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### “Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status (ZEWSGES)” Project Team sincerely congratulate the Black Sea Day!



“Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status (ZEWSGES)” Project Team sincerely celebrate the Black Sea Day of all people living in the Black Sea Region. On October 31, the International Black Sea Day is celebrated. On this day in 1996, six Black Sea countries - Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ukraine and Russia - signed the Black Sea Strategic Action Plan for Rehabilitation and Protection. The plan provides for practical measures aimed at restoring and preserving the Black Sea.



The governments of the Black Sea countries agreed that the pollution of our common sea creates risks for all border countries.

We strongly believe that our joint work is necessary and quite useful for the restoration of the Black Sea. In this respect, we wish everyone creative inspiration in the implementation of the ZEWSGES project, and we are sincerely proud of work together.



The ZEWSGES Team and students participated in the beach cleaning activities in September 2019 in Odessa-Ukraine.



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**ZEWSGES** was introduced to Minister of Transport and Infrastructure in National Marine Safety and Emergency Intervention Center (UDEM) opening ceremony in Marmara Ereglisi Town of Tekirdag.



In the opening ceremony of the National Maritime Safety and Emergency Intervention Centre (UDEM), Transport and Infrastructure Minister Mehmet Cahit TURHAN, Deputy Minister Omer Fatih SAYAN, Tekirdag Governor Aziz YILDIDIRM, TNKU Rector Prof. Dr. Mumin SAHIN, Marmaraereglisi District Governor Sıdkı ZEHIN Marmaraereglisi Mayor Hikmet ATA, ZESGWES Project Marine Environment Coordinator and Dean of Corlu Engineering Faculty of TNKU Prof. Dr. Lokman Hakan TECER and many protocol members participated.



The National Maritime and Emergency Response Centre, which has been put into service, will enable intervention to marine pollution at national and international level, and coordinate cleaning activities. It will host national and international trainings, seminars and meetings on marine safety and environmental pollution. UDEM will also be a training centre, testing and certification centre for marine pollution intervention issues for the Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea Region. The Centre aims to provide transportation and effective intervention to disasters and marine accidents as soon as possible with the necessary equipment.

In the Opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Lokman Hakan TECER - ZESGWES Project Marine Environment Coordinator and Dean of Corlu Engineering Faculty of TNKU - introduced our project to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and participants. Prof. TECER gave a brief information on project aims, outputs, marine litter watch and monitoring, beach cleaning activities and ecosystem education program.



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Photos from the Opening Ceremony of the National Maritime Safety and Emergency Intervention Centre (UDEM)

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