

BLUESKILLS

BlueSkills is a good example of a project whose objectives align with the goals of the EC supported WestMED Initiative

Blue Jobs and Sustainable Economy in the Mediterranean throughout Enhancing Skills and Developing Capacities

The BlueSkills project promotes opportunities for “Blue” marine and maritime careers by developing skills, exchanging knowledge and valorising research for more sustainable Mediterranean Sea.

Its aim is to develop new curricula and increase employability in the marine and maritime sectors. By supporting the Euro-Mediterranean communities of the Blue Economy stakeholders through higher education, research and innovation, the project will enhance the shared knowledge of the Mediterranean Region.

The main activities concern:

- Advanced Studies Master Programme
- Summer School
- Research Mobility
- Professional Traineeships
- Specific Workshops, conferences
- Awareness and divulgation
- The BlueSkills Network
- Online Portal: www.blueskills.ogs.it



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“The Mediterranean does not divide us, but creates bridges between us. It is hungry for equality, for jobs, for skills, for opportunities. That is why we created this project”

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Project - responsible

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Countries	DZ, FS, IT, LY, MA, MR, MT, TN
Financing	Italian Ministry of University and Research
Budget	€ 1.000.000
Duration	5 years (Jan 2019 – Dec 2023)
Partners	LEAD: Italian National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics - OGS(IT)

- Algerian National School of Marine Sciences and Coastal Management (DZ)
- Libyan Authority of Natural Science Research and Technology (LY)
- University of Malta (MT)
- University of Nouakchott Al Aasriya (MR)
- National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries of Mauritania (MR)
- Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES)
- Higher Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Bizerte - ISPAB (TN)
- Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez (MA)
- Chouhaib Doukkali University - UCD (MA)
- Centre for Marine Sciences of the Algarve – CCMAR (PT)
- Aix Marseille University (FR)

WestMED Initiative Alignment

BlueSkills brings together all WestMED countries (Incl. Libya) with a good North-South balance. Its main goal is to promote blue jobs and responsible growth through capacity development and enhancement. The project provides an innovative approach rooting on filling the gap between demand and supply of labour in the Blue Economy



**Skills Development
And Circulation**

**Biodiversity and marine
habitat conservation**

More Information

- blueskills.ogs.it
- <https://westmed-initiative.eu>