

RTC "Cono Sur" Activities 2024-2025

i. RTC/STC scope and priorities

OTGA RTC "CONO SUR"

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- Our activities are mainly focused on capacity building in Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP).
- We deliver an online CMSP course every year.
- We are also much interested in delivering on site courses on CMSP.

ii. Achievements of trainings in 2024/2025 with OTGA

RTC Cono Sur - OTGA courses delivered 2021 - 2024



- Hundreds of applications
- 150 participants from non-academic institutions
- Over 25 countries
- Over 25 professors from 10 universities

2024

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OTGA Training Course Proposal Form (English)

To be completed for all OTGA Training Course proposals.

Course name	Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP 4th edition) 2024
Course description (summary of the purpose and key content covered)	<p>This online course will familiarize participants with Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP), what are the benefits of its application and what results can be expected. The course is designed to present the basic steps of the MSP process, stakeholder engagement and their responsibilities, the tools and techniques of CMSP, and the cross-border context of CMSP.</p> <p>Aim: This training course aims to contribute to strengthen the capacity on planning and management of coastal and marine areas.</p> <p>Objective: To provide an introduction to the theory and practical starting points to implement the CMSP process.</p>



Originally planned for October 2025
(to be delivered in May 2026)

FACE TO FACE COURSE TO BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

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Course name	Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning in practice – 2025 (2026)
Course description <i>(summary of the purpose and key content covered)</i>	<p>This blended course will familiarize participants with Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) concepts and practice, the basic steps of the MSP process, stakeholder and institutional engagement, and particularly the cross-border and intersectoral context of CMSP.</p> <p>Aim: This training course aims to contribute to strengthen the capacity on planning and management of coastal and marine areas through conceptual and practical approaches.</p> <p>Objective: To provide an introduction to the theory and practice to implement the CMSP process.</p> <p>The course will be delivered by distance learning and by face-to-face practice using the MSPGlobal Challenge Board. During the online phase of the course participants will study theoretical lectures and read basic material from the OTGA Moodle platform, and travel to participate on the second phase to work on practical cases using the MSP Challenge Board, which will take place in Montevideo, Uruguay.</p>

External funding sources for onsite OTGA course delivery

- Face to face course in 2026, on CMSP and ICM, using the MSP challenge game, supported by MSPGlobal; others.
- Funds needed for moving participants and staff in the region & funds needed for accommodation and per diem.
- University programs for moving professors and students are available, but applications are tedious.
- Need of extra support (governments, regional agencies, OTGA).

Sustainability of RTC/STC to continue to deliver OTGA courses

- Sustainability of RTC activities based on the commitment from UdelaR and UFSC to continue delivering courses; general governmental support.
- Advertisement, communication, OTGA network.
- Personal support from teaching staff (time not paid) as well as for the coordination of the courses and the RTC.
- In the medium term the sustainability of the RTC is guaranteed, but there are risks for the long-term sustainability.

- In this 5-year period we have done a strong effort in maintaining the CMSP course fundamentally.
- This course always has a large demand from different countries and regions.
- For improving the RTC performance we need extra efforts for:
 - ❑ increasing the time dedication to the RTC coordination.
 - ❑ finding new staff and new topics for new courses.
 - ❑ seeking new sources of financial support for face to face courses.

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