



CALL FOR 15th OTIE ICIT SPECIAL SESSION

ISLANDS TOURISM COMMUNITY- RELATIONALITY- NETWORKS

XVII WORKSHOP – SISTUR

16 – 18 November 2023

Taormina – Sicily - ITALY

In the occasion of the XVII Workshop of the Italian Society of Tourism Science ([SISTUR](#)), The Observatory on Tourism in the European Islands - OTIE, is pleased to organize a special session open to international researchers and expert sharing scientific new knowledge on islands sustainable development.

Island tourism presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities that warrant close examination. Our special session aims to bring together experts from diverse fields to delve into the following themes:

- Community Engagement: Explore the ways in which island communities are involved in and impacted by tourism, emphasizing sustainable practices and mutual benefits.
- Relationality: Investigate the interconnectedness between tourists, residents, and the environment, highlighting the social and cultural dimensions of island tourism.
- Networks and Collaboration: Discuss strategies for fostering collaboration between different stakeholders in the tourism industry, from local businesses to governmental bodies and international organizations.

The session will feature presentations, panel discussions, and networking opportunities designed to facilitate meaningful conversations and collaborations. Papers and presentations are expected to address both the theoretical, methodological, and practical aspects.

To submit your contribution, send **before October the 15th, 2023**, an abstract proposal minimum [300/maximum of 1,000 words] to research@otie.org. The 18th of October will be notified the decision from the scientific committee.

All submitted papers will follow a rigorous double blind review process and the accepted ones will be published in the **International Journal of Islands Research**: <https://arrow.tudublin.ie/ijir/> .

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