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**Press Release**

**The Agricultural University of Athens as a pioneer Institution offers courses on the International Master's Degree Study Programme, entitled “Marine Biotechnology”.**

On Wednesday, September 12 2023, the Agricultural University of Athens cordially welcomed the group of 3rd-semester students enrolling in the Joint International Inter-Institutional Master's Degree Study Programme, entitled “Marine Biotechnology”, which has been authorized by the European Commission as Erasmus Mundus. The particular Postgraduate Programme is offered by the European University EU-CONEXUS, concerning Smart Urban Coastal Zone Sustainability. The Faculty Staff of the Agricultural University of Athens, who provide teaching at this Master's Degree Study Programme, have given their presence at the reception ceremony held for postgraduate students.

Under the framework of the Academic Research Integration - ARI, which takes place during the 3rd semester of this Master's Study Programme, the Agricultural University of Athens will be a host institution for seven (7) students from all over the world, coming from different backgrounds, in order to collaborate in joint research projects, building upon their collective experience and making the best use of the knowledge attained, as well.

In addition, the postgraduate students of EU-CONEXUS have had the chance to establish connections with volunteers from the Erasmus Student Network of the Agricultural University of Athens (ESN AUA Athens), thus enabling them to access a wide multicultural network of Erasmus students, inasmuch to ensure that they would have the finest possible experience as incoming students in Greece. The Erasmus Mundus Master's Study Programme in "Marine Biotechnology," wherein all courses are taught in English, stands out as a remarkable achievement accomplished by both the Agricultural University of Athens and the EU-CONEXUS initiative, too. This Programme has already been certified accreditation by a pertinent European Authority, in accordance with the European Approach to Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes of Studies.

Indeed, that Post-graduate Degree Programme has been specifically designed, with a view to providing high-quality academic education and professional training in the field of Marine Biotechnology. Its foremost objective is to empower students with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle global challenges, by offering an integrated and interdisciplinary education that covers essential topics in Marine Biotechnology. Furthermore, students have the opportunity to customize their curriculum in alignment with their career aspirations, by means of professional practice and training (practical experience) in the form of internships, individual research endeavors (Academic Research Integration - ARI) and the completion of their dissertation. Besides, this Programme facilitates the smooth and proper integration into a diverse, multicultural academic community and professional network, thereby providing valuable practice - based experience.

In terms of the structure of the particular Master's Degree Study Programme, it is a full-time, two-year Study Programme conducted in English, leading to the award of a joint Master's Degree in Marine Biotechnology, offered by the Universities described below:

1. La Rochelle Université (France),
2. Sveučilište u Zadru (Croatia),
3. Agricultural University of Athens (Greece)
4. Klaipeda University (Lithuania),
5. Universitatea Tehnica de Constructii Bucuresti (Romania)
6. Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir (Spain),
7. [South East Technological University](https://www.facebook.com/setuireland?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZUuGTQstXZIHU9QfoIbd4Ye3MJ-ChgMg7ZGt9_kxrAyARR1Jbpnlj3WvVtz5GK6ddgFknjSgBq-xR2eT3Dj99rQVwzsz6edLfVDD6niz_VwbW4dNs_z2paogmxPgrGukC0zHLGJyJfwCde0fFbBeTiXH8ikB9xqmCLSZwB3YXrd_h26jIY5X23rzQ-thjvVXKg&__tn__=-%5dK-R) (Ireland),
8. Universität Rostock (Germany),
9. [Frederick University (Cyprus)](https://www.facebook.com/frederickuniversity?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZUuGTQstXZIHU9QfoIbd4Ye3MJ-ChgMg7ZGt9_kxrAyARR1Jbpnlj3WvVtz5GK6ddgFknjSgBq-xR2eT3Dj99rQVwzsz6edLfVDD6niz_VwbW4dNs_z2paogmxPgrGukC0zHLGJyJfwCde0fFbBeTiXH8ikB9xqmCLSZwB3YXrd_h26jIY5X23rzQ-thjvVXKg&__tn__=-%5dK-R).

For further information, anyone interested can be informed of that Programme, through the following link: <https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/marine-biotechnology/>.