



Virtual University of the
Adriatic-Ionian Basin



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UniAdrion-Virtual University of the Adriatic-Ionian Basin

Working Group 2 – Environment and Sustainable Development

COURSE OF SPECIALISATION IN SUSTAINABILITY IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN: MULTI-CRITERIA ANALYSIS OF AGRICULTURAL AND COASTAL SYSTEMS

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UNIADRION: A VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY FOR THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN

Universities, being main structures involved in the production of culture and innovation, play an essential role in regional cooperation and dialogue. Cooperation and dialogue are in turn the seed of peace and integration in Europe. In the context of the Adriatic-Ionian initiative - launched in Ancona (May 2000) by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of all countries of the area - inter-university cooperation plays a role of paramount importance by promoting the sharing of cultures and knowledge. The Ravenna Conference (*Culture as a bridge*, December, 2000) launched a Virtual University for the entire Adriatic-Ionian basin. The *UniAdrion Charter*, signed by 21 Universities in Ravenna on January 31, 2001, involves seven countries: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia and Union of Serbia and Montenegro. In October 2002 also the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius of Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, joined UniAdrion. By the end of year 2003 the number of the universities involved in the project counts for 29. The whole region can derive great benefits from the promotion of the cultural heritage and sustainable development, protection of the environment, increase of cultural tourism, improvement of communication and commercial networks; those benefits will concern security and development. By focusing on the same themes, the single universities can greatly contribute and, by sharing the innovative initiative of a Virtual University, they can carry out various educational programmes, as well as research activities and joint initiatives with interdisciplinary and multilateral aspects that will strengthen the common European roots.

DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES OF THE COURSE

Entirely in English, the Course involves experienced academics and professionals from leading Universities and International Organisations. Programme includes the following topics:

- ◆ Rural planning and management. Sources and use of land information. Applied examples of land evaluation for a sustainable development at regional level.
- ◆ Geographic information systems applied to rural areas. Managing and analysing spatial data.
- ◆ Systems Analysis as a tool to understand agro-ecosystems.
- ◆ Cropping systems analysis and simulation tools: SEMola and CSS.
- ◆ Decision Support Systems in agriculture as a tool to achieve sustainable development. Guidelines for the implementation of DSS in agriculture.
- ◆ Agrarian systems and Cropping systems: historical evolution and current structure.
- ◆ Common agricultural policy: perspectives and suitability to EU enlargement.
- ◆ The agrarian system evaluation: a case study.
- ◆ Sustainable rural development policies.
- ◆ The role of local knowledge in rural development planning.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The course has the aim to provide competence in managing and planning agricultural, environmental and rural systems at various levels in local, national, and international governmental, as well as non-governmental, organisations.

WORKSHOP AND PROGRAMME

The Course will be structured as follows:

1. Phase 1: March –August 2004, on-line module, e-lectures (smil modules);
2. Phase 2: September, 20th – October, 4th 2004, frontal module, Summer School in Tirana, Albania. Drawing up and presentation of a paper on a topic previously agreed during Phase 1.

CREDITS

At the end of the course, participants will be granted with a certificate equivalent to 6 ECTS credits.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Course of specialisation is addressed to graduates with at least a three-year degree “especially with scientific and economic degrees”, as well as to officials already working in local, national or international agencies belonging to the countries of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative. While the Summer School (Tirana: September, 20th – October, 4th 2004) is opened also to participants from other countries.

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Student's requisites (language, degree, etc.):

- University degree
- knowledge of the English language, as it is the course's official language

Scholarship provisions

There are 12 scholarships available to be divided among students from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro. Scholarship will be made up of two parts:

1. UniAdrion administration will cover all travel, board and lodging costs (for the 2 weeks intensive course period); shall provide the required documentation and teaching material; and shall undertake to guarantee an accident, health and death insurance.
2. UniAdrion administration will grant a scholarship of 650 euros for students for expenses related to their activities during the Course (The guidelines for these activity will be provided at the beginning of the course).

Candidates for the scholarships, coming from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro

Deadline for forwarding the candidacies to the relevant Embassies, Office *Cooperazione allo Sviluppo*:

23rd February 2004

All applications shall be forwarded by the Embassy administrations (Italian representative offices abroad), **within the date 23rd February 2004 as a copy** to the Executive Secretariat of UniAdrion (Vicolo degli Ariani 1, 48100 Ravenna, Italy) and **as original** to: Ministero degli Affari Esteri Direzione Generale Cooperazione allo Sviluppo –Ufficio IX.

Candidates coming from Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Slovenia and other countries

Deadline for forwarding (by fax and in original copy) the applications to the Executive Secretariat of UniAdrion

23rd February 2004

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Application Modality and Documentation required

- forwarding of the application form (**the form is on line on the website of the relevant Embassies**)
- *curriculum vitae* of the candidate (in electronic and paper formats)
- self-declaration of the required requisites and conformity
- declaration of return to the home country at the end of the course
- two letters of reference
- copy of the degree
- a passport copy
- a personal form containing the candidate's personal details

For further information about the Course program: www.uniadrion.unibo.it/Groups/wg2.htm and www.uniadrion.unibo.it/News.htm

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