

Marine and River Litter Elimination New Approach - MARLENA BSB139

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A transnational cooperation project raising public awareness about river and marine litter problems, emphasising biodiversity and the marine environment.

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The project aims to build progress of shared prosperity, good neighbourhood and clear rivers and sea throughout protected areas of partners countries within the Black Sea Basin.

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It is the joint initiative of the partnership against pollution existing in the Black Sea Basin, at the level of inland waters, protected areas and natural reserves. All 5 target regions (Turkey - Demirkoy, Galati, South-East Romania, Bulgaria Strandja Region and Malko Tarnovo, Republic of Moldova - Cahul and Ukraine - Odessa Region) are located in the Black Sea Basin and have a rich biological, ecological diversity and high tourism potential.



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Six partners from 5 different countries joint their resources and knowledge taking the opportunity offered by Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020 under the European Neighborhood Instrument to reach the common goal „Clear rivers and seas”.

MARLENA BSB139 project is an added value to the fight against pollution, especially with plastic, as litter, in water bodies.

The 5th Newsletter is dedicated to „Thematic Conference” activity developed under MARLENA project (A.T1.4 and D.T1.4.1).

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ACTIVITIES RAN during the period 17th of August 2019 - 16th of December 2019
FLAG Galați Romania, PP3

16th of One Day Thematic Conference (A.T1.4 with D.T1.4.1)

The Romanian day addicted to "Thematic conference" was a special occasion for PP3 to announce at the end of reporting period the main achievements of 2019.

On 16th of December 2019, at the Galati Complex Museum of the Natural Sciences - was held the Romanian Thematic Conference with a stand presenting the results of the project. The

event submitted the analysis of the Guide to good practices on waste management, presented the results of the Clean-up day and other activities implemented by FLAG Galati in 2019.

This activity was organized to conclude all activities of the year and to present the Guide that was printed in Romanian language. At the event attended 39 persons (29 women and 10 men).



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D.T1.4.2 - International round table in Ukraine

Pp3 participated D.T1.4.2 - International round table in Ukraine with 3 relevant stakeholders: Mrs. Carmen COSTACHE from Galati Association of Cross-Border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion" - Navy waste on the Danube, Mrs. Liliana CORNEA from National Environmental Guard - EU strategy for plastic in the context of the circular economy and Mr. Gabriel Cristian GHEORGHE from European Funds Minister - Galati Regional Infrastructure Directorate - South-East Region - "Integrated waste management system in Romania South-East Region". Their presentations were documented, interesting and aroused the interest of the audience.



FLAG Galati organized 2 activities ECO-CAMP covering D.T3.5.1 and D.T3.5.2.

The two activities were organized at Zatun Lake (28th of September 2019) and Brates Lake (13th of October 2019). The second eco-camp was postponed due to the bad weather in Galati.

Within the action A.T3.5 "Organization of Eco_Camps in Romania", a series of activities were planned that will combine theoretical explanations about ecological and responsible behavior, about biodiversity, about the types of waste that affect the natural environment with

practical exploration activities, games and actions designed to lead to the protection of the environment (water, air, soil, flora and fauna).

The activity "ECO_CAMP in Romania" organized by PP3 - Association for Sustainable Development "Prut - Danube" Galați (FLAG Galați) within the MARLENA BSB139 project aims to raise awareness among the young generation about the negative impact that pollution has on the environment and to reinforce responsible behavior in nature.

At the Event in Zatun participated a number of 11 persons and in Brates 12 persons.



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PP3 was invited to participate at the international conference "Post-2020: Local action in a changing world", between 3-4 December, Brussels. FLAG Galati, PP3 participated on CLLD#2020 at the section "GOING GREEN" - FLAG Galati and MARLENA PROJECT was awarded "Best project supporting ecological transition", Bruxelles December 2019.

Flag Galati and MARLENA BSB139 were awarded by Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fishing.



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Conference in Demirkoy Turkey:

The LP - Demirköy Municipality organized Conference with the local stakeholders on theme: Sharing best practices in Waste management on 09.10.2019 in Demirkoy - Turkey.

At the meeting participated many representatives of local institutions as Directorate of Environment in Kırklareli, Directorate of National park Longoz in Igneada, Kırklareli, Port department in Igneada, Kırklareli, Special directorate of local investments in Kırklareli, etc.

During the meeting local institutions presented their practices in waste management. Also, during the meeting was presented the best practices from Turkey and the other project participating countries in waste management and recycling.

The participants received published Best Practices Guide in Turkish language with the presented best practices from 5 different project countries.



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The thematic conference "Good Waste Management Practices and Results of Surveys in the Black Sea Region" was held on 26-th of August 2019 in Burgas. 26 participants were informed about the studies carried out on major pollutants and how to reduce pollution in the partner regions.

Lecturers and stakeholders invited by Zelena Strandja participated in the round table and presented their experience in organizing eco-actions in Nature park Strandja, Burgas lakes, and awareness raising campaigns targeted youth in Burgas region.



One-day thematic conference with 41 participants was organized on 21.08.2019 in Malko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.

The results of the analysis and the lectures were presented at the thematic conference along with a guide on good practice in the area of waste management, and in particular dealing with unregulated pollution of rivers and water basins.



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Thematic Conference (Odesa, Ukraine) - Institute of Market problems and Economic & Ecological Research of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IMPEER) - PP5

The event took place on 17th of September 2019 and was held on Conference Hall "ChasPik" (1, Henuiezka str., Odesa, Ukraine. With this occasion the results of the analysis were presented at the thematic conference along with a guide on good practice in the area of waste management, and in particular dealing with unregulated pollution of rivers and water basins.

The topics that were tackled within the conference were:

- Presentation of the project "Marine and River Litter Elimination New Approach-MARLENA BSB 139",
- Presentation of project results for the working year (Ukraine),
- National Waste Management Strategy. Development of Regional Waste Management Plans. Presentation of state water monitoring programs (Order of the State Water Agency dated June 11, 2019 (No. 336 "On approval of water monitoring programs"). Water protection actions as a way to protect against clogging of reservoirs,
- Presentation of the project "Zero Waste Strategy - Achieving Favorable Environmental Status" BSB_257, funded by the Joint Operational Program "Black Sea Basin 2014-

2020",

- Methodology for the development of environmental education programs in accordance with European standards,
- The role of NGOs in promoting a scientific approach to the elimination of marine and river pollution in modern conditions,
- Marine and river pollution. State of the beaches of Odesa,
- Enhanced capacity for an efficient waste management in "Lower Danube" Euroregion area (CleanTown)" of the Program EaPTC Moldova - Ukraine,

"The Contribution of EU International Projects EMBLAS-Plus and MARLITER to Addressing Regional Problems of Black Sea Basin»

At the event attend 21 participants.

The decisions made within the event:

The result of the Thematic Conference is the creation of a working group and the development of a resolution on the treatment of the beaches of Odesa in order to reduce sea and river pollution. The developed resolution should be submitted to the Odesa City Council session for approval



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The event took place on 20th - 21st of September 2019 and was organized on Reception House

2, Sanatornyi lane, Odesa, Ukraine.

The aim of the round table is to present the results of the studies carried out in the project partner countries as well as to discuss the follow-up.

At the event attended delegations from Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Moldova with different topics that conduct to efficient measures to reduce pollution on that areas. There were presented different types of "pollution" that need different measures to reduce and eliminate.

As a result of the round table, partners and stakeholders got the opportunity to exchange waste management practices.

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