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**Climate,  
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*For Biology, Ecology,  
Environmental Science,  
Biotechnology and  
Chemistry students*

**Master and  
Doctoral students**

## H<sub>2</sub>O Pollution: holistic approach and nature based solutions

27-31 January 2025 in  
Rome

*Department of  
Environmental Biology*

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In line with Sustainable Development Goals



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## General programme of the BIP

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9: 00 – 11: 00	Arrival and registration – Opening session	Field trip	Lab activities in Sapienza	Visit to Stakeholders	Project writing session
11: 15 – 13: 15	Learning sessions	Field trip	Lab activities in Sapienza	Visit to Stakeholders	Project writing session
14: 15 – 16: 15	Learning sessions	Field trip	Lab activities in Sapienza	Visit to Stakeholders	Sum up and feedback
16: 30 – 18: 30	Learning sessions	Workshop	City tour – water at the ancient Romans' times	Workshop	Closing session
20: 30			Social event		



## LECTURES AND APPLICATIONS IN ROME

### 1) New ecological approaches to assess water quality

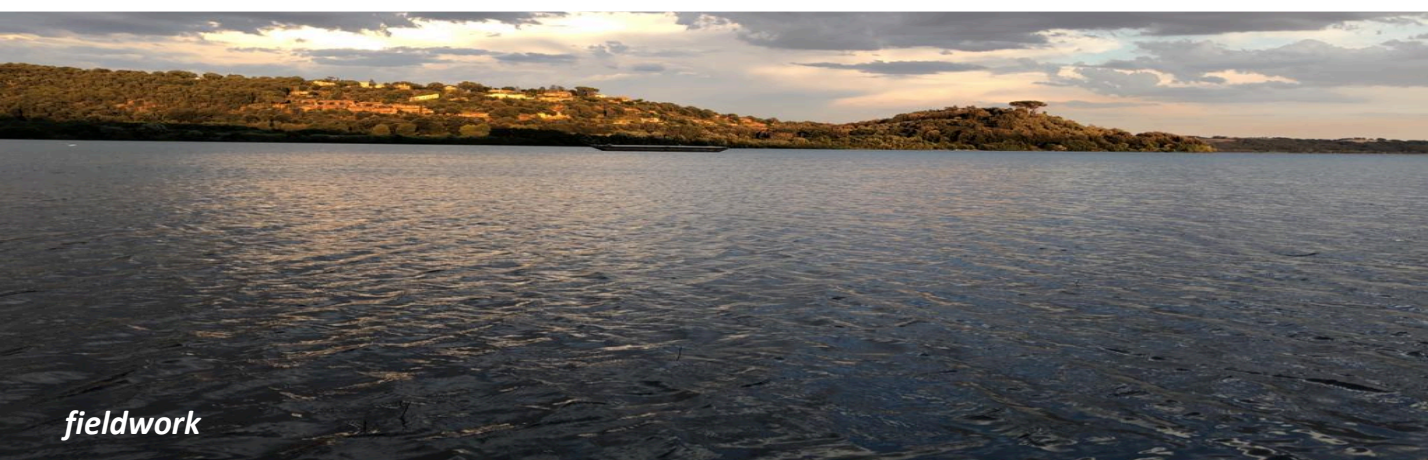
- Isotope fingerprints to track pollution sources and environmental changes over space and time
- Detection of Microcystin-producing cyanobacteria and naturally-occurring biodegrading bacterial community using qPCR.
- Ecotoxicology testing adapted for detection of Microcystins
- Identification of antibiotic resistant bacteria and genes
- Ecotoxicology testing with macro-invertebrates
- Behavioural studies with organisms
- Non-animal alternatives (NAMS etc)
- Identification of microbiological indicators of depollution by molecular methods
- Ecotoxicological tests in water mixtures to support chemical analysis
- Degradation tests under anaerobic conditions

### 2) New chemical approaches to assess water quality

- Sources, occurrence and health impacts of emerging contaminants and methods for their identification
- Sensors to monitor water quality
- Digital PCR for monitoring using molecular markers
- Non-target screening and targeted analysis

### 3) Green and nature-based solutions for pollution remediation including bioenergy production

- Green chemistry solutions for water pollution problems
- Nature-based solutions for pollution remediation
- Bioremediation of emerging contaminants, phyto-assisted bioremediation
- Energetic valorisation of human activities' residual products including pharmaceuticals and other emerging contaminants
- Bioelectrochemical systems (BES), microbial fuel cells (MFCs), microbial electrolysis cells and anaerobic digestion in bioremediation, wastewater treatment, biofuel, energy and biochemical production







## Affiliation of the Academics



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*Innovative approaches for  
effective detection and  
removal of pollutants in  
sustainable water  
management*

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