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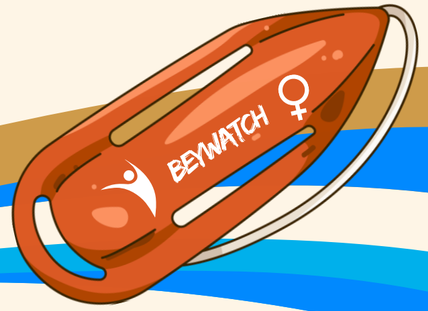
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Sustainability initiatives across ERUA: from academic knowledge to real-world action

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Student-driven sustainability

The ERUA Blue Commission

- Student engagement and collaboration across universities
- From awareness to practical action

The Blue Commission is a student-led collaborative group within ERUA that works to share knowledge, address climate challenges, and develop concrete initiatives such as workshops, talks, and sustainability projects on campuses. It was formed through a student-led open call.

- ERUA Student Manifesto for Sustainable Higher Education

Student-driven sustainability

Bottom-Up Student Projects

Project calls provide opportunities to turn ideas into initiatives.



- A Taste of Marine Sciences –
  Popularize ocean sciences through cooking:

  The project blends marine science, environmental awareness, and culinary art to spark scientific literacy and engagement

- "Blue Commission Forum 2": Sustainability Resilience in ERUA – From Manifesto to Action

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Teaching initiatives: knowledge and skills

Different formats: semester courses, intensive courses, summer/winter schools, travelling seminars.

- Students from different institutions learn together;
- Interdisciplinary approaches;
- Develop practical skills;
- Connect academic knowledge with real-world challenges.

Various teaching methodologies, such as the flipped classroom, project-based learning, cooperative learning and practical fieldwork.



✓ “Coastal Ecology and Advanced Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation and Reversibility”

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From a university alliance to collective impact

- Shared challenges create opportunities for collaboration.
- Student-led initiatives turn engagement into action.
- Cross-border cooperation enables knowledge exchange.



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