

**Title of Partnership****Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Water and Coastal Management****Masters Course running the Partnership****European Joint Master in Water and Coastal Management****Duration:** 3 years**Summary description**

The objectives of the partnership are :

- to develop more structured co-operation between European Union and third-country Higher Education institutions;
- to increase outgoing mobility as part of European Higher Education study programmes;
- to enhance the international profile and visibility of Higher Education in the European Union;
- to enhance the Erasmus Mundus Master in Water and Coastal Management.

This is to be achieved over a three year period by strengthening existing links between European Universities in the Erasmus Mundus consortium and 3rd country Higher Education institutions that are active in teaching and research in aspects of water and coastal management.

The European Erasmus Mundus consortium members are the Universities of Algarve, Bergen, Cadiz and Plymouth. The third-country Higher Education institutions are the Russian State Hydro-Meteorological University, the University of Miami, the University of Eafit, the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, the Instituto Argentino de Oceanografia da Universidad Nacional del Sur, the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande, the Universidade do Val do ITajai and the Universidade de Santa Cecilia.

The role of 3<sup>rd</sup> country institutions is to provide EU-Mundus students an opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in the curricular part of the course in on-going research projects relevant to Water and Coastal Management, such as the LOICZ project in an unfamiliar setting. Three months of research training at the third country institution will contribute to the project part of the student's Master programme and is worth 15-20 ECTS.

The scholarships will be for 3 months period. During this time, the scholars will be expected to deliver module(s) in their field of expertise, develop joint module(s), develop distance learning module(s), disseminate the Erasmus Mundus Programme, interview prospective 3rd country students and scholars, develop research proposals, carry out research and develop research seminars.

The language of instruction and work will normally be English in USA and Russia, but also Spanish in Mexico, Argentina and Columbia, as well as Portuguese in Brazil.

In principle, 20 European-Mundus studentships and 3-5 scholarships will be available per annum. The selection of students will be on a competitive basis; only the best students will be selected for Erasmus Mundus studentships. Students will also be required to submit explanations of the scientific and personal development motivation for the studentship. Studentships will be granted by preference to students who chose to visit institutions not previously visited. The selection of scholars will be within Universities in the consortium and who participate in the teaching of the Erasmus Mundus Master, based on the appropriateness of the modules, research and other

assignments proposed. The teaching duties at the home institution must be assured so as to free up the scholar. A minimum of one scholarship will be made available annually to each University in the consortium. Only one, or maximum two, scholars will be sent to a single host institution in a year. Scholarships will be granted by preference to scholars who chose to visit institutions not previously visited.

**Beneficiary**

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**European Partners**

University of Bergen, Norway  
University of Cadiz, Spain  
University of Plymouth, United Kingdom

**Third-country partner institutions**

Instituto Argentino de Oceanografia, Universidad del Sur, Argentina  
Russian State Hydrometereological University, Russia  
Universidad EAFIT, Colombia  
Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Mexico  
University of Miami, USA  
Fundação Universidade Federal do Rio Grande, Brazil  
Universidad Santa Cecília, Brazil  
Universidade do Vale do Itajaí, Brazil

**Grant**

375 200 € (45 000 € partnership + 330 200 € scholarships)