

**EMMCMSP**  
**ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER COURSE on MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING**

**Duration:** 24 months

**Course description:**

Erasmus Mundus Master Course on Maritime Spatial Planning (EMMCMSP) is a two -years advanced professional Master program, in which three high-rated European universities participate. Students will familiarize themselves with key issues involved in policies formulation and planning strategies for maritime space, to improve the management of resources from an environmental, economic, social and legal perspective within the framework of Maritime policies. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is an innovative instrument based on up-to-date knowledge and technologies to study the planet's surface, striving to improve the management of global resources. Today planners, who traditionally dealt with the transformation of cities, territories, environments and related issues must face new marine challenges, and therefore play a fundamental role. Though for years the planning system has 'turned its back to the sea' it is pivotal in organizing and developing coastal areas beyond the CZM approach. The sea is affected by economic, social and environmental changes and, in order to cope with the continuing social and economic evolution, it needs to be included in planning and land management strategies.

The aim of the EMMCMSP is to prepare students to become specialists – providing a multi-disciplinary background – to enable them to operate both in public institutions as well as independent professionals or researchers. As specialists they will have the know-how in planning, in designing and evaluating projects and policies, which consider terrestrial, coastal and marine dimensions. In addition, the course will provide the ability to manage decision processes towards an adaptive and integrated approach. The two-years master course provides a broad study perspective through a crossed-thematical analysis and discussion on several marine contexts (Mediterranean Sea, Baltic and North Sea, Black Sea, Atlantic Ocean). The added value consists in the comparative analysis and the methodological interaction among the institutions involved, together with knowledge transfer to the South of the World. EMMCMSP is developed by the MSP Consortium coordinated by the Luav University of Venice.

The Consortium welcomes major professional entities from the coastal, marine and maritime sectors as associated partners who are involved in teaching, research and planning activities. Two terms (6+6 months) will be held in Seville (Spain) and in Azores (Portugal). Students can choose to develop their six-months Internships (third term) among the consortium affiliated members. The last term (6 months in Venice, Italy) consists in the elaboration of group projects in specific case study areas. Classes will be given in English and local languages. At the successful completion of the EMMCMSP program students will be awarded a jointly conferred master's degree of "Erasmus Mundus Master in Maritime Spatial Planning" (120 ECTS) automatically recognized in the countries of all consortium partners.

**Website:** <course website>

**Partners:**

UNIVERSITÀ IUAV DI VENEZIA, Italy (Co-ordinating Institution)  
UNIVERSITY OF THE AZORES, Portugal  
UNIVERSIDAD DE SEVILLA, Spain

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