

## **Blue Green Governance**

The Open Universiteit is involved in a large international Horizon Europe project on coastal and marine governance. This project, BlueGreen Governance aims to develop innovative land-sea governance schemes based on scientific evidence and societal choices. The project offers several opportunities for a thesis project and cooperation with various organization throughout Europe.

Specific topics that could be studied include:

- Institutional innovation in marine and coastal governance
- Marine protected areas | climate adaptation | nature-based solutions
- The biodiversity-water-climate nexus in marine and coastal governance
- Policy integration
- Social learning
- Scenarios and other ways of exploring possible futures
- Particular case studies or comparative research

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## **Background information**

The current management of oceans, seas and coasts is fragmented across multiple institutional layers and policy areas and based on past experience. BlueGreen Governance pursues an innovative approach to the governance of the seas and coastal areas that: promotes integration between institutional layers and across policy sectors with a clear impact on the use of the land and the sea; involves and engages citizens in decision-making processes, while at the same time including scientific evidence; responds predictively to changing physical conditions as indicated by scientific evidence as well as indigenous and local knowledge and citizen science; and uses e-governance tools in support of the previous three points. With this focus and approach, the project responds to the need for better-informed decision-making processes, social engagement and digital innovation while promoting more harmonious and effective science-policy-society interfaces. The promotion of better science-policy, science-society and society-policy interactions will be embedded in the digital transformation and application of e-governance tools for co-design and service delivery.

BlueGreen Governance will implement and assess these innovative governance schemes in 7 cases across several European regions and sea basins and will draw lessons on how to trigger and facilitate effective institutional change via capacity building. The cases are:

1. Comunidad Valenciana;
2. North Adriatic;
3. the Solent;
4. Western Scheldt;
5. Oslofjord;
6. Canary Islands
7. Reunion.

For more information you can take a look at the project website

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101086091>

Figure 1.3: Geographical scope of BlueGreen Governance

