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Call for applications

W.I.D.E. project

Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde

The University of Parma, jointly with the Universidade Lusófona de Cabo Verde (ULCV) offers their students the opportunity to participate in the “**Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde**” program, under the umbrella of the W.I.D.E. project of the University of Parma. **The W.I.D.E. project (Widening International Didactics & Education)** is closely tied to the guidelines and applications of the new ERASMUS+ Programme 2021/2027, and represents an application of the new internationalization strategy of the University of Parma.

The guidelines of the ERASMUS+ Programme 2021-2027 have inclusion and diversity as their first priority. The objective is to involve in the program's actions all those subjects who for health, social, economic or other reasons are unable to benefit from the program's internationalization projects. The Program also has digital transformation as its second priority. In line with the Digital Education Action Plan, the objectives are to create an efficient digital education ecosystem and to develop digital skills and competences for all.

The W.I.D.E. project represents an application of Parma University's strategic line of "Internationalization at home" and is part of a package of actions aimed at growing the international dimension of all University activities in the fields of teaching, research and Third Mission. W.I.D.E. is aimed at pursuing the following objectives:

- Introduce actions related to internationalization at home to extend the benefits of internationalization to all students and teachers unable to physically go abroad;
- Promote cooperation with teachers and students of partner universities, EU Green Universities first and foremost, with the possibility of involving local communities as part of a network strategy and strategic alliances;
- Introduce innovative teaching methodologies, encouraging connections between students and teachers from different institutions and developing consolidated international networks;
- Experiment with the use of advanced technologies in teaching.

“Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde”

1. Description of the program

Islands represent only 5% of the Earth's surface but are home to 20% of the world's bird, reptile, and plant species, as well as more than 40% of highly threatened creatures. Despite contributing less than 1% to global greenhouse gas emissions, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are disproportionately affected by climate change. Their geographical characteristics

make them especially susceptible to disasters, whose frequency and impact have escalated dramatically.

At the same time, island populations are constantly under pressure to develop their economies while building resilience to issues such as climate change and natural disasters. The lack of resources, visibility, and support can be a challenge for the sustainable development of Islands.

Sustainability in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) should be considered according to four main pillars (economic, social, environmental, and governance) to involve all key stakeholders.

The present W.I.D.E. program aims at examining the interconnection between sustainability, socioeconomic development, and environmental preservation, and how these aspects manifest in the specific case study of Cabo Verde.

A specific emphasis will be given to the environmental aspects of Sustainability in Cabo Verde; and a specific focus will be on the Sustainability aspects of the Food System of Cabo Verde.

2. Objectives:

- Examine the topic of sustainability management, from the perspective of a Small Island Developing States such as Cabo Verde;
- Participate in an international conference organized by the University of Parma and the University of Cape Verde on the topic of sustainability;
- Meet and exchange with local stakeholders and experts in Cabo Verde.

3. Key-words: sustainability; Climate Change; SIDS (Small Islands Developing States); Environmental Education; Sustainable Food System.

4. Language: English.

5. Teaching techniques:

- Course: **“Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde”** On-line lessons;
- Meetings with stakeholders and experts in Cabo Verde;
- Participation to international conference.

6. Bibliography:

- "Small Island Developing States and Sustainable Development: A New Paradigm" by David J. L. Millard (2009:)
- "Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States: A New Approach to the Role of International Cooperation" by Jenny Goldstein (2014):
- "State of the Environment Report for Small Island Developing States" by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (2018):
- "SIDS and Climate Change: The Critical Issues" by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) (2020):
- "Sustainability in Small Island Developing States" Special Issue in *Sustainability Journal* (2018):
- "The Anthropology of Sustainability: Beyond Development and Progress (Palgrave Studies in Anthropology of Sustainability)" by Marc Brightman (2017).

7. W.I.D.E. calendar and general programme:

Period of implementation: from 9 April 2025 to 16 May 2025.

- Preparatory activities (on-line);
- Mission to Cabo Verde: **from 22 to 30 April 2025**. The travel to Cabo Verde includes the participation in the International Conference “Climate Changes and Environmental Education: Defects, Responses, Local Knowledge and Opportunities”; (24 and 25 April 2025); Cape Verde – Ilha de São Vicente, Mindelo, organized by Universidade Lusófona de Cabo Verde (ULCV) in collaboration with the University of Parma and IULM (Milan). The travel to Cabo Verde will also include meetings with stakeholders from Cabo Verde (Universities, Institutions, NGOs, producer associations);
- Follow-up activities and presentation of short papers prepared by the participating students (on-line).

8. ECTS credits awarded: Course: “**Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde**” - 6 CFU (42 hours - Idoneità).

9. Total number of participants per institution:

- University of Parma: 10 students (6 students from EMSAS course; 4 students from DUSIC Department);
- Universidade Lusófona de Cabo Verde (ULCV): 5 students.

10. Eligibility criteria

To apply for this program, students must be regularly enrolled at one of the participating Universities. Applicants must be enrolled in a Master’s level degree (only for applicants from the University of Parma). At the time of the application submission, applicants must demonstrate proof of English language competence. This can be certified by language certificates and self-certifications (see application procedures below).

Due to the specific characteristics of the topic of the course, the participation to this program is open only to the students of the following degree courses of the University of Parma:

- **Course in Economics and Management of Sustainable Food Environment (EMSAS);**
- **Course in Journalism, editorial culture, environmental and multimedia communication.**

The participation is also open to the students of the Universidade Lusófona de Cabo Verde (ULCV).

11. How to apply

The call will be published on the websites of the Department of Economics and Management (DSEA) and the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Industries (DUSIC).

The application, complete with the required attachments, must be submitted by email to the following address: protocollodipscienzaee@unipr.it no later than 28th March 2025 at 11:00 AM.

The following **six (6) documents** are required to complete the application:

- i) **Application form** (annex available online, attachment of the call);
- ii) **A scanned copy of the passport** (**IMPORTANT: for Cabo Verde, the passport should have a validity of at least 6 months**);

- iii) **Language certificate or self-certification.** A PDF file of a language certificate or a PDF file with a self-certification stating the level of knowledge of English;
- iv) **CFU certificate.** A PDF file attesting the number of CFU already obtained by the applicant;
- v) **Average points (*media voti*).** A PDF file attesting the exams and points obtained.
- vi) **Motivation letter.** A PDF letter stating the reasons why the applicant is interested in participating in the and why she/he is a suitable candidate (no more than 200 words).

Please send all documents in **PDF format** and in **zipped folder** in **one single email** with the subject line **“CABOVERDE_SURNAME_NAME”** to the email address: protocollodipscienzea@unipr.it

12. Selection criteria and procedures

An appointed committee formed by three (3) Committee members of the University of Parma will carry out the selection process based on the following two parts:

- A predetermined part, with an overall weight of 40%. This part will include:
 - i) Weighted average evaluation of grades: points will be awarded proportionally to the weighted average;
 - ii) Evaluation of university training credits (CFU) acquired: points will be awarded in proportion to the number of credits obtained in relation to the years of enrollment;
- A discretionary part expressed by the selection committee, with an overall weight of 60%.

The criteria that will be considered are the following:

- **Criterion 1:** CFU. Amount of CFU already obtained by the applicant;
- **Criterion 2:** average points (*media voti*);
- **Criterion 3:** Language. Knowledge of English (compulsory) and knowledge of Portuguese (additional);
- **Criterion 4:** motivation letter.

The results of the selection process will be published online on the websites of DSEA and DUSIC.

Selected students must communicate their acceptance or withdrawal within three (3) days from the publication of the selection results by contacting via email their University program coordinator (see below).

Selected students will be contacted with further instructions upon completion of the selection procedures.

13. Financial support and administrative support

Students will receive a mobility grant according to the provisions of the W.I.D.E. program, as follows:

- **650 € for travel expenses;**
- **100 € per each day spent in Cabo Verde;**
- **100 € for a maximum of two additional travel-days to Cabo Verde.**

The financial support will be disbursed to the selected participants by the International Office of the University of Parma, after the completion of the activities in Cabo Verde.
For any information regarding the funding and the disbursement, please refer to the following email: bip@unipr.it

The selected participants will be entirely responsible to:

- i) To organize autonomously their travel itinerary to and from Cabo Verde;**
- ii) to purchase their own tickets;**
- iii) To reserve and pay the cost for their accommodation in Cabo Verde.**

The University of Parma highly recommends selected participants to take out a private travel insurance.

14. Contacts

For information about the contents of the project, the selected students can write to the coordinator of course “Managing Sustainability: the case of Cabo Verde” of the University of Parma, Prof. Michele Maccari– michele.maccari@unipr.it

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