

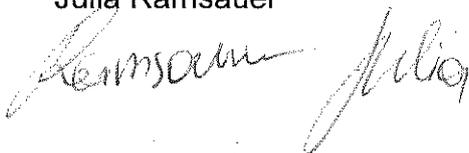
To the Erasmus+ Agency

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management (MEDfOR) has provided me with a high quality education in this field. On the one hand, due to the expertise of lecturers throughout the program and due to the practical and multidisciplinary approach of the courses. On the other hand, there is also a very multidisciplinary and multicultural environment among students. Due to this, I greatly expanded my horizon in terms of different perspectives of world issues and could advance immensely personally. I can say that I got encouraged by professors and colleagues to speak up, to develop my own ideas, and to challenge myself, which let me grow my confidence and eloquence. I could see this development in all my colleagues, meaning that all of them significantly improved their skills in terms of forming, organizing, and presenting their ideas.

The development of a coordinated and multidisciplinary approach in the Mediterranean area is needed to address critical challenges to the sustainability of this ecosystem. The future provision of various ecosystem services provided by forests, but Mediterranean landscapes in particular, can only be achieved through the corporation of stakeholders, professionals, and researchers. To do so, it is crucial to understand historical, present, and future challenges and to establish active channels of communication within and between all fields of interest. Thus, we need to educate the next generation of leaders in forestry and natural resources and public and private land management throughout with a special focus on the Mediterranean. Highlighted by some achievements listed below, MEDfOR contributes greatly to this education and thus financial support from the Erasmus+ Agency to a set of four new editions is crucial to keep this process going.

Best regards

Julia Ramsauer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Ramsauer', written in a cursive style.