in the European Union: mobility, pollution and the fourth nature – Part II 16:00-16:15 - Coffee break</p> <p>Day 4 (16th of July): 7h 09:00-10:15 - Sustainable Tourism – Part I 10:15-10:30 – Coffee break 10:30-12:30 - Sustainable Tourism – Part II 12:30-13:30 – Lunch 13:30-14:30 - Community development and empowerment: learning for the future/learning to endure – Part I 14:30-16:00 – Community development and empowerment: learning for the future/learning to endure – Part II 16:00-16:15 - Coffee break</p> <p>Day 5 (17st of July): 7h 09:00-10:45 - Sustainable Food Production: Oysters 10:45-11:00 – Coffee break 11:00-12:30 - Solar Cooking 12:30-13:30 – Lunch 13:30-16:00 - Sea Sustainable Design 16:00-16:15 – Coffee break</p> <p>Goodbye Sunset</p> |
| Learning objectives/outcomes: | Understand the fundamental concepts of sustainability within coastal communities and the potential of the blue economy on a local scale. Acquire knowledge about community development and empowerment for fostering sustainable growth and resilience. Learn about strategies to endure communities with the knowledge, skills, and resources to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world focus on building social capital, community cohesion and enhancing environmental sustainability. |
| Evaluation: | <p>This course will be assessed in three components: Component 1: Quizzes before the presential mobility Component 2: Collaborative dynamics during the mobility Component 3: Tasks during or after the mobility</p> |
| Certificates | Upon successful completion (evaluation and attendance), Certificate of attendance and Transcript of records will be issued. |

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| Language of the course | English |
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Practical information

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| Accommodation recommendations | The participants will have accommodation in a joint dormitory and food provided by the host organization. |
| Venue/Course location | Culatra Island |
| Any required materials/tips to take part of the course | Laptop for the virtual component. Each participant must bring their personal hygiene products, comfortable and fresh clothes, towels, cap, sunglasses, solar protector (recommended factor 50), moisturizing cream and lipstick, bathing suit, mosquito repellent, etc. Sleeping bag. Swimming skills are mandatory. Adventure spirit. |