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MARLISCO Project - Portugal

Research Unit / Team



MARLISCO is being developed by a consortium of 20 organizations from 15 European countries. The project runs until May 2015.



















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Objectives

The main objectives of the MARLISCO project are to increase the awareness of the consequences of societal behaviour in relation to waste production and management on marine socio-ecological systems, to promote co-responsibility among the different actors, to define a more sustainable collective vision, and to facilitate grounds for concerted actions through the successful implementation of the MMLAP. The main focus is to provide and evaluate mechanisms to enable society to perceive the impact of litter on the marine environment, to identify the land-based activities that are involved and collectively arrive at solutions to reduce that impact – in particular solutions that can be implemented locally but have a regional effect.

Methodology

MARLISCO is organized in 7 work packages (fig. 1).

- WP1 Scoping study: sources, trends and policy background
- WP2 Processes & solutions: moving towards better practice (Best-practices collection and stakeholder survey)
- WP3 Marine litter web-portal and dissemination platform
- WP4 Empowering society through informed debate (National fora)
- WP5 Views of European youngsters (European video contest)
- WP6 Education, outreach and synthesis (several customized activities to raise social awareness about marine litter including MARLISCO exhibition)

Expected Results

MARLISCO activities in Portugal:

- Nineteen Portuguese best practices were collected (72 in all 15 countries)
- Stakeholder survey: 3876 respondents (850 in Portugal); Misperception about sources, dispersal and composition of marine litter.
- · National Fora in Portugal: Azores, Madeira and Lisbon
- Video contest: 92 videos, more than 600 students and teachers involved (fig.2).
- A MARLISCO exhibition displayed in several places across the country (fig.3).
- More than 9000 people involved in MARLISCO social awareness activities (fig.4).

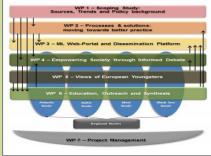


Fig.1: MARLISCO methodology



Fig.2: Portuguese video contest winner team



Fig.3: MARLISCO exhibition



Fig.4: Social awareness activities



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