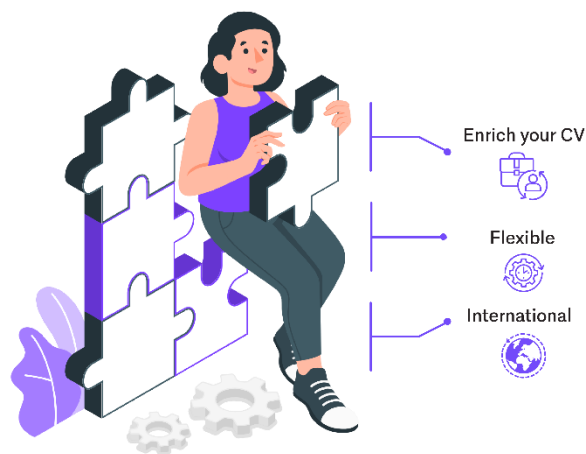


# Micro-credentials in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

## GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

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## SHAPE YOUR CV BY ENRICHING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND PROFICIENCY IN SmUCS!

We invite you to join new EU-CONEXUS short-duration labour market-oriented extracurricular courses called micro-credentials, available to all Bachelor students of EU-CONEXUS universities.

“ *A micro-credential is a proof of the learning outcomes that a learner has acquired following a short learning experience. These learning outcomes will have been assessed against transparent and clearly defined criteria.*  
(European Commission, 2020)

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### Overview

The EU-CONEXUS programme of Micro-credentials in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (SmUCS) is organised in **6 sectors** and **in 48 thematic areas** (see figure 1), each of which offers several short learning units from which you can choose. **1 ECTS micro-credentials** (25-30 hours workload) will provide you with a new skill or competence and present you entrepreneurial, green and digital competences to enhance your future insertion in the labour market. All these skills can be associated with an interdisciplinary **Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability** area.

The classes are online therefore they are 100% compatible with your studies at your university. And it is free of charge! You can choose 1 micro-credential to get “the taste” and if you like you can apply for another one and complete the whole programme!

The offer of micro-credentials repeats every year, so if you don’t manage to apply on time, you can always try the next year.

“ *The functioning and evolution of urban coastal societies and environments in the context of climate change and increasing anthropogenic pressure are major challenges that are addressed in the framework of Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability.*

(EU-CONEXUS Governing Board, 2023)

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All topics have been chosen based on an analysis of the most relevant reports on future trends and needs in the labour market in our coastal cities. You will **enrich your CV** with state-of-the-art skills, certified by a certificate (micro-credential) and it will allow you to **stand out among other candidates for the same job**.

For more information on EU-CONEXUS micro-credential offer, please visit our website: [Micro-credentials - EU-CONEXUS](#).

## SECTORS



Figure 1. Sector and thematic areas division within Micro-credentials in SmUCS programme.

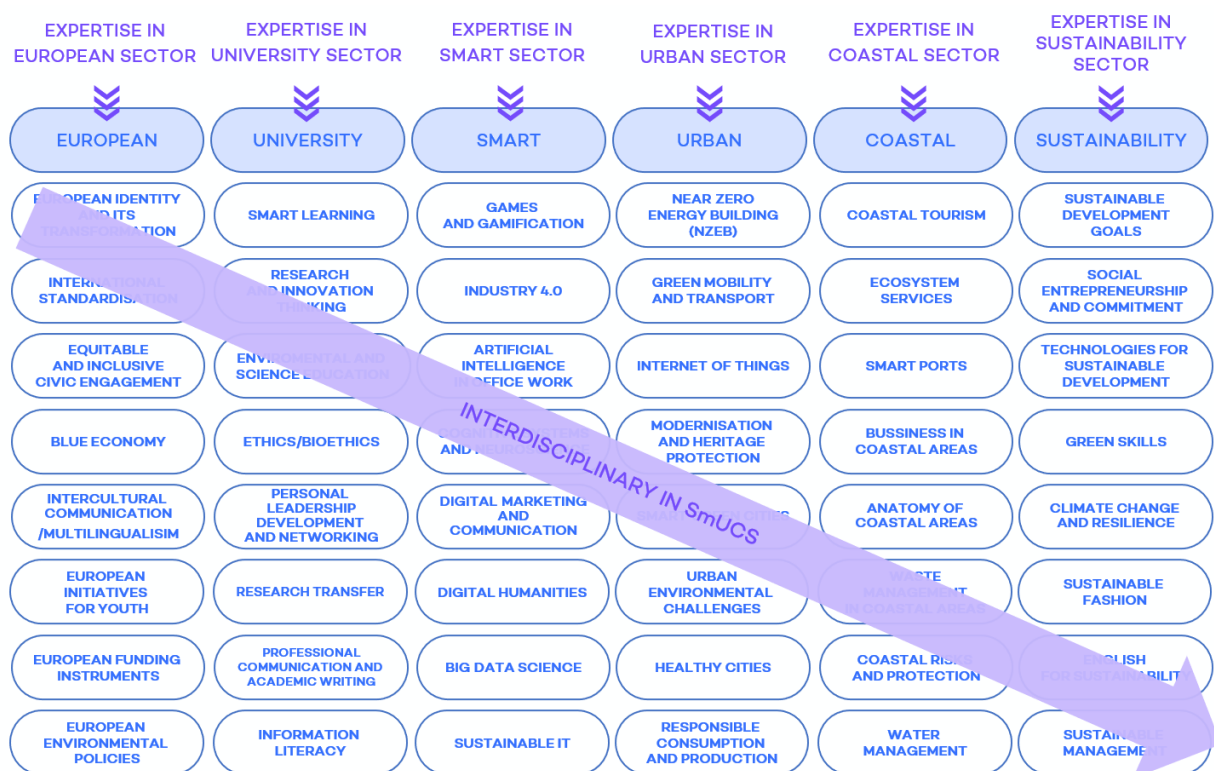
## Itinerary options and certification

Overall EU-CONEXUS Micro-credentials in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (SmUCS) offer is organised in **6 sectors** and in **48 thematic areas** related short learning units (**micro-credentials**). The micro-credentials were specifically designed by the professors of EU-CONEXUS universities and now you can acquire labour market required skills via one, two or more learning units during your Bachelor studies.

### Itinerary:

- **Individual.** Take 1 micro-credential and you will get a **certificate of that specific micro-credential** delivered by the host university.
- **Interdisciplinary.** Take 6 micro-credentials – one from each of the sectors - and you will receive a **certificate of Micro-credentials in SmUCS**.
- **Expertise.** Take 6 micro-credentials – all from one same sector, and you will receive a **certificate of Micro-credentials in that specific sector**.

Figure 2. Interface of online application for expertise and interdisciplinary itineraries of the Micro-credentials in SmUCS.



## Certificates:

The university which offers the micro-credential, issues the individual certificates after the successful completion of the course.

Interdisciplinary and expertise certificates will be issued by EU-CONEXUS AISBL at the end of each semester, every time you meet the requirements of Micro-credentials programme, through the European Digital Credentials for learning platform.

The certificates are issued for you to be able to demonstrate the competencies and skills acquired to your future employer, include them in the CV and LinkedIn profile. What is more, the certificate will identify information which may serve for credit transfer at your home university.

## How do the classes work?

Micro-credentials are offered online so you do not have to leave your university and pause studies.

Each micro-credential is worth 1 ECTS. This means 25-30 hours of total workload, including online classes plus individual studying, for 4-6 weeks (dedicating some 5 hours a week), offering maximum flexibility for you to combine it with your study programme or work. Each class lasts 2 hours.

You can select micro-credentials flexibly according to the skills you want to acquire and apply.

Most of the micro-credentials will have<sup>1</sup>:

- **live (synchronous) online classes** each week. It is obligatory to attend at least 60% of classes, but the specific rules will be established by the professor and communicated to you at the beginning of the course,
- **individual studying or group assignments** after each theory class to master one or another skill,
- an optional **hour of consultations** with the professor each week.

The start of the micro-credentials varies (in March, April and May for Spring semester and in October, November, December in Autumn semester).


We strongly recommend having the cameras switched on during the classes.

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<sup>1</sup> Some micro-credentials will be offered in the asynchronous way.

The timetable of each micro-credential is announced in advance, so we recommend choosing the ones that do not overlap with the classes at your university. To check the timetable, go to Micro-credentials website, scroll down to the search box and miniatures and click on the miniature of the Micro-credentials that caught your attention. Then look for “Dates & timetable” heading (figure 3).

## Animal welfare in research labs



**SECTOR:**  
University

**THEMATIC AREA:**  
Ethics/Bioethics

**HASHTAGS/KEY WORDS:**  
#biology #animals #research #aquaculture

**VOLUME (ECTS):**  
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**LANGUAGE:**  
English

**HARD SKILLS:**  
 Fish care in laboratory conditions    Legislation about animal experimentation  
 Statistical analysis for fish experimentation

**SOFT SKILLS:**  
 Oral and written communication skills    Critical thinking skills  
 Problem-solving skills

**STUDY FORMAT:**  
Online

**STUDY METHODS:**  
 Lecture    Presentations    Discussions

### Dates & Timetable:

Application for this micro-credential is open until Thursday, 2nd of October 2025

Date	Time
Wednesday, 22/10/2025	<b>09:00-11:00</b> Central European Time – Croatia, France, Germany, Spain, or <b>10:00-12:00</b> Eastern European Time – Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania, Romania, or <b>08:00-10:00</b> Western European Time – Ireland
Wednesday, 29/10/2025	
Wednesday, 05/11/2025	
Wednesday, 12/11/2025	
Wednesday, 19/11/2025	

Figure 3. Example of where to find dates and timetable of the classes on the EU-CONEXUS website.

## Who can enrol?

To be eligible for this programme, you need to be a **Bachelor student (first cycle student)** at one of EU- CONEXUS universities and to have **at least B2 level of English**. You can certify your level of English by submitting an English certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, CEFR or equivalent) or any document that will be a proof of your level. If you do not have any official certificate, you will be asked to fill in an online English Placement Test and upload the certificate.

The enrolment will be made on **first-come-first-served basis per Home university**, which means that if you apply at the beginning of the application process, you have higher chances to be accepted. Each Home university chooses first students applying for each micro-credential. The students are accepted, making sure there are students from different EU-CONEXUS universities taking part in the micro-credentials.

The micro-credentials are **free of charge** for students of EU-CONEXUS universities.

## How to apply?

1. Check the courses we offer and their starting date on the website: [List of micro-credentials](#).
2. Apply through this link: <https://apply.eu-conexus.eu/courses/course/28>.
3. In your application, select the micro-credential(s) you want to take in the given semester (you can do it by filling in the Study Plan part in the application).
4. Sign the compliance and attendance compromise, together with the acceptance of the rules of the programme, to agree to participate in at least 60% of the classes to be able to take part in exam/assessment and receive the certificate.

Remember that you can apply to and enrol in **up to 3 micro-credentials per semester**.

The deadlines for applying varies among the semesters. Each semester, you can check the deadlines and the micro-credentials available on EU-CONEXUS website.

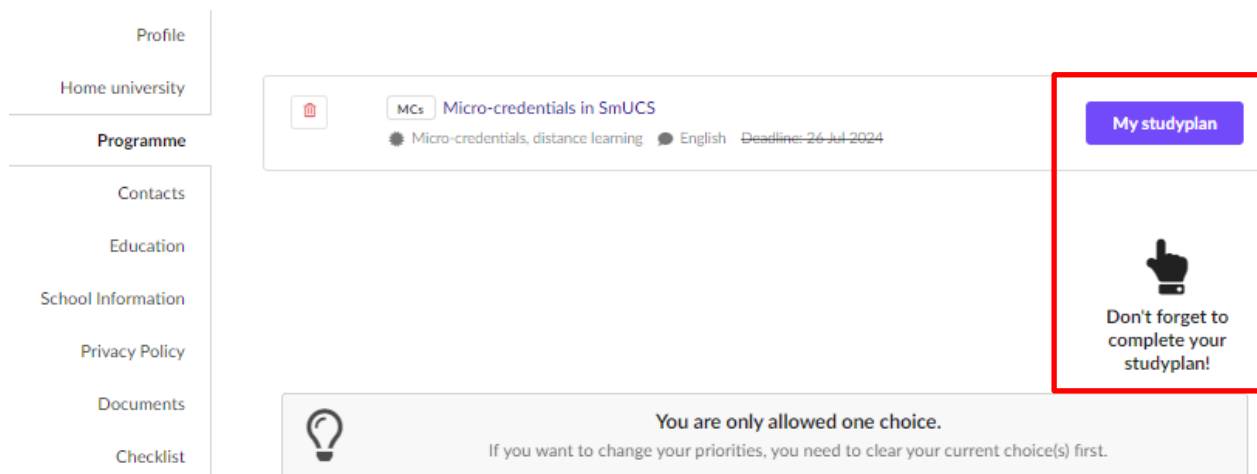


Figure 4. Visualisation of the application in “Programme” tab.

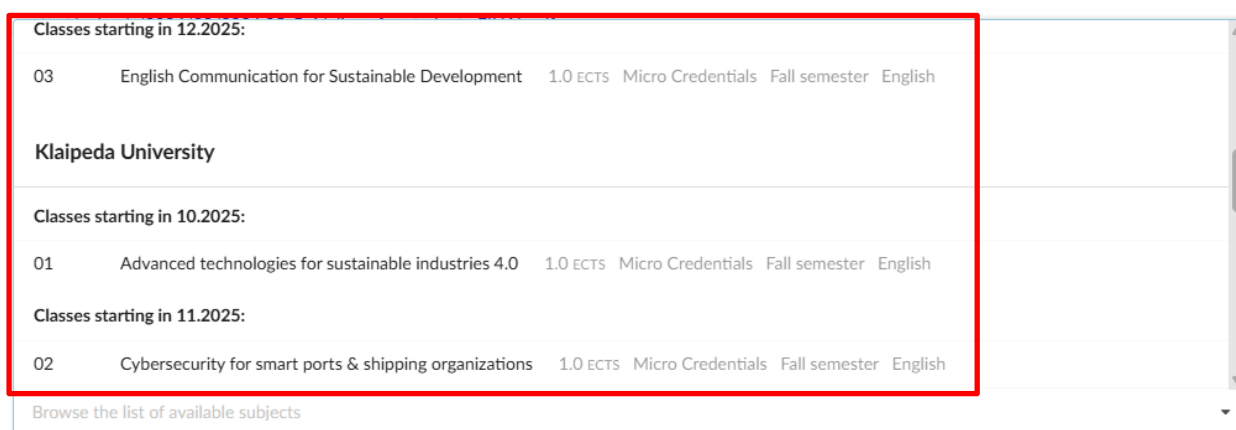


Figure 5. Visualisation of the application while completing “Study plan” and choosing the micro-credentials from the list.

In case you haven’t filled in all 3 spots of micro-credentials in the application platform during the first intake (first time the application platform was opened during the semester) and you want to add more micro-credentials to your application, you can edit it during the second or third intake. It is not possible to delete the micro-credentials that were chosen before, but it is possible to add more of them.

## How does the selection process work?

Once selected, you will receive a confirmation e-mail at least a week before the start of the classes.

The micro-credential will be opened if there’s a minimum of 10 students registered. If less students apply, you will be notified before the expected start of the classes.



If you must resign from the programme (the classes finally overlap with your main studies, you got a job offer, leave for an exchange semester, etc.), it can be done only until 1 week after the acceptance e-mails are sent. After that period, it is not possible to resign. Resignations are accepted only by e-mail to Home university Micro-credentials Officer from students' university e-mail addresses (see "Questions?" below).

In case you meet the requirements of the programme but are not selected because of the limitation of spots for some micro-credentials, you will be placed on a waiting list. If a free spot on a list of students accepted appears due to the resignation, it will be given to a student from the same university. If there is no student from the same university on the waiting list or if these students don't answer or don't want to join the course, another university will be given that free spot.

If you happen to be on a waiting list, keep an eye on your university e-mail, because you may be asked if you would like to join!

## How will you be assessed?

During the first class, you will get to know the units/topics that will be covered during each class, the dates and types of the assessments, or when to submit a final deliverable (e.g. project, groupwork).

Once all the classes and assessments are finished, the professor has seven working days to announce the grades (via Smart campus or personally). In case you don't agree with the grade, you should inform the professor within two working days after the grade was announced. If this happens, the Host university rules will apply to the process.

After you accept the grade (no objection from the student means acceptance), the professor informs the Host University Micro-credentials Officer about the marks.

If you don't participate in classes, even though you were accepted to the programme, but you have not resigned from the programme, you will receive a mark 0 – not passed.

By choosing the micro-credential and agreeing to participate in it, you get a unique opportunity to get specific knowledge. If you do not participate in the classes (and do not pass the exam), you take this chance from your colleagues-students. We believe that you are making the responsible decision.

## Questions?

Please check EU-CONEXUS website or contact Micro-credential Officer at your university for more details. One thing we can assure: the procedure is simple, and paperwork is minimal, while Micro-credential Officer will always consult and help you with everything.

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FredU	-	-
KU	Jelena Bogatova	<a href="mailto:jelena.bogatova@ku.lt">jelena.bogatova@ku.lt</a>
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