

## ERASMUS BIP Blended Intensive Programme:

### Summer School „Sustainable Samothraki 2023” in Greece

*Cooperation between Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini (local host), University of Life Sciences and Natural Resources (BOKU Vienna), and University of Évora, Portugal.*



8th summer school on the Greek island of Samothraki, accompanying an effort at a sustainability transition in collaboration with local actors and supporting the island to become a member of Unesco’s international Man-and-the-Biosphere community.

**Module 1 – Sociometabolic Research (SMR) on Islands:** This module builds on sociometabolic data about the island with a focus on reuse and recycling practices. Students will investigate if the remote and bounded character of islands results in extended lifetimes of certain materials regarding creative and/or pragmatic solutions in the construction sector and/or appliances and machinery.

**Module 2 – Water stream hydro-morphological and physicochemical parameters analysis:** In the context of this module, participants will have the chance to implement field measurements that occurred in a stream concerning several hydromorphological and physicochemical parameters.

**Module 3 – Social Innovation on Islands:** This module aims at investigating how islandness is reflected in the social organisation of the island community in order to overcome socio-economic or environmental problems. Is islandness a hindering or promoting factor for driving social innovation and social capital in rural communities?

## Why should you be part of this summer school?

The aim is to learn and apply social ecology and environmental science approaches in a local setting while supporting an ongoing research and transition process. The course gives students the opportunity to engage in a real-life project and utilize their respective scientific competencies to support the process, cooperate with local „citizen scientists“ in gathering missing information in fieldwork, and contribute to a local sustainability transformation process. This will provide you with the experience of a transdisciplinary process, supporting a search for local solutions, coping with development challenges, and learning to interact with stakeholders in a culturally challenging environment. The course will conclude with a joint reflection on the experiences and written student reports on the findings of their specific research group (module). You will receive a certificate amounting to 6 ECTS to use at your home university.

**A limited number of Greek students can be a part of the summer school. The summer school is funded through Erasmus+.**

### Steps for participation:

1. **Application:** *Short (one page) motivation letters (research interest, CV & motivation to participate in the summer school, English language certificate) by applicants due April 14th to: [gpapaio@fmenr.duth.gr](mailto:gpapaio@fmenr.duth.gr). Participants should state their preferences concerning the modules (modules preference ranking).*

### Selection criteria

| Criteria |                    | Mark     |      | Comments  |
|----------|--------------------|----------|------|---|
| 1        | Levels of Studies  | Bachelor | 10   |   |
|          |                    | Master   | 15   |   |
|          |                    | PhD      | 20   |   |
| 2        | Level of English   | B1       | 5    |   |
|          |                    | B2       | 20   |   |
|          |                    | C1       | 25   |   |
|          |                    | C2       | 30   |   |
| 3        | Motivation letter  |          | 1-20 | Academic Coordinator of Erasmus+ program judgment |
| 4        | CV                 |          | 1-20 | Academic Coordinator of Erasmus+ program judgment |
| 5        | Research interests |          | 1-20 | Academic Coordinator of Erasmus+ program judgment |

2. **Accepted applicants will participate in the preparatory Online Meetings in May/June:** *You will receive introductory texts for this meeting upon your registration as well as your zoom invitation for the preparatory meeting.*
3. **Summer School on Samothraki, Greece: July 11 to July 21 (11 July is the arrival time to the island of Samothraki and 21 July is the date for the departure from the island of Samothraki).**