

Monthly E-Bulletin of the Project “Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status-BSB257”

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“Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status (ZEWSGES)” Project Team focused in implementing Ecosystem Education Program (EEP) and “Marine Litter Monitoring” activities in January 2020.

ZEWSGES EEP Coordinators continued to train the teachers and realised successive meetings and training program whereas ZEWSGES Marine Litter Coordinators maintained the Marine litter monitoring activities in the partnering countries.

- Bulgarian Team (TDCNM) United for a Cleaner Black Sea!
- Ukrainian Team (UKRMEPA) Realised 6th Beach Monitoring Activity!
- Turkish Team (TNKU) Realized Successive EEP Introduction Meetings with School Admins!
- Georgian partner Civitas Georgica completed winter marine/beach litter monitoring

Bulgarian Team (TDCNM) United for a Cleaner Black Sea!



On January 10th, 2020 at the initiative of the Marlena BSB139 project participants a meeting between the representatives of projects on ENI Cross-Border Cooperation Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 in Bulgaria, namely RedMarLitter BSB 552- **Innovative Techniques and Methods for Reducing Marine Litter in the Black Sea Coastal Areas**, Marlena BSB 139- **Marine and River Litter Elimination New Approach** and Zewsges BSB257- **Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status** was held. The meeting took place in Burgas city. These three projects are



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In compliance with the overall objective of this programme to improve the welfare in the Black Sea basin region through sustainable growth and joint environmental protection all participants have decided to act upon further cooperation to ensure that project implementation and main objectives will be reached and even exceeded.

The Cooperation Memorandum envisages exchange of knowledge, know-how, database information and monitoring results. As per the document signed by Via Pontica Foundation, ZelenaStrandja Association, MalkoTarnovo Municipality and the Tourism Council Development in Nessebar Municipality all parties will improve and increase the information flow on:

- Analysis of the degree of contamination of the Black Sea basin;
- Results from monitoring actions and identification of waste load and its accumulating points;
- Identification of “hot points”;
- Evaluation and increased awareness of common suggested measures.

During the meeting was set a working group that will implement the following capitalization actions:

- Exchange of information on projects’ websites about all projects under priority 2.2.
- Exchange of access and guidance to databases and interactive platforms developed under the projects;
- Exchange of information with observation of relative legislation on stakeholder groups in the Programme region, incl. other partner countries in the three projects.

The aim is to capitalize and further promote activities with EU support in the region.

Ukrainian Team (UKRMEPA) Realised 6th Beach Monitoring Activity!



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The sixth action took place on the 22th January 2020 at Kryzhanivskiy Beach (territorially the beach is located in Suvorov district of Odessa).

Students and teachers of school №71, school №40 and gymnasium №7 took part in the action. 53 participants were involved.

As a result, 10 bags of beach debris totaling 50 kilograms were collected. Information on the composition of the garbage collected was reflected in the monitoring and reporting system.

Turkish Team (TNKU) Realized Successive EEP Introduction Meetings with School Admins!



The EEP Program and its web site <http://www.zerowastebbs.com/EEP>, MLW interactive database, education materials and panel were introduced to school admins responsible for 8 towns, namely, Suleymanpasa (Tekirdağ Centre), Çorlu, Cerkezköy, Muratli, Kapakli, Saray, Marmara Ereğlisi, Ergene towns of Tekirdağ. The school admins and EEP coordinator will then train the 100 teachers in total 50 schools. The teachers will register around 40 students at each school and train them on the use of audio-visual EEP material.

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The 5th ZEWSGES Marine Litter Monitoring was conducted for selected Kvavilnari beach in Guria Region, Georgia, devoted to World Wetlands Day 2020.02.02. Smartphone photography was used in data collection to trial and test machine learning algorithms for beach litter count.

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