

## Ovidius University of Constanta (OUC) ERDF PP6



Ovidius University of Constanta-OUC is the largest Romanian university in the South-East region. The university is located in an economically powerful region, which represents a cultural bridge between East and West. OUC is an internationally accredited university with more than 50 years of history in higher education.

OUC has 16 faculties and over 650 members of the academic staff with the mission to create, maintain and disseminate knowledge to society through education, research and artistic creation at European standards. The university is actively engaged in the community, but with an impact in the entire Black Sea region, Europe and beyond. OUC is dedicated to research activities, initiating and taking part nationally and internationally in research projects. Thus, the second main pillar of Ovidius University's mission is scientific research, technological development and innovation (RDI). OUC has the capacity to develop high quality research in a variety of subjects and is particularly interested to be involved in the development of the region especially regarding economic activities and the transport infrastructure and port development as a vector to achieve the economic growth in the Dobrogea region. The researchers of OUC have conducted research activities regarding port harmonization, port legislation, port management and regional economic development with results published in the international flow of scientific publications. OUC is a reliable partner for both the local public authorities and the economic environment being involved in creating development strategies and strategic plans in the region.

In the DAPhNE project, OUC is responsible for the coordination of activity 4.1. *Improve & harmonize port administration processes*. Professor PhD Diane Paula Corina VANCEA coordinates the OUC research team. The other team members are Professor PhD Ion BOTESCU, Associate Professor PhD Cristina DUHNEA, and Lecturer PhD Andreea-Daniela MORARU.

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