



Call for Participants

Advanced Training on “Sea governance and blue growth: balancing sustainable use and conservation through Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in the field of fisheries and aquaculture”

Trieste (Italy) 23rd – 27th September 2019

Project

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

Background

The DEEP BLUE project aims at developing skills and building capacities throughout enhancing geopolitical dialogue and international scientific cooperation (Science Diplomacy) in the Western Mediterranean Region. Partners from Italy, Spain and Tunisia with the support of private and public local stakeholders, will strive to develop education and training paths aiming at creating an advanced shared knowledge and common methodological ground on the key sectors of Blue Economy in the Mediterranean basin while fostering North-South and South-South cooperation among public and private sectors.

Purpose

The advanced training on “Sea governance and blue growth: balancing sustainable use and conservation through Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in the field of fisheries and aquaculture” contributes to the achievement of the project goal aiming to empower local governance and boost innovation and entrepreneurship in the field of fisheries and aquaculture. The main objective of this advanced training is to foster knowledge dissemination and share good practices amongst local administrators, municipalities’ officers and private sector representatives on marine spatial planning and its application for fisheries and aquaculture. Thus balancing sustainable use and conservation through MSP.

Training offer

By exploring existing tools and initiatives, the aim is to equip local authorities from the Dialogue 5+5 with up-to date knowledge and skills required to face arising challenges from recent development of MSP. This includes aligning knowledge on the different legal frameworks (e.g. the Maritime Spatial Planning, the Biodiversity Strategy 2020, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Barcelona Convention, etc.).

Specific objectives

- To deepen the use and application of MSP to better address the multiple, cumulative and potentially conflicting uses of the sea and stimulate sustainable Blue Growth in the Mediterranean
- To develop a peer-to-peer network of local authorities and private sector professionals within the Dialogue 5+5 in the field fisheries and aquaculture
- To foster innovation and entrepreneurship at local level
- To contribute to the improvement of good governance and decision-making for the marine resources, users, and uses within their local jurisdiction



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- To contribute to the establishment of common standards among the partner countries in a long term and sustainable perspective
- To strengthen practical management planning and to increase the implementation of MSP in the key sector fisheries and aquaculture
- To share information for better divulgation and communication on funding opportunities and instruments

Who

This training course is designed for mediterranean local authorities, municipality officers and representatives of the private blue sectors. The selection criteria will be mainly based on the relevant expertise of the applicant. The geographical scope will focus on the 5+5 Dialogue member countries. A maximum of 20 participants will be selected, 10 will be considered from the public sector and 10 from the private one.

A selection committee composed by members of the Scientific Committee of the project and coordinated by the Board will go through the selection process and the coordinator of the action will notify the selected candidates according to the timeline indicated.

When and where

The advanced training will take place from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September 2019 in Trieste (Italy).

How to apply

Please fill in the on-line form at the following [link](#).

Following the online template, applicants must supply full address/contact information and motivation notes.

Publication of the Call: 20th June 2019

Deadline for applications: 12th July 2019

Decision and notification: 16th July 2019

Funding

The training is co-financed by the European Union's European Maritime and Fishery Fund (EMFF).

Travel, accommodation, meals and local transportation are fully covered by the organizers.

Any other service, extra night stay and/or an upgrade are at individual participant's own expenses.

Coordination and contact

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