

Call for Applications

Summer School on “Participatory Processes and Environmental Conflict Mediation in Social-Ecological Systems”



Oristano, Sardinia (Italy)



23–25 September 2025



About Summer School

Environmental challenges are deeply embedded in social, cultural, and political contexts. Understanding how perceptions, power dynamics, and participatory processes shape environmental conflicts is essential for developing just and sustainable solutions.

This Summer School brings together researchers, practitioners, and field experts to explore the role of participatory methods in the governance of natural resources, the mediation of environmental conflicts, and the co-production of knowledge in complex social-ecological systems.

Main Topics

- Perceptions of environmental risks: diverging views and emerging conflicts
- Governance of natural resources: institutions, power, and conflicts
- Participatory research practices: dialogue, negotiation, and mediation tools

Confirmed Experts

Veena Balakrishnan, Co-founder of the Youth Negotiators Academy (UK).

Kevin Collins, Senior Lecturer in Systems and Environment at the Open University (UK).

Stefania Leone, Full Professor of Sociology at the University of Salerno (Italy).

Target group: Max. 30 participants

- OurMED project partners
- NG4M network members
- Researchers and practitioners interested in environmental governance and conflict mediation

All participants shall receive an official certificate upon completion of the programme.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

22/09

Arrival in Oristano

23/09

SETTING THE STAGE: FIELD VISIT & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Field visit and introduction
- Interactive sessions/group activities
- Focus : Perception of environmental risks, stakeholder perspectives, and the roots of conflict

24/09

UNDERSTANDING CONFLICTS IN SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

- Keynote session
- Interactive sessions/group activities
- Focus : Governance of natural resources and participatory research practices

25/09

TOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION AND MEDIATION

- Keynote session
- Interactive sessions/group activities
- Focus : Dialogue, negotiation, and collaborative solutions

How to Apply

The call for applications is open until August 15th, 2025. To apply, complete this form : <https://forms.gle/xj2htVBRwgeT6vNR7>

Notification of acceptance will be sent to selected participants by the end of August 2025.

Participation Fee

There is a **€150 participation fee** for attendees who are not part of the OurMED project. Payment instructions will be provided upon acceptance via email.

Contact information

For any inquiries, please contact: amministrazione@consorziouno.it

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