

Subject: **Invitation for External Evaluator Position for the BLUE-ERA Project**

The BLUE-ERA project invites expressions of interest from qualified candidates for the position of External Evaluator. This role is critical in ensuring the effective monitoring, evaluation, and quality assurance of the project, which aims to establish a novel Master's degree program in sustainable blue economy in the South Mediterranean region (Region 3 countries: Tunisia, Egypt, and Jordan).

Project Overview

The BLUE-ERA project is a collaborative initiative involving universities from Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan, France, Italy, and Greece. Over the three-year project period, the consortium will engage in various activities, including gap analysis, laboratory installations, field trips for practical training, capacity-building programs for staff and students, summer and winter schools, and training in European universities. The project will also feature online and in-person seminars, workshops, and knowledge dissemination events. The overarching goal is to promote sustainable ocean resource management to support local economic growth, improve livelihoods, foster entrepreneurship, and generate employment while preserving ocean ecosystems.

Expected Outcomes and Deliverables

- The expected outcomes of the BLUE-ERA project include:
- The establishment of a sustainable Master's degree program that extends beyond the project's timeline.
 - Production of highly qualified graduates in the field of sustainable blue economy.
 - Enhanced research capacity through inter-university collaborations and co-supervised postgraduate and PhD fellows.
 - Continued knowledge exchange and professional integration in the blue economy sector.

Role of the External Evaluator

The project seeks to engage a single expert to provide comprehensive oversight and support in three critical areas: Monitoring and Evaluation, Quality Assessment, and Sustainability. This expert will play a crucial role in enhancing project implementation by offering fresh insights while enabling internal teams to focus on their core responsibilities. The expert will be responsible for developing a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan, producing periodic M&E reports to assist the project coordinator in making necessary adjustments and improvements. Additionally, they will collaborate with the consortium to develop a quality strategy, establish quality indicators and standards, and lead the analysis of these indicators to ensure that the project maintains high standards. Furthermore, the expert will guide beneficiary partners in creating strategies to ensure the long-term viability of the project outcomes and assist in determining the most effective approaches to achieve these goals.

Submission of Interest

Individuals with expertise in monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance, or sustainability in educational projects are encouraged to submit their applications. Interested candidates should provide a Curriculum Vitae (CV) highlighting relevant experience and similar roles undertaken in past projects. This documentation should be sent to rania.tzoraki@aegean.gr and rachid.amara@univ-littoral.fr (project coordinator) by 20 September.

This invitation provides an opportunity to contribute to an impactful initiative that aligns with current global efforts to advance sustainable development in the blue economy.

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