



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



Call 2024 Round 1 KA2 KA220-HED
Cooperation partnerships in higher education
Project: 2024-1-IT02-KA220-HED-000251303

INFO PACK

Provided by University of Messina - Department of Law "Salvatore Pugliatti"

Mid Term Conference and Project Meeting

8th – 9th May 2026



WELCOME TO MESSINA!

Tradition and Innovation at the heart of the Mediterranean

The [University of Messina](#) was founded in 1548 and enjoys a long tradition as a driving force in the Mediterranean area with a strong orientation towards internationalisation, innovation and quality of teaching and research. According to the World University Rankings, in the Italian university quality rankings, UniME ranks second among large Southern Italy universities. UniME is currently listed among the top Universities in the world by some of the major international rankings.



Meeting Location

University of Messina Department of Law S. Pugliatti Sq. n. 1 – 98122 (Room 5)

For logistic and/or practical info refer to:

Tommaso Rovinelli

0039 335 70 66 797

tommatorovinelli@gmail.com

We're looking forward to welcoming you in Messina soon!



How to get to Messina centre



From the Airport: If your flight arrives at the [Airport of Catania](#) the host entity will organize a transfer to Messina. In the forthcoming days we will collect dates and time of arrivals and departures to fix the coach.



From the Central Train Station: is located very close to the historical city centre, so many touristic sites and hotels are at a walking-distance from there. Moreover, the Central Station is the main transportation hub for what concern city buses and touristic buses, so it won't be so hard for you to find your bus stop very close to the station.



Bus: Public transport in Messina is mainly managed by ATM SpA, which operates a fleet undergoing significant renewal with new electric buses. [ATM tickets](#) cost €1.50 (100 min.) or €2.50 (daily ticket 2 trips).



Taxi: As for the transportation from/to the train station, the taxi service is available h24 all over the city, alternative, you can directly call these numbers: Radio Taxi 090 6505 Messina



Bike Sharing: If you are an active person and you like biking around the city, we definitely recommend you to try the bike sharing service offered by [Elerent](#) in the city of Messina!



Just walk! The perfect way to visit Messina historical centre is by walking in the historic area which forms an intricate and dense network crossing all the urban area.



Accommodation

[Isola – Smart ApartHotel](#), Via Cesare Battisti, 155 (1 min. away from the Venue)

[Hotel Messenion](#), Via Francesco Faranda, 7 (5 min. away from the Venue)

[Il Galleone – Elegance Rooms](#), Via G. Venezian 16 (5 min. away from the Venue)

[Hotel La Residenza](#), Via XXVII Luglio 115 (5 min. away from the Venue)

[Royal Palace Hotel](#), Via Tommaso Cannizzaro, 3 (8 min. away from the Venue)

[Jolly Charme Suite](#), Via G. Garibaldi, 126 (15 min. away from the Venue)

Within the framework of Beyond project, hosting organization will cover the following services for participants:

- Round-trip transfer (May 7th - 10th) between Catania Airport and the event venue (University of Messina)
- Coffee breaks, light lunches and coffee station during conference (8th May) and project meeting (9th May)
- Welcome dinner on May 7th in Messina (dietary requirement needed)

Touristic info

Messina is the gateway to Sicily, it can be easily explored on foot. On a beautiful sunny day, you can see the coast of Calabria so close you could almost touch it. The Greeks used to call this corner of land Zancle “sickle”. And if you’re wondering why this name, just take a look at its natural harbour. The best way to explore the City is on foot, that is why it is also the favourite destination for this kind of tourism.

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN MESSINA

- Strolling through the historic centre:** We can start our city tour, by having a walk in the historic area around the Duomo, surrounded by the scent of the sea. The passage of the typical horse-drawn carriages is very suggestive, and it represents the essence of Messina’s Belle Époque. The stunning Cathedral with its three late-Gothic portals and the great mosaic of Christ Pantocratore is worth a visit. Inside is one of the largest polyphonic organs in Europe, in perfect working order.
- Noon in Piazza Duomo:** The 60-metre-high Norman bell tower of the Duomo is a highlight. On the façade is the largest and most impressive mechanical and astronomical clock in the world. A must-see experience is to be in the square at midday, looking up at the original and famous carousel of gilded bronze statues. You can listen to Schubert’s Ave Maria, playing for about 12 minutes.
- Orion Fountain:** It is impossible not to notice the most beautiful fountain of the 16th century in Europe. The monumental Orion Fountain is near the cathedral, and it honours the city’s founder. The work of art was realised by the Florentine Montorsoli, a student of Michelangelo, and was named by the art historian Berenson.
- Vittorio Emanuele III Gallery:** Close to Piazza Duomo, is the scenic and eclectic Galleria Vittorio Emanuele III. The structure is in Art Nouveau style. The peculiarity of the building is the presence of a roofed shopping mall. Three arms converge towards the centre, covered by an enormous glass dome. The ceiling has multicoloured stained glass windows, and the floor is decorated with mosaics. Truly marvellous!
- Villa De Pasquale:** The entrepreneur and collector Eugenio De Pasquale lived in this magnificent building. Eugenio’s nickname was “il maragià” (the maharajah) because of his eccentric nature. The villa is a beautiful example of Liberty style. Surrounded by a marvellous park, the Villa houses laboratories to create refined essences.
- Tasting the mezza with cream while admiring the Straits:** The tour of the centre was a whirlwind of emotions. After seeing so much beauty, it’s normal to feel a certain languor. We choose one of the many places with tables and chairs outside. Here we can enjoy the view of the port and the hustle and bustle of passers-by. We sit down and order a granita. Messina is the home of the “mezza con panna”, or coffee granita. Let’s tuck in the “tuppo” of the brioche.
- Spirituality in Messina:** Spiritual tourism in Messina and its province is very active. With its shrines, holy paths and churches of great value, the whole area is a destination that can nourish the souls of pilgrims and satisfy those who experience the journey as an inner quest.
- Cultural sites:** The University of Studies is worth a visit. It was founded in 1548 as the Jesuit College. The portal of the college was built by St Ignatius de Loyola in the 15th century and is located inside the building. Giovanni Pascoli, who wrote the famous poem “L’aquilone” (The Kite) in Messina, taught at this university. Salvatore Pugliatti and Gaetano Martino were also professors at this university and were later among the founders of the European Community.
- Messina ‘Eiffel Tower’ the Pilone:** Messina is rich in panoramic viewpoints. You can enjoy stunning views from the Sacrario di Cristo Re (Shrine of Christ the King) and the Santuario di Montalto, built on Capperina hill. A special mention deserves Punta Faro, the easternmost point of Sicily. Here stands the Eiffel Tower of Messina. It is a monumental steel pillar 232 metres high, with 1250 steps, on flights almost suspended in the air.
- Stroll through the city’s living room: Cairoli Square:** Don’t leave Messina without taking a walk around the central Piazza Cairoli. Shopping in Viale San Martino is a must. We are in the city’s living room, surrounded by trees and the coolness of the charming fountain. If we want something thirst-quenching, the typical lemonade with salt is just perfect. We can order it in a kiosk that was created inside a city foundry in 1871. In the past, it was the meeting place of Messina’s nobility.