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Call for Applications for Academic Staff from the University of Sfax

Training at the University of Sassari (Italy), the University of Girona (Spain) and at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

in the framework of the European Project Master in Agricultural and hYdrological Approaches to a better and sustainable development

MAYA

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Objective

MAYA (**Master in Agricultural and hYdrological Approaches to a better and sustainable development**) aims at increasing the professionalism of young students by supporting the development of a new inter-university postgraduate Master on integrated water and agriculture management (IWAM) involving three Tunisian universities. In particular, the project intends to improve institutional and individual capacities and reduce the existing Tunisian constraints linked to the lack of scientific knowledge and technical expertise able to cope with complex issues. The new curriculum will take into account new approaches to tackle with environmental degradation focusing in particular on the quality and quantity of water resources and on the existing linkages between agriculture, water management and environment. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to enhance the capacity building in the higher education sector in Tunisia ensuring that high quality educational curricula meets professional, employer and socioeconomic needs of the Country.

MAYA Project foreseen the Special Mobility Strand for supporting the training of teachers on the integrated management of water, agriculture and environmental resources.

The Tunisian teachers will spend 5 days at the EU partners in order to discuss with peers, reach a deeper understanding of the new methods and technologies proposed by the European partners and receive support to analyse Tunisian case studies with the new methodologies and techniques. According to their background, the Tunisian teachers will be divided in 3 subgroups that will follow diverse technical issues in 3 different European Countries.

- 3 teachers at NRD-UNISS to discuss on sustainable agro-ecosystem management and mitigation strategies in relation to climate change;
- 3 teachers at AUTH to deepen technical topics on water resources management and policy;
- 4 at UdG to focus on water quality management in agro-ecosystems to prevent environmental pollution.

Sending and receiving Institutions will take advantage from the mobility period. In fact, during these days, an exchange of expertise and experiences will be promoted and new possible contacts and scientific collaborations could arise. Furthermore, Tunisian teachers will take seminars in each HEI so that also EU students will benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the invited staff.

Financing



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The SMS Erasmus+ for training grants are contributions to support living costs in the hosting country. Grants awarded will cover the following costs:

- A fixed contribution by the European Union. It varies according to the European Country of destination and the number of days spent at the hosting institution.
- A supplementary sum will cover the travel costs on the basis of the distance between the home town and the receiving town, according to the European distance calculator http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Conditions and procedures

General conditions for admittance

The applicant must be a permanent teaching staff at the University of Sfax that signed an Interinstitutional Agreement, within the framework of the Erasmus + Programme, with the project consortium partners.

Required profiles

- Wastewater treatment and reuse
- Statistics & data analysis
- Remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems
- Agro climatology
- Microbiology of water
- Biotechnology and plant improvement
- Sustainable development strategies in agriculture
- Molecular Toxicology and Physiology
- Economy

Special Mobility Strand 1

Mobility Period: (5 days): 17/06/2019 - 21/06/2019

Training Title: Sustainable agro-ecosystem management and mitigation strategies in relation to climate change

Location : Desertification Research Centre, University of Sassari, Department of Agriculture, Viale Italia 39, Sassari, Italy

Number of candidates: 3

Special Mobility Strand 2

Mobility Period: (5 days): 15/07/2019 - 19/07/2019

Training Title: Supporting and complementing the training of teachers on the integrated management of water, agriculture and environmental resources



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Location: University of Girona, Spain

Number of candidates: 4

Special Mobility Strand 3

Mobility Period: (5 days): 23/09/2019 - 27/09/2019

Training Title: Agro-economic and Water resources management

Location : University of Thessaloniki, AUTH University Farm, Thessaloniki, Greece

Number of candidates: 3

Application Procedure

- CV
- Motivation letter
- Copy of the Passport

The application documents must be submitted personally by the applicant to the University of Sfax (International Relations Office) Airport road km 0.5 P.O.BOX 1169 – 3029 – Sfax – Tunisia. The home Institution will be responsible of selection procedures on the basis **transparent and fair criteria**.

The deadline for applying for the is fixed at the **22nd of April 2019**.

For any specific question or information you can contact Ms Fatma GHORBEL **by e-mail:** fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn at your home institution.

Selection Procedure

The selection process is under the responsibility of the home Institution that will make every reasonable effort to conduct it in a fair, clear, transparent and equal base. No discriminations based on gender, religion, and social bias will be made. The home Institution will submit a list of selected candidates to the host Institution.

Assignment of teachers will be awarded on merit ranking criteria (i.e. average grades, English proficiency, and relevance to the field of teaching, expected learning outcomes, certificates, publications on international review and other documents submitted). The priority is given to candidates who would go abroad for the first time and are less experienced in the EU mobility programmes. The ranking will be published on MAYA project website at the following link <https://www.maya-project.eu/>



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Acceptance:

Selected teachers will have to communicate their formal acceptance of the grant to the responsible person of the receiving institution, no later than 7 days from the date of the publication of the ranking. If such a deadline is not met, they will be excluded from the selection procedure. In case of renouncement of one or more selected teachers, suitable candidates will be selected and proposed according to the ranking.