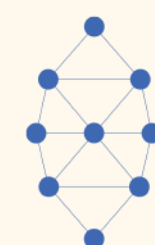


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The University of Udine (Italy)

The University of Udine is a small university located in the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Region** (North-East Italy).

Open **since 1978**, it is the unique University in Italy born by **popular will**.

Its action is based on four pillars: **higher education, research and technology transfer, interaction** with the region and **internationalisation**, in a constant exchange of knowledge and new ideas with the local business environment and society at large.

Today, the University of Udine, with its **8 departments**, has over **15.000 students** and more than **600 lecturers**.



The work of the geographers of the Dep. of Languages and Literature, Communication, Education and Society

Coordination of the Regional Board of River Contracts (by mandate of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region)

- **Training** activities for stakeholders and **guidance** to new and ongoing processes;
- Support to **educational activities** in schools;
- Support to the organization of **awareness raising** activities, as festivals using art to promote a **new culture of water**;
- Support to **community mapping** realized in the framework of River Contracts;
- **Communication** activities.

Project “Udine Roiale System” - River Cities Network (Planned from 2026)

- Participatory research on the **history** of the system of artificial canals and the city nexus and on the **changing relationship** between the system and the city over time;
- Design and coordination of a **revitalization strategy**, in collaboration with local stakeholders.

Collaboration with local ecomuseums (Ecomuseum of Waters, Lis Aganis Regional Ecomuseum of Friulan Dolomites)

The project ComuniCAREH2O

The project aims at creating an **informed culture around the water resource** and at fostering a **collaborative mindset** among stakeholders, establishing connections between entities operating in the water sector at various levels within the region Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy).

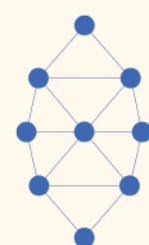
It involves 3 departments of the University of Udine, 1 environmental association, 1 NGO, 1 consumer association, 3 water services providers

Activities:

- **Awareness raising** activities (e.g. seminars, activities targeting families for the World Water Day);
- **Project EDU Acqua**: innovative educational approach to water cycle, in which knowledge and skills are transmitted both horizontally among students and vertically from PhD and doctoral candidates to students in the immediately lower educational level (high, middle and primary school).



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