

## Meet the STOREM project team at EAFIT University in Colombia

**EAFIT University**, a private institution of higher education located in Medellín, Colombia, participates in the STOREM project through research and teaching from the Department of Earth Sciences. To enrich their Master's Program in Earth Sciences (MCT), the project's professors are developing new courses on connections between watersheds and coasts as well as beach tourism. EAFIT also leads the project's Dissemination Work Package to promote education in the STOREM pathway and private sector participation.



Project management at EAFIT is led by **Dr. Marko Tasic**. In this role, Dr. Tasic coordinates the different technical and administrative aspects of the project, including research, implementation and monitoring of project activities, preparation of reports and budget management. He also leads multimedia communication outreach activities and participates in curriculum development.

The development of the new master's courses is coordinated by **Dr. Juan Darío Restrepo**, Professor Emeritus of EAFIT and member of the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences. Dr. Restrepo is a recognized academic researcher in the field of hydrology in Colombia where he has dedicated himself to the study of sediment transport in rivers and the dynamic processes of the Pacific and Caribbean deltas of Colombia. In STOREM, the Professor has designed a new master's course on Watershed Management for Environmental Protection.



The development of the other new master's course has been led by **Dr. Juan Felipe Paniagua**, Professor of the MCT and an expert in geomorphology and coastal processes. Together with Dr. Tasic, Professor Paniagua has designed a new master's course on Coastal Management for Sustainable Beach Tourism. His expertise in the physical processes and evolution of geoforms in coastal environments will contribute to the new course focussed on the link between coastal morphodynamics and human interventions to generate solutions to the problem of coastal degradation. He also participates in the project's outreach activities.

Several people support the implementation of STOREM from EAFIT's administration. **Ricardo Pardo** supervises STOREM, among many research projects from the Vice-rectory for Discovery and Creation. He is supported by **María José González**, project analyst, in all administrative activities of the project. **Sandra Liliana Valderrama** participates in financial management from the Department of Costs and Budgets, among many other people who support all the administrative processes of EAFIT University. Additionally, contractors **Juan Camilo Giraldo** and **Jonathan Hunt** support STOREM through graphic designs, the website, videos and other outreach materials.

