

To the Erasmus+ Agency

As MEDfOR Alumni, I must say that those two years of study were the most profitable in terms of personal growth, to me and to my course mates. In this environment, cooperation used to be the key: cooperation between people coming from very different countries acknowledged by the best professors of the best Mediterranean Universities. The unconditional commitment by the partner universities is playing a key rôle in the formation of the MEDfOR students which, aside of the title, are ready both for the working world and for the most advanced PhD researches. As Alumni, I also feel my potential for leading in the world of forestry research throughout the Mediterranean. This is, I have the ability of identifying and studying the major problems which affect this climate area within a multidisciplinary approach which includes cooperation with others and critical thinking.

Not only hard skills but also soft skills are one of the best improvements the MEDfOR students face. I saw, among all my course mates, that their ability to express themselves and their ideas, and presenting their researches, improved a lot. As we know, nowadays these abilities are very important in the field of research and professional positions.

What I wrote is very important because I feel that sometimes, European forestry, intended as forestry in a continental or a boreal climate, are object of higher attention than Mediterranean forestry, by both citizens and institutions of Europe. That is why we need to educate more leaders in this sector: to increase awareness and attention about one of the most vulnerable ecosystems in a fast paced climate change context.

Best regards



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