

EXPRESSION CALL OF INTEREST

Training School on Sustainability Impact Assessment of
Blue Economy Strategies in Island and Coastal Regions
(Impact Lab)

2025

RethinkBlue



Overview

The COST Action **Rethinking the Blue Economy: Socio-Ecological Impacts and Opportunities (RethinkBlue)** is pleased to announce a **Training School on Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA)**, organized by **the University of the Aegean**, to be held in **Santorini, Fira, Greece** from **April 2 to April 5, 2025**. This Training School will offer a unique opportunity to explore the methodology of **Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA)** and its advanced form, **Sustainable Development Impact Assessment with Territorial Approach (SDIATA)**, within the context of Blue Economy strategies.

Objective

Participants will:

- Develop competencies in applying impact assessment methods.
- Analyze Blue Economy strategies, focusing on **maritime transport** and **maritime tourism**.
- Explore participatory governance processes and sustainable policy adoption for coastal and island regions.

Who Should Apply

This call is open to:

- Early Career Researchers (ECRs), PhD candidates, and postgraduate students.
- Researchers with an interest in **social cohesion, sustainable development, and the Blue Economy**.

What the Training Offers

- Interactive lectures from leading experts in **policy analysis, social cohesion,** and **regional development**.
- Hands-on workshops using real-world case studies, including **Santorini's maritime economy**.
- Networking opportunities with local and international stakeholders.

Application Requirements

Applicants are requested to submit:



Motivation Letter

Explain how participation aligns with your work/research goals



Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Highlight relevant experience and expertise



Optional Documents

A letter of support from your supervisor or institution

Submit your application via **Google Form Link**

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVHzRn6z8ihl6OlwTIIn0ov5zLLzdrQFhSwsrVbpFcQVzXdw/viewform?usp=sf_link) by **January 30**.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the Training School's goals.
 - Potential contribution to the Action's objectives.
 - Demonstrated interest in related topics.
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Funding

Selected participants may receive funding to cover **travel and daily allowance** to cover e.g. accommodation, local travel, and subsistence, as per COST guidelines.

Program Highlights

- Lectures on impact assessment methodologies, social cohesion, and sustainable development.
 - Case studies on Blue Economy practices, such as **maritime tourism** and **coastal shipping**.
 - Workshops to develop actionable policy recommendations.
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Venue and Accommodation

The Training School will be held at the **Bellonia Cultural Centre in Fira, Santorini**, offering modern facilities with IT support and Wi-Fi. Special discounted accommodation packages will be arranged for participants.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** January 30
 - **Notification of Acceptance:** February 15
 - **Training School Dates:** April 2 to April 5, 2025
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Contact Information

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