

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

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## ZEWGES (Zero Waste Strategy for a Good Environmental Status) Project activities during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ecosystem education at the schools of partnering countries will continue online via WEBINAR

One of the main activities of ZEWGES (Zero Waste Strategy for a Good Environmental Status) Project, is public awareness among 7-16 aged students and their teachers under Ecosystem Education Program (EEP). Within the scope of this activity about 75 primary/secondary schools (50 from Turkey, 5 from Bulgaria, 10 from Ukraine, 10 from Georgia), 50 NGOs (15 from Turkey, 5 from Bulgaria, 20 from Ukraine, 10 from Georgia) and 25 local media organisations (10 from Turkey, 5 from Bulgaria, 7 from Ukraine, 3 from Georgia) are expected to be involved in the Ecosystem Education Program (EEP). So far, 193 teachers and 3690 students from 101 schools in four partnering countries, namely, Turkey, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Georgia, have been registered in the EEP integrated database (see Figure 1). While all the registered teachers have been trained, part of the students have been educated via classical class meetings.

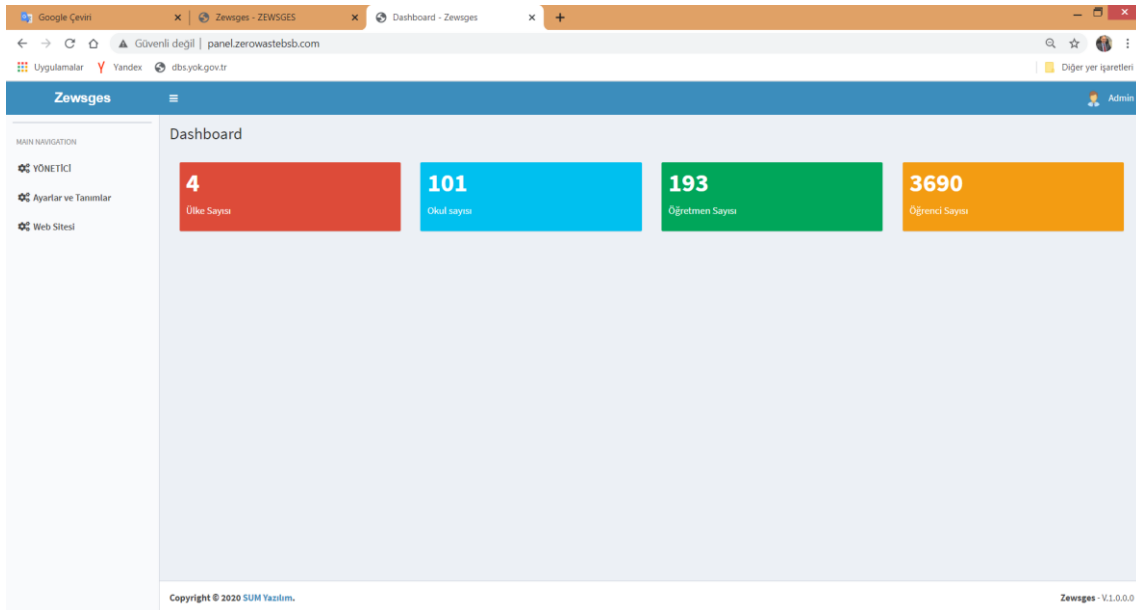


Figure 1. Number of schools, teachers and students registered in the EEP integrated database in the partnering countries, namely, Turkey, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Georgia.

Before the start of the COVID-pandemic restrictions, Turkey has trained 692 students in 50 schools; Bulgaria has trained 415 students in 4 schools; and Georgia has trained 105 students in 7 schools. Ukraine has managed to train 41 teachers and 986 students remotely during the pandemic. The remaining students will be trained online via WEBINAR. The software for online education is being developed now.



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### Project Workshops, Conference and other Meetings will also be realised online via WEBINAR

In the Project, 4 workshops, 4 conferences and press conferences, one in each partner country, were planned. Meetings on 14-15 May 2019 in Burgas-Bulgaria (Figure 2) and on 19-20 September 2019 Odessa- Ukraine (Figure 3) were held. The remaining two meetings to be held in Georgia and Turkey will be realised online via WEBINAR, in October 2020 and December 2020, respectively.



Figure 2. Project Meeting in Burgas-Bulgaria on 14-15 May 2019.



Figure 3. Project Meeting in Burgas-Bulgaria on 14-15 May 2019

### The other Project activities is going to be realised as they were planned

The other Project activities such as four “fishing for litter”, beach clean-up , “litter monitoring” will be realised as they were planned.



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Ukraine (UKRMEPA) did the fishing for litter campaign in August 2020 (see Figure 4) and the other three countries will do before December 2020. A total of 52 people took part in the action, who collected about 70 bags of garbage, weighing a total of 700 kg,



Figure 4. Fishing for litter campaign done by UKRMEPA in Odessa UKRAINE in August 2020.

Bulgaria (TDCNM), Ukraine (UKRMEPA) and Georgia (CIVITAS Georgica) did the beach clean-up activity with the participation of 255, 280 and 63 people whereas Turkey (TNKU) will do in October 2020.

Litter monitoring four times a year in each partner countries was completed and the collected litter were classified and all necessary analysis were done.

### The duration of the Project was extended six months

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and re-organisation of the activities affected by the pandemic, the Project duration was extended six months and some outputs to be realised was increased about %10 in number.

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