



## NEWSLETTER 1/2021

### MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability

The MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability will produce high calibre graduates equipped with skills and knowledge to assess and manage climate change in the urban environment in a sustainable manner.

### Coordinator:

- Glasgow Caledonian University (UK)

### Partners:

- LAB University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- University of Huelva (ES)
- Dresden University of Applied Sciences (DE)

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)

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More about MURCS: [www.murcs.eu](http://www.murcs.eu)

### What has happened until now

The MURCS 2018 Cohort graduated in November 2020 and their master thesis projects were published in full versions as well in summary version in the *MURCS Proceedings* publication number 1, which is already published. Please visit: <http://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-951-827-354-0>

The MURCS 2019 Cohort are moving into the final stage of completion of their studies with the preparation of their master thesis projects. The written manuscripts are expected to be submitted in August and viva voce examination will be held in early Autumn. In early 2022 we will publish second edition of *MURCS Proceedings*.

Despite of the COVID-19 circumstances, the MURCS 2020 Cohort have started their studies at the beginning of January, with the first mobility as planned at the premises of Glasgow Caledonian University. In line with Scottish Government and University policy, students are completing their studies remotely, however it does not affect their study process because our teaching staff have adapted to the remote teaching. At the end of summer, students will move to Finland to continue their studies as planned.

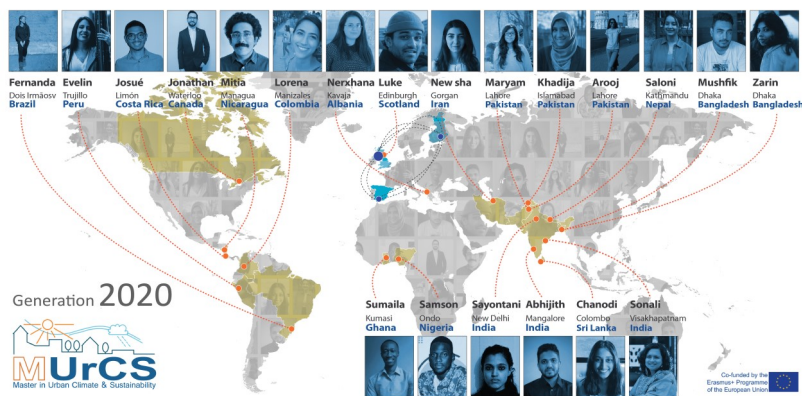


Figure 1. MURCs Generation 2020 map (Sonali Patro and New Sha Modjrian)



Figure 2. MURCs Cohort 2020 remote start (Rohinton Emmanuel)



## MUrCS 2021 Application Process

As for the new cohort for year 2021 and MUrCS 1.5 programme, the admission process has been completed and results have been published. The group will start in autumn in Glasgow as per planned schedule.

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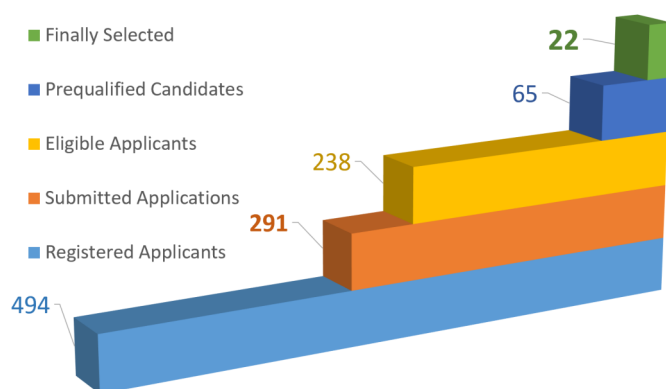


Figure 3. MUrCs Application Process 2021 (Hans Rosenlund)

### Spotlight on the national level

On 12th of April 2021 our Prof. Eeva Aarrevaara was invited to present the MUrCS program as an example of the successful Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme in Finland. The presentation was part of the webinar organized by Finnish Education Agency aimed for Finnish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to inspire them to participate in the upcoming call for funding new joint master degree programmes. MUrCS programme received very warm and positive feedback from fellow colleagues from other Finnish HEIs.

### Physically apart but united with one goal

MUrCS administration has successfully continues to operate despite the COVID-19 travel restrictions. Certainly, it is challenging not to travel for Consortium Management Board (CMB) meetings and operative meetings, however, this makes our Zoom meet-ups and CMB more heartwarming and feels like a family, even though we discuss working matters. MUrCS administration and staff deeply dedicates to complete joint master programme's aims and educate young minds for more sustainable future in the urban context

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