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Tekirdag Namık Kemal University (TNKU), Çorlu Engineering Faculty Dean **Prof. Dr. TECER** and Faculty students realised beach cleaning and marine litter monitoring activity within the scope of “**Zero Waste Strategy for a Good Environment (ZEWSGES) Project**”, supported by EU under Black Sea Basin Cross-Border Cooperation Joint Operational Program 2014-2021.

Prof TECER gave a press release about the activity carried out. He added that the lead beneficiary of the action is TNKU and the other partners are:

- Tourism Development Council in Nessebar Municipality **BULGARIA**
- Ukrainian Marine Environment Protection Association UKRMEPA **UKRAINE**
- International Association CIVITAS Georgica **GEORGIA**

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Prof. TECER, the Marine Environment Coordinator of the ZEWSGES Project, listed the expected outputs of the Project regarding the marine litter monitoring and reduction activity as follows:

- To contribute to the implementation of the marine litter management legislation in accordance with the EU legislation,
- To reduce marine litter in beaches and seas,
- To improve the attitudes of residents and tourists regarding marine litter,
- To establish marine litter monitoring programs,
- To identify the sources of marine pollution,
- To determine seasonal changes and annual trends in marine litter,
- To protect the ecosystem and to contribute to achieving a regional 'Good Environmental Status', and consequently to ensure the sustainability of high quality of life.

Noting that marine litter knows no borders, **Prof. TECER** stated, “Every year, approximately 6.4 million tons of garbage reaches the marine environment in the world, an average of 18,000 plastic garbage floats in each square kilometre of the seas, and that a multi-dimensional struggle against marine pollution is required.

Prof. Dr. TECER: “Last year 5 marine litter monitoring and beach cleaning activity were realised. Today the 6th one is being done with the aim of raising awareness among fishermen, local people and tourists on marine litter disposal and reduce. An Ecosystem Education Program was also developed and applied for 7-16 year ages students and their teachers”. He emphasized that, the 6th marine litter monitoring program reveals that the measures taken within the scope of combating COVID-19 reduce the pollution in the sea and coasts.

He stated that the amount and composition of the litter collected today is different from the previous 5 activities.

Prof. TECER said that during the fight against COVID-19, tourism was also affected along with many sectors, therefore Kiyikoy beaches, which was an important tourism centre, had a quiet

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period, consequently, the composition and the amount of litter in the beaches and seas were affected positively. He added "COVID-19 contributed to keeping our coasts and seas clean".

Prof. TECER: “The pollution in the seas affects not only the tourism sector but also the marine flora and fauna, therefore the fishing sector is also damaged. We are happy to organize this event with an enthusiastic crowd in order to draw attention to the environmental pollution experienced in our tourism-intensive regions, to raise awareness and to show that we protect our beaches and seas. We hope that these efforts create awareness for our people who fish in our seas, take a vacation on our shores, and live on our beaches”.

You can access the relevant news and interview in the media at the following links:

<https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/seyahat/ordudaki-boztepede-yamac-parasutu-ucuslari-yeniden-basladi-41560325>

<https://www.mynet.com/kirklareli-kiyikoy-sahilinde-kirliligin-azaldigi-belirlendi-tekirdag-6537280-myvideo>

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