What are the SP+?
The Student Project Weeks represent a dynamic collaboration among European universities, offering students the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on academic activities taking action to address global change.

Who can participate?
This course is open to students enrolled in university programs at the undergraduate (final year) and postgraduate level.

Where and when?
In 2024 three SP+ with up to 20 participants will be held in the Costa Vicentina National Park near Aljezur, Portugal in January, June/July and September/October.

Programme structure
The first day will comprise site visits with the whole group and a guided introduction to the local environment and its challenges. The second day will be dedicated to comprehensive guidance, concentrating on honing individual fieldwork techniques.

Following this, each group will formulate their research questions, organize their field days, and outline their investigative plans. The groups will operate independently, engaging in fieldwork, including interviews and questionnaires with local stakeholders and residents.

In the middle of the program, a designated day-off will provide participants with the opportunity to go surfing, mountain biking or join a cetacean watching tour.

Concluding the program on the 13th day, each group will present their findings to the local community.

Added benefits
Participants in the program will acquire transferable skills as they learn to strategically plan their fieldwork within a diverse, international, and multidisciplinary research team. Guided by expert mentors, students will explore field techniques in an exciting environment. Interactions with local stakeholders and NGOs will enable them to establish a network of professional contacts, while contributing significantly to environmental research. In addition to these skills, participants will gain proficiency in effectively communicating their findings to both academic and non-academic audiences. This communication will be showcased through an outreach event on the programs final day and in subsequent publications.

Costs
The two-week program is priced at €1106, covering accommodation in Aljezur, project support and supervision, field equipment, as well as food and on-site transport. Travel to Aljezur is not included.

Successful applicants have the opportunity to access Erasmus+ mobility funding to offset the full program cost.

How to join
The application process is online, non-bureaucratic and quick. https://ec.kobotoolbox.org x PWNRlx.
Selected students connect with the international office of their university to access the Erasmus funding.
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