



THE INTENSIVE ERASMUS PROGRAMME INSUS APPROVED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

From 15th to 29th September 2013, the University of the Aegean (Lesvos Island, Greece) will hold the Intensive Erasmus Programme (IP) *"INSUS"- Insularity and Sustainability- context and case studies of different European Islands"* within the framework of the Excellence Network of Island Territories (RETI).

This program, funded by the European Union up to **36 644 €**, will gather 5 RETI universities: University of the Aegean (bearer and coordinator of the INSUS programme) , University of Corsica Pasquale Paoli, (Corsica, France) University of Malta, University of La Laguna (Canary Island, Spain) and University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canary Island, Spain).

Born from the willingness of the RETI universities to think conjointly of the sustainability and insularity, the Intensive Erasmus Programme project was presented by **Prof. Thanasis KIZOS** (Geographic Department of the University of the Aegean) on the occasion of the RETI Governing Committee that took place in October 2012 in Lesvos. It was approved by all participants.



Members of the Governing Committee in October 2012 in Lesvos

The ultimate goal of the IP is to form the basis for a **closer cooperation between the participating Institutions with the aim of developing a common Erasmus Master programme** about insularity and sustainability.

5 students (undergraduate students near the end of their programs, or postgraduate students) and one professor from each partner university will be funded by the Erasmus IP to attend the IP classes or teach at the University of the Aegean on next September. They will have the opportunity of putting together their ideas and knowledge in order to face the common challenges of insular

The area of field study is Lesvos Island, which offers a wide range of available activities for field and group work.



Prof. Thanasis Kizos, Geographic Department of the University of the Aegean

Students who pass the IP assessment at the end of the program will be **awarded from 3 to 5 ECTS**. The assessment will consist on a web based multiple choice test and a group report that students will have to present. The evaluation will be made by each group supervisor.

Focus on the Erasmus IP subjects:

- **Build heritage on islands: issues of preservation.**
- **Effective niche manufacturing from small islands**
- **Energy and sustainability: the challenge of renewable energy on islands**
- **Land biodiversity conservation and management**
- **Planning and management of sustainable and "alternative "tourism**
- **Sustainable agriculture and food security on islands**
- **Sustainable fishing and conservation of marine resources on islands**
- **Terrestrial Ecology on islands**

A website from the INSUS Erasmus IP has been published by the University of the Aegean: <http://www.geo.aegean.gr/ip/>.

All the INSUS programme information as well as the registration terms are mentioned in the website.

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