

## **Involving young generations and stakeholders in marine environment protection**

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### **Introduction**

One of the ocean literacy principles reads that “The ocean and humans are inextricably linked... Everyone is responsible for caring for the ocean.. Individual and collective actions are needed to effectively manage ocean resources for all”. This is the main guiding principle of the different activities that the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change – CMCC Foundation has done in the past few years to promote ocean literacy and to involve students, professionals, general public and experts in the circulation of knowledge and in the conservation of the marine environment.

### **Methods**

Through workshops, open days, clean-up activities, school works, seminars, co-design activities, production of video materials, a variety of people was reached and engaged. Sometimes a mix of audiences and participants was looked for, in order to allow exchanges, open debate, mutual learning. Particularly with students, moments of active participation, e.g. in beach clean-ups, were associated with moments of learning and discussion with scientists and policy makers.

### **Results**

More than 300 high school students participated in the proposed activities, several stakeholders from public and private sectors were involved in trainings and public events.

### **Conclusions**

CMCC Foundation vision and activities are shared with the other organizations of the EuroGOOS Ocean Literacy Network that aims to upscale the national efforts of the EuroGOOS members and contribute to broader Ocean Literacy efforts globally.