



AquaSphere “Empowering Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) Capabilities for
Water and Maritime Innovation and Entrepreneurship”



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To: The Association of Economic Universities of South and Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region (ASECU)

Subject: Invitation to Participate in the New Training Cycle “**Integrated Digital Education Program for Maritime Innovation**” of the digital maritime innovation program “AquaSphere”

Within the framework of the EU-Funded (by EIT HEI) project “**AquaSphere**”, which aims to strengthen innovation and technology transfer ecosystems and promote institutional changes in higher education, the consortium of the project, invites all interested students (undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral) to attend the **free** digital MOOC training program “**Integrated Digital Education Program for Maritime Innovation.**”

The digital program is part of the AquaSphere project’s commitment to fostering innovation in the blue economy and maritime innovation, combining cutting-edge digital education methods with specialized knowledge and skills.

Our goal is to educate the new generation of pioneers in the blue economy and water resource management, while promoting digital transformation in higher education.

This program, developed collaboratively by the AquaSphere Consortium partners* , equips participants with the “tools” that provide new knowledge for a modern approach to the blue economy and maritime innovation. The courses offered include:

- Blue economy market analysis
- Sustainable business model innovation
- Maritime technology validation
- Investment landscape in the blue economy
- Scaling water technology enterprises
- Impact assessment in maritime innovation



Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a digital certificate of attendance – **EIT Higher Education Initiative Digital Certificate (issued by EIT HEI initiative)**.

More than 400 students have already participated in the program and received the **EIT Higher Education Initiative Certificate**.

Application submission: <https://aquasphereproject.eu/student-training/>

Application deadline: Ongoing

Course estimated duration: 6 weeks.

To learn more about the project you can visit the website aquasphereproject.eu

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