



**GLIDER SCHOOL 2018
BY THE OCEANIC PLATFORM OF THE CANARY ISLANDS
(PLOCAN CONSORTIUM)
GENERAL RULES**

A. PLOCAN

The **Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands -PLOCAN-** is a unique scientific and technological infrastructure (ICTS), formed of a number of specialized facilities that together provide access to study or test excellent and innovative science and technology concepts and devices in coastal and oceanic environments. It includes an observatory, a test site and a multi-purpose offshore platform. They provide data, operations and hosting services for experiments or new devices.

PLOCAN is addressed to the scientific and technological community in search of excellence, as well as companies wishing to achieve international economic and social competitiveness. It is fully inserted in the current and future European collaboration and coordination initiatives in the marine-maritime scope, including adequate environmental guarantees.

PLOCAN is a consortium constituted by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness and the Government of the Canary Islands (BOE 5 April 2008). It is run by a Strategic Council and has an Executive Director empowered by the competencies established in the article 15 of its Statutes.

B. CALL TARGET

PLOCAN is an initiative committed with both its adjoining socioeconomic environment and the international excellence in science and technology. Hence, it promotes this call which is oriented towards university students in the marine-maritime and technological scopes, as well as technicians/ professionals of the sector. The objective is to train them in theoretical and practical abilities and skills concerning underwater vehicles, as gliders.

To accomplish the target, PLOCAN opens a selection process of up to 15 students to participate in the Glider School 2018. This selection period will be opened from Friday 19th of January until Friday 29th June.

The Glider School 2018 will be taught in the glider laboratory located within PLOCAN headquarters (Taliarte, Gran Canaria, Spain). Part of the didactical contents is expected to be performed at the PLOCAN offshore facility (based on existing weather conditions and access availability).

C. EXECUTION CONDITIONS

School will last for a whole week, from October 1st to 5th, 2018 and on a daily schedule from 8.30 to 18.00 hours, being compulsory to accomplish the whole agenda to obtain the assistance certification. Hence, students will compromise to fulfil the 40 in-person training hours distributed during five days.

Selected candidates will sign a commitment letter with PLOCAN, and they will be covered by an accident insurance in all the activities related to the Glider School.

D. REGISTRATION FEES

School fee is 1000 Euros for technicians and professional from the sector, and 600 Euros for university and professional training students (vat excluded).

Partial registration is not accepted, and solely a full registration for the whole school period (40 training hours, 5 days) will be admitted.

The registration fee covers expenses derived from the school itself, boat trips for deployment and/or recovery of gliders, return transfers between the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and PLOCAN every school day, coffee breaks and lunches.

E. SPECIFIC TERMS

To be admitted to the selection process, the prospect applicants should have -by the last date of the period for presenting applications- the following requirements:

- a. Be a professional in the technological sector, preferably coming from areas related to the marine-maritime scope; or alternatively be a university/ professional training student, who has passed half of the credits in the scope of a technological or marine-maritime degree.
- b. English language similar to B2 level, which corresponds to the CEFR (Common European Framework for Languages) regarding listening, reading, spoken interaction, spoken production and writing.

F. APPLICATIONS

Those wishing to participate in this selective process should complete the electronic form contained in this call (www.gliderschool.eu - Registration). Every candidate will fill in one application form, sending also the Curriculum Vitae to the email: gliderschool@plocan.eu.

Additional accreditation to comply with the requirements defined in the Specific Terms could be asked during the selection process. Justification of other stated merits can be demanded too.

In any case, the accreditation documentation required initially and/or additionally should be submitted to PLOCAN by the selected applicants before signing the corresponding contract. Failure to provide the appropriate documentation or to meet the stated requirements will result in the exclusion of selected applicants.

G. SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants eligible to participate in the merit competition will undergo a selective process by an evaluation board.

The process of selecting candidates will respect the principles of:

- a) Publication of calls and their terms.
- b) Transparency.
- c) Impartiality and professionalism of the selection board.

- d) Technical independence and discretion of the selection board action.
- e) Matching the content of the selection processes with functions or tasks to be performed.
- f) Flexibility, subject to objectivity in the selection process.

The selection process will consist of an assessment based on the scale attached in this call, related to the training merits and working experience provided by the applicant.

Taliarte, 19th January 2018

Edwards



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