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BIP – Blended Intensive Programme

 **REDETE26 Summer School** 

“Regional Resilience, Innovation and Economic Transformation in the Adriatic–Ionian Region”

 **7–11 September 2026**

CONCEPT

The Summer School is designed to introduce students and early-stage researchers to the major economic, geopolitical, and innovation challenges affecting the Adriatic–Ionian region and the Western Balkans.

The programme combines:

- academic lectures,
- policy-oriented seminars,
- interactive workshops,
- participation in the REDETE26 conference,
- collaborative group work.

Participants will engage directly with researchers, policymakers, and practitioners while developing policy-oriented analytical skills.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day	Content
Monday 7	Understanding Regional Transformation in the Adriatic-Ionian Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration and Welcome• Opening Lecture “The Adriatic and Ionian Macro-Region as a Cooperation Platform”• Seminar 1 “Regional Development, Cohesion Policy and EU Enlargement”• Seminar 2 “Innovation Ecosystems and Smart Specialisation Strategies”
Tuesday 8	Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar 3 “Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Regional Competitiveness”• Seminar 4 “Supply Chains, Nearshoring and Economic Security”• Practical Workshop “Designing Policy Recommendations”
Wednesday 9	REDETE 2026 Conference
Thursday 10	REDETE 2026 Conference
Friday 11	Final Presentations and Closing Session



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FINAL ASSIGNMENT

“Regional Resilience Policy Challenge”

Participants work in multidisciplinary and international groups throughout the week.

Each group develops a short policy-oriented project focused on one major challenge discussed during the Summer School and conference.

Suggested Themes

- Geopolitical risks and regional resilience
- Supply-chain restructuring and nearshoring
- AI and digital transformation
- Entrepreneurship and startup ecosystems
- Smart Specialisation Strategies
- Youth retention and brain drain
- Energy transition and sustainability
- Regional cooperation and EU enlargement

Final Deliverables

By Friday:

- a short **policy brief** (4–5 pages),
- a **group presentation** (10 minutes).

The presentation session can become an official closing event of the Summer School.



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DETAILED PROGRAMME

Monday – 7 September 2026

Theme:

Understanding Regional Transformation in the Adriatic-Ionian Area

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Welcome

Introduction to:

- REDETE26,
- Summer School objectives,
- faculty and mentors,
- programme structure.

09:30 – 10:30

Opening Lecture

“The Adriatic and Ionian Macro-Region as a Cooperation Platform”

Topics:

- Introduction to the EUSAIR,
- Western Balkans and economic integration,
- regional resilience,
- implications for the Adriatic-Ionian region and Western Balkans.



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10:45 – 12:15

Seminar 1

“Regional Development, Cohesion Policy and EU Enlargement”

Topics:

- EU cohesion policy,
- macro-regional strategies,
- EUSAIR,
- territorial cooperation,
- enlargement dynamics.

This creates a strong conceptual bridge with the REDETE conference themes.

13:30 – 15:00

Seminar 2

“Innovation Ecosystems and Smart Specialisation Strategies”

Topics:

- innovation governance,
- entrepreneurial discovery,
- university–industry collaboration,
- regional innovation ecosystems,
- S3 implementation challenges.

Interactive component:

students analyse a regional case study.

- Asking the right questions
- Data collection and analysis



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- How to structure policy recommendations
- How to create an impact in the policy-making process

Tuesday – 8 September 2026

Theme:

Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Digital Transformation

09:00 – 10:30

Seminar 3

“Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Regional Competitiveness”

Topics:

- entrepreneurial ecosystems,
- startup support,
- innovation financing,
- SMEs and internationalisation,
- youth entrepreneurship.

10:45 – 12:30

Seminar 4

“Supply Chains, Nearshoring and Economic Security”

Topics:

- global supply-chain disruptions,
- reshoring and nearshoring,



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- industrial resilience,
- regional value chains,
- strategic sectors in Europe.

14:00 – 16:00

Practical Workshop

“Designing Policy Recommendations”

Topics:

- Asking the right questions
- Data collection and analysis
- How to structure policy recommendations
- How to create an impact in the policy-making process
- evidence-based policymaking,
- stakeholder mapping,
- translating research into policy,
- writing concise recommendations,
- presentation techniques.

Groups work directly on their assignments.

Wednesday – 9 September 2026

Participation in REDETE26 Conference

Students attend:

- keynote speeches,
- plenary sessions,
- parallel sessions linked to their assignment topics.



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Recommended activity:

students keep a short “conference reflection diary” to integrate conference insights into their final work.

Thursday – 10 September 2026

Participation in REDETE26 Conference

Friday – 11 September 2026

Final Presentations and Closing Session

09:30 – 12:30

Student Group Presentations

“Regional Resilience Policy Challenge”

Each group presents:

- the selected challenge,
- analysis,
- policy recommendations,
- expected regional impact.

Presentation format:

- 10-minute presentation,
- 5-minute Q&A.



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13:30 - 14:30

Feedback Session

Panel feedback from:

- academics,
- policymakers,
- conference organisers.

14:30 - 15:00

Closing Remarks