CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Erasmus+ Mobility Grant for participation to the Summer School “Challenges of climate change in viticulture and wine production in warm climates”

With this call for applications, the University of Padua - Department of Agronomy Food Natural resources Animals and Environment offers 8 mobility grants for participation in the “Challenges of climate change in viticulture and wine production in warm climates” Summer School in which the University of Padua is a partner. The project is co-funded by the European Union, ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices. Cooperation partnership in higher education. 2021-2-HU01-KA220-HED-000050361. Project title: “VitEroClimat - Improvement of educational background of viticulture and enology to mitigate the negative impact of climate change”.

Art. 1 General Information

The project aims to promote cooperation between different European universities in the field of education on viticulture and oenology to respond to the future challenges of climate change in the wine sector, in order to mitigate its negative effects at local and global level. The project focuses on high-quality activities and practices to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change. The project will provide a complex approach to improve the effectiveness of knowledge transfer on the interactions between viticulture and climate change.

VitEroClimat consortium involves the participation of the following five partners: DAFNAE - University of Padua (Italy), Eszterhazy Karoly Katolikus Egyetem (Hungary), University of Cadiz (Spain), EPLEFPA Bordeaux Gironde (France) and Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (Portugal), from as many traditional wine regions across Europe with the main aims to promote obtaining information, in the context of global climate change, about traditional wine regions in partner countries and the acquisition of knowledge by students to provide them with a deeper insight into trademarks, wine making philosophy and cultural heritage of those regions. This information will be uploaded to an open access e-learning platform that will be beneficial for each partner institute, students and stakeholders. The new educational material and the best practices aim not only to reveal the impact of climate change on wine sector, but to present climate resilient technologies to buffer it.

Art. 1.1 Course Description

The course will include sessions related to warm climate viticulture and enology to deepen the methodologies in vineyard management and winemaking and good practices to mitigate heat and water stress impact on vine physiology, growth and development, and grape/wine quality. Latest improvement on molecular approaches, microbiological and analytical procedures, and vineyard management will be detailed comprising laboratory
and field experiences. Moreover, during the course the students will attend group activities to follow the evolution of concepts and methodologies. To enrich the summer course, it will include several field trips to master the application of the techniques carried out by the growers from the vineyard to the marketing of the product, as well as to learn the peculiarities of the wine-growing area of Jerez, the oldest denomination of origin in Spain.

**Art. 1.2 Participants**

Students (Viticulture and Enology) of the following institutions:

1. University of Padova – Italy
2. University of Cádiz – Spain
3. Polytechnic Institute of Bragança – Portugal
4. EPLEFPA de Bordeaux-Gironde – France
5. Eszterházy Károly Catholic University – Hungary

The course is open to a maximum of 8 students per country. Participation in the course is free of charge.

**Art. 1.3 Host Organisation and period**

The programme will take place in Cadiz (Spain) from 26 May 2024 to 01 June 2024. The University of Cádiz, as the southernmost partner of the project consortium, will be therefore the ideal location for the second Summer Course focused on the "Challenges of climate change in viticulture and wine production in warm climates". This event will meet, in the Puerto Real Campus of University of Cádiz, students from the five countries of VitEnoClimat, academic staff from the participating universities and teaching centers, plus research staff and different stakeholders to study the increasing impact of climate changes on viticulture and the different strategies and good practices to minimize the effect of high temperatures and water depletion.

**Art. 1.4 Contributions and disbursement modalities**

In-person mobility alone will be financed through the Erasmus+ programme for the 7 days actually spent abroad including 2 days for travel up to a maximum of 797 €. The institutions may give extra support to their students, at their own decision.

Unit costs:
- **travel cost**: 275 €
- **living expenses**: 58 €/day (for travel days as well)

Funding will be disbursed upon completion of the course. Only participants who have fulfilled all their obligations under the programme will be entitled to receive the contribution. The method of payment is exclusively by bank transfer to the account in the name (or joint name) of the beneficiary. Students are required to verify that they have properly entered and updated personal tax and bank details in their personal area on Uniweb.

**Art. 2 Admission requirements and submission of applications**

**Art. 2.1 Admission requirements for the Call for Applications**

In order to participate in the selection, the candidate must meet the following requirements when submitting the application:

a) must be regularly enrolled at the 2nd or 3rd year at the University of Padua in Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology course, academic year 2023/24.

b) must have made all required payments for tuition fees;

c) students enrolled in individual Study Courses are not eligible;

d) must not benefit from any other European Union scholarships or funding during the same period;
Art. 2.2 Submission of the application

To apply for the programme, students must submit the following documents:
   a) application form;
   b) valid ID document;
   c) motivational letter in English;
   d) good academic/study achievement / self-certification of enrolment (to be downloaded from Uniweb: "autocertificazione") which must include the list of exams passed;
   e) curriculum vitae and language certificates are an asset.

Applications should be sent by 29 February 2024 at 12:00 noon in one of the following options:

- hand-delivered to DAFNAE Department - Administration Office, University of Padova, Viale dell'Università 16, 35020 Legnaro (Padova), Seconda Stecca building, ground floor, from Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 (noon);

- hand-delivered to DAFNAE Department - Ufficio didattico, University of Padova, Via Dalmasso 1 - Conegliano, from Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 (noon);

- registered post to be sent to: Segreteria del Dipartimento DAFNAE - Università degli Studi di Padova, Viale dell'Università 16, 35020 Legnaro (Padua), Italy. Please note that the date of the postmark will not be accepted as proof of meeting the deadline;

- via certified electronic email (PEC) to the address dipartimento.dafnae@pec.unipd.it

If using electronic mail, documents must be sent in a fixed and not directly editable format without macros or executable codes, preferably in pdf.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be excluded.

Art. 2.3 Selection Criteria

   a) Applications will be selected by a special Department Committee.
   b) Students will be evaluated on their achievements and through an English interview in order to assess language skills.

Art. 2.4 - Ranking list

The ranking list and the instructions for accepting the mobility grant will be published on the webpage http://www.dafnae.unipd.it “Bandi” section.

Winners must confirm their acceptance of the assigned mobility grant, following the instructions provided in the ranking list. In the event of non-acceptance, the student will be deemed to have withdrawn.

Article 3 - Insurance

For health insurance coverage during a stay abroad in countries of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, it is generally sufficient to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. Attention: non-EU students registered with the Italian national health service may not use their EHIC card, since this is not provided for by current EU legislation (Regulation EC 859/2003). They are therefore invited to contact their local health authority for information.

The tuition fees paid by students also include accident and civil liability insurance, which is also valid for those travelling abroad. More information on insurance cover abroad can be found on the university website at: https://www.unipd.it/assicurazione. The aforementioned insurance only covers accidents occurring during learning and/or internship activities.
Article 4 - Final provisions

In accordance with Article 5 of Law 241 of 7th August 1990 (New rules concerning administrative procedures and the right to access administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, Mrs. Mariella Veronese, Head of the Administration – DAFNAE Department, is appointed as Head of the Administrative Examination Procedure.

Personal data required by the present announcement are exclusively processed for the activities linked to the selection process. According to art 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation, the information notice is available at the following address: http://www.unipd.it/privacy.

The complete privacy policy is available from the Data Controller or on www.unipd.it/privacy.

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