



EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School

Professional and Scientific Communication and
Networking in Multidisciplinary Environment

26-30 July 2021

Zadar, Croatia /Blended/Virtual*

* to be confirmed on 21/06/2021



EU CONEXUS
European University for Smart
Urban Coastal Sustainability



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Dear PhD students,

We are happy to invite you to the 1st EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School 'Professional and Scientific Communication and Networking in Multidisciplinary Environment' which is planned to be organised at University of Zadar on the beautiful coast of [Croatia on 26 – 30 July 2021](#).

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS) focuses on interdisciplinary studies and research in urban and semi-urban coastlines because they are increasingly densely populated areas and very important for trade, aquaculture and fisheries, energy, tourism. These challenges cannot be overcome without inter-, multidisciplinary attitude therefore the 1st EU-CONEXUS PhD summer school will emphasise the importance of collaboration and networking between researchers from various research areas and will provide the students with practical experience on designing of interdisciplinary research projects of their own and presenting them to a wider scientific and public audience.

[We can't wait to see you on the 1st EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School!](#)

Cordially,
EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School Organising Committee



DURING 1-WEEK SUMMER SCHOOL PHD STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN:

- [Seminars](#), given by the experts in interdisciplinary research, project development and communication,
- [Workshops](#) to apply the theory and expertise in practice: all participants will be assigned to interdisciplinary research projects (5-6 students per project) and will work on them, guided by the experts of the summer school,
- [Networking](#), field visits, cultural events.

KEY DATES

- ✓ 14/06/2021 - Submitting applications
- ✓ 21/06/2021 - Selection of participants
- ✓ 21/06/2021 - Decision on the mode of the Summer School (we will confirm if the event will be physical or virtual, or blended depending on the pandemic situation, safety and travelling restrictions)
- ✓ 28/06/2021 - Acceptance (by selected participants) to participate in the Summer School
- ✓ 30/06/2021 - Providing practical information to the participants on the travelling, accommodation, venue, etc.
- ✓ 26 – 30/07/2021 - EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School

IMPORTANT NOTES

- [35 students](#) from [various research areas](#) from [9 EU-CONEXUS universities](#) will be invited to participate in the summer school.
- There is [NO](#) application nor participation [fees](#). All training, travelling and accommodation costs will be covered by EU-CONEXUS.
- The Summer School activities include 50 hours of studying at class and independently ([2 ECTS](#)). All participants will receive [certificate](#) and [transcript of records \(ToR\)](#) which will be valid for the credits transfer or recognition at their home universities.
- We understand the seriousness of the situation resulted by COVID 19, and we will take all measures to provide [safe environment](#) if the summer school will be on-site, otherwise we will organise the same high quality event online or offering both options for those who cannot travel.

Why to participate in the EU-CONEXUS Summer School?



OVERARCHING GOALS

- Invest in the future
- Bring together the best and brightest students interested in SUCS topics
- Build strong international ties between students
- Stimulate new research



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- Rich, diverse, and stimulating mini-curriculum
- Hands-on teaching of current practices and trends in interdisciplinary research
- Network with each other, but also with internationally recognised experts
- Obtain insights and feedback from renowned experts in the field
- Access to focused "meta-knowledge" of experts (e.g., about projects, EU research projects, jobs, publishing, etc.)
- Develop a research programme and profile
- Collaborate and continue working with experts



LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Experience working in interdisciplinary research teams
- Application of integrated concepts, data, techniques, tools, perspectives etc. from various research fields
- Knowledge and practise of efficient scientific networking
- Design and development of inter-, -multidisciplinary research projects
- Practised and improved scientific and professional communication
- Abilities to communicate effectively with various stakeholders and to present research project and results
- Scrutinised current/planned PhD research and reflection on potential research integrity issues and strategies to mitigate these



CERTIFICATE

- EU-CONEXUS Summer School certificate and transcript of records (ToR) which will be valid for the credits transfer or recognition at their home universities. 2 ECTS (50 hours).
- The participants will be invited to join EU-CONEXUS Alumni Club.



NO COSTS

- The Summer School is free of charge to all selected participants
- EU-CONEXUS will cover travelling, accommodation and daily allowance costs

Programme

Monday

Interdisciplinary approach in research

26/07

09:00 - 10:30	-Welcome, ice-breaking Interdisciplinarity in research: more than a trend
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	Interdisciplinarity in research: practical examples - The Mind Mapping as a process to start a research
13:00 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 - 15:00	Workshop: preparing our proposals (each group). Mind mapping

Tuesday

From idea to project: design and development of an inter-, multidisciplinary research projects

27/07

09:00 - 10:30	Presentation of proposals by the multidisciplinary project groups by participants
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	Development of the project: go deeper
13:00 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 - 15:00	Workshop: defining multidisciplinary project proposal

Wednesday

From idea to project: design and development of an inter-, multidisciplinary research projects

28/07

09:00 - 10:30	Architecture of European funding. Choosing the call and tailoring your idea according to call rules
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	Research integrity and ethics
13:00 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 - 15:00	Workshop: aligning the project with the EU policies

Thursday

Scientific communication

29/07

09:00 - 10:30	Scientific communication and its importance - Proofreading and citing: tools and musts
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	It is all about style: presentation toolkits, poster designs, fonts, photos/graphs editing - Get published: tips and tricks
13:00 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 - 15:00	Workshop: preparing project presentation

Friday

Communication/ Project pitching

30/07

09:00 - 10:30	How to get a patent: everything you need to know
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	Project pitches
13:00 - 13:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45 - 15:00	Project pitches

Field trips, cultural activities, networking & free time

The final programme, speakers, coaches, timing will be confirmed by 30 June.

How to apply




WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- PhD students from all EU-CONEXUS (member and associated member) universities,
- from all research areas and of any PhD studies year,
- having C1 English.



APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- Applications shall be submitted in [this link](#), or by reading this QR code 
- Application deadline: 14 June 2021
- The applicants will be selected based on the motivation, assuring the equal distribution by the participants from different universities and research areas.
- About 35 students will be invited to participate (the decision will be taken by Summer School Organising Committee).
- The selected applicants will be notified on 21 June.



ORGANISATION AND PARTICIPATION

- The Summer School Organising Committee will confirm the mode of the Summer School: on-site (Zadar), blended (those who cannot come, would have the possibility to join virtually) or 100 % online. The decision will be taken on 21 June.
- Invited participants shall confirm their participation until 28 June.
- Final list of participants will be confirmed on 30 June.
- Practical information on organisation of travel, accommodation, final programme, venue will be sent on 30 June.
- EU-CONEXUS organises and covers all costs related with the Summer School organisation and participation. Participant's university will coordinate the financial support (scholarship) to each participant*. Please do not purchase any tickets until 30 June and without the confirmation of home university.
- The selected participants will be assigned to interdisciplinary research projects based on the research area and PhD topic to work further during the workshops.

* to be updated for WIT, Uni Rostock and Frederick University students.



QUESTIONS? INFO@EU-CONEXUS.EU

Zadar, the city of the 1st EU-CONEXUS Summer School

Zadar is the capital of the Zadar County and strong maritime, tourist, harbour and industrial city in the centre of the Croatian Adriatic. The old part of the City, located on a small peninsula, is an important historical town, rich with world renowned heritage visible at every step. Founded on a 3,000 years old tradition, the Zadar region is also famous for more than 300 islands, better known under the name of Zadar Archipelago. The region offers beaches with crystal clear water and other natural beauties such as nature parks Telašćica at the island of Dugi Otok, Lake Vrana and Mount Velebit, as well as national parks Kornati Islands, Paklenica and Krka.



University of Zadar



Zadar is a traditional European university city. As early as on 14 June 1396 in Dominican monastery in Zadar the university Studium generale, later called Universitas Jadertina was founded. The University of Zadar is the largest fully integrated university in Croatia. Up to 6,000 students are enrolled in the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral study programmes.

As one of the youngest universities in Croatia (though historically the oldest), the University of Zadar points out as one of its priorities not only the international but also the inter-university cooperation with all the relevant universities and institutes in Croatia and abroad.

EU-CONEXUS

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS) is a transnational European higher education and research institution that covers the smart urban sustainable coastal development from a global point of view, relying on an interdisciplinary, trans-sectoral and trans-national approach.

The competitive advantage of EU-CONEXUS is based on the identified thematic orientation of its educational programmes, research areas and its comprehensiveness that is achieved by joining forces and assembling the complementary expertise of the partner universities and associated partners.

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- La Rochelle Université, France
 - Agricultural University of Athens, Greece
 - Klaipeda University, Lithuania
 - Universidad Católica de Valencia, Spain
 - University of Zadar, Croatia
 - Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest, Romania
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- Partners
- Associated Partners
- Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland
 - The university of Rostock, Germany
 - Frederick University, Cyprus

EU-CONEXUS opens up opportunities to foster curriculum and research to confront global challenges

EU-CONEXUS PhD students can participate in short research visits, conferences, workshops and training across the consortium with EU-CONEXUS grants.

In 2021 EU-CONEXUS will launch international **joint PhD programme** in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability.

In 2022-2024 we plan to launch a programme for young researchers on **transversal skills**.

Find more on www.eu-conexus.eu