

MICHELANGELO VIII - Sfax (TN) April 24-25, 2024

Risk, Resilience, and Sustainability in Water Management

Michelangelo workshops are events organized by our Unesco network for students from network members. They enable students from countries bordering the Mediterranean to exchange and compare ideas on themes related to sustainable development. Following the last edition, which took place in 2019 at Rome's Sapienza University and at the University of L'Aquila, we are pleased to announce that the 8th edition will be held in Sfax on April 24-25. This year's event will focus on a theme of particular interest to all Mediterranean people: **water**. You will find below the main elements of participation. As with every Michelangelo event, the network is able to provide financial support for a few students who meet the eligibility criteria, so please send us your students' applications as soon as possible (maximum 2 per institution).

Call for Applications:

I. Introduction:

We are pleased to announce a Call for Applications for Risk, Resilience, and Sustainability in Water Management, an initiative aimed at addressing critical challenges related to water resources. It is designed to foster innovative solutions and research projects that contribute to the sustainable management of water resources.

We invite applications from students interested in advancing knowledge, developing practical solutions, and enhancing resilience in the face of water-related challenges.

The selected students will have to present during a 20mn presentation the water situation in their country/region: statistics/use/scarcity/provision/solution...

II. Focus Areas:

1. **Water Risk Assessment:** Proposals addressing comprehensive water risk assessments, including the identification of vulnerable regions, potential threats, and risk mitigation strategies.
2. **Resilience Strategies:** Projects focused on developing and implementing strategies to enhance the resilience of communities, ecosystems, and industries against water-related risks.
3. **Sustainable Water Management:** Initiatives promoting sustainable water use, conservation, and efficient resource allocation, with an emphasis on both urban and rural contexts.

III. Eligibility Criteria: The call is open to **engineering students and PhD students** across disciplines, including but not limited to environmental science, engineering, economics, and policy.

IV. Application Process:

1. Interested applicants must submit a proposal (**max 500 words**) outlining their project, methodology, expected outcomes, and relevance to the program's focus areas, a letter of motivation and a CV.
2. Applications should be submitted sent at michelangelo2024@rmeim.org.
3. The deadline for submission is **March 10th, 2024**.

V. Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to program focus areas
- Innovation and creativity
- Methodological rigor
- Potential for real-world impact
- Feasibility and sustainability of proposed solutions

VI. Funding and Support: Some selected projects will receive a financial support to participate in the Michelangelo organized by the network conference in April 24-25, 2024 in Sfax, Tunisia.

VII. Timeline:

- Call for Applications Opens: **February 23, 2024**
- Application Deadline: **March 10, 2024**
- Announcement of Selected Projects: **March 15, 2024**

VIII. Contact Information:

For inquiries and further information, please contact michelangelo2024@rmeim.org or visit our website.

We look forward to receiving innovative proposals that will contribute to building a more water-resilient and sustainable future.