

4th Press Conference following the Final Conference of ZEWSGES in Tekirdag TURKEY

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ZEWSGES 4th (FINAL) CONGRESS/WORKSHOP ONLINE EVENT 08:00-10:30 CET 21 January 2021 hosted by Tekirdag Namik Kemal University TEKIRDAG-TURKEY

“Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status” Project 4th (Final) Congress/Workshop online event hosted by Tekirdağ Namik Kemal University (TNKU) was held on the 21st January 2021.

The Congress/Workshop consisted of four sessions;

Session 1: Welcome speeches and press conference

Session 2: ZEWSGES Project General Project Overview

Session 3: ZEWSGES Project Ecosystem Education Programme & Marine Litter Overview

Session 4: Project Coordination Meeting: ZEWSGES Project Closure

The sessions were moderated by Prof. Dr. Fatih KONUKCU

Session 1: Welcome speeches and press conference

In the first Session, representatives of the institutions, National Authority and JTS, namely, **Mr. Giorgi MESKHIDZE**, the President of International Association CIVITAS Georgica- GEORGIA, **Ms. Sonya ENILOVA**, Representative of TDCNM (Tourism Development Council in Nessebar Municipality BULGARIA), **Mr. Nykyta KARPENKO**, President of UKRMEPA (Ukrainian Marine Environment Protection Association-UKRAINE), **Prof. Dr. Bulent EKER**, Vice Rector of TNKU, **Mr. Serkan BOZKURT**, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs-EU Affairs Expert and **Mrs Georgiana Bratu**, JTS-Romania made short speeches. **A total of 44 people** participated in the online event. A press release was disseminated to the media in the break followinth first session.



Session 2: ZEWSGES Project General Project Overview

In the second session, the General Project Coordinator **Mr Ali Sirri OREN** (TNKU-TURKEY) and **Ms. Sonya ENILOVA**, Project Coordinator - TDCNM, Bulgaria, **Nykyta KARPENKO**, Project Coordinator - UKRMEPA, Ukraine, **Mr. Mamuka GVILAVA**, Project Coordinator - CIVITAS Georgica, Georgia made presentations on the general achievements of the ZEWSGES project in their country. In conclusion, it is understood that the targets of the project have been achieved in all partner countries. **A total**

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of 39 people participated in the second session. What Project coordinators presented were combined with the presentation on EEP an ME Coordinators in session 3.

Session 3: ZEWSGES Project Ecosystem Education Programme (EEP) & Marine Litter (ML) Overview

In this session, All details of EEP and ML activities were discussed by EEP and Marine Environment (ME) Coordinators. A total of 38 people participated in the third session

Prof. Dr. Fatih KONUKCU (EEP in TNKU) summarized the activities carried out within the scope of the EEP as follows: Within the scope of the project, a Multimedia Ecosystem Education Set was developed for students aged 7-16 in four languages (Turkish, Bulgarian, Ukrainian and Georgian). The training set consists of 20 short ecosystem training videos (40 minutes in total), an online game, posters, brochures, training guidelines and Ecosystem Awareness Questionnaire. A total of 2.228 students and 128 teachers were trained and awareness was raised on the ecosystem. This activity was carried out with the Protocol signed with TNKU and Tekirdağ Provincial Directorate of National Education. In Tekirdağ, 600 kg of litter was collected in beach clean up campaign and 480 students, 50 teachers, 15 NGOs and 12 local media participated to draw attention to marine pollution. All data on EEP was integrated in an "interactive integrated ecosystem database". It was seen from the Ecosystem Awareness Questionnaire that students and teachers filled out before and after the training, that the ecosystem awareness level increased from 40% to 85%.



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Prof. Dr. Lokman Hakan TECER (MEC of NKU) summarized the activities regarding Marine Litter as follows: **Marine/Beach Litter Monitoring Method and Program was developed** in line with the EU legislation. **Marine/Beach Litter Monitoring program was conducted 8 times** (4 times a year, once every season). The seasonal trend, classification and source of litter were determined. Strategies for prevention were discussed. **Fishing for Litter Campaign** was carried out. More than **150 fishermen** and more than **40 boats**, protocols, researchers, students, NGOs and local people participated in Fishing for Litter Campaign in Kıyıköy, Kırklareli. The divers collected more than 1000 kg litter from the bottom of the sea near the beach and drew attention to sea pollution. The data obtained as a result of ML monitoring were recorded in the integrated database (Marine Litter Watch).



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Mr. Mykyta KARPENKO, ZEWSGES Project Coordinator in Ukraine detailed the achievements of EEP and ML as follows: Materials for EEP were collected, 20 educational videos were edited, 41 teachers (out of 30 planned) were trained and 1541 students (out of 1500 planned) were trained. In Fishing for Litter activity was realized by the 102 local fishermen. In Beach Clean up Campaign, 117 people (including 88 pupils and teachers, 8 fishermen, 21 members of the project - representatives of the participating teams from Turkey, Georgia, Bulgaria and Ukraine) were involved. Totally, 7 marine litter monitorings were

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realized. **333 people** took part including pupils and teachers (project plan is 500 in Ukraine, implementation 65 %- reason Covid-19). It was collected at least 3,718 tons of litter from the beaches (project plan is 0,5 tons in Ukraine, achievements 743%).



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Mrs. Fani SEMERDZHIEVA, ZEWSGES MEC of TDNM in Bulgaria detailed the achievements of EEP and ML as follows: **5 Beach Clean up Campaigns** were realized with **292 people** and **600 kg litter** was collected. In **4 Fishing for Litter campaigns**, **60 participants** collected **800 kg litter**. As for the EEP, **520 students** and **55 teachers** were trained in **5 schools**.



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Mrs. Tamar TSAMALASHVILI, ZEWSGES ME Coordinator of Civitas Georgica presented Monitoring Marine Litter on Land and Mr. Mamuka GVILAVA, Project Coordinator of Civitas Georgica in GEORGIA presented Fishing for Litter in the sea and EEP as follows: **8 Beach Monitoring Activity** were realized. Fishing for Litter activity was completed. Hundreds of students and 10 teachers in 4 schools were trained under the scope of EEP.



Beach survey 2020
30-Nov-2020 Kvavilnari beach

- Winter: COVID-lock Down
- Spring: 27-May-2020
- Summer: 17-Jul-2020
- Autumn: 02-August-2020 (Covid-19)
- Winter: 30-November-2020
- Winter 2021: Planned

- Meeting with Fishermen and Jons and Jans
- Monitoring Beaches

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Fishing for Litter (FfL) 2020.12.01

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Training school teachers and students

- Chibati public school
- Tskaltsminda public school
- Khidmaghala public school
- Supsa public school, others
- 100s of students, 10 teachers

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Session 4: Project Coordination Meeting: ZEWSGES Project Closure and achievements of targets.

Project teams, a total of 13 people, attended to the fourth session or PCM. The PC of ZEWSGES Mr. Ali Sirri OREN moderated the meeting. He shared an excel file with the content of activity lists, targets and achievements in number. He reminded that the project is ending on February 12, 2021 and preparation for the final report and expenditure proofs. All agreed what he said and the session/Final Congress was closed.



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AGENDA

CONGRESS: ZEWSGES Project Welcome Speeches	
08:00 - 08:20	Welcome speeches and press conference: Mr. Giorgi MESKHIDZE, President of CIVITAS Georgica Ms. Sonya ENILOVA, President of TDCNM Mr. Nikita KARPENKO, President of UKRMEPA Prof. Dr. Bulent EKER, Vice Rector of TNKU Mr. Serkan BOZKURT, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU Affairs Expert Mrs Georgiana Bratu, JTS Romania Meeting moderation: Prof. Dr Fatih KONUKCU Turkey
08:20 - 08:30	Break
CONGRESS: ZEWSGES Project General Project Overview	
08:30 - 08:50	ZEWSGES Project and Achievements Mr. Ali Sirri OREN , Project Coordinator - TNKU, Turkey Ms. Sonya ENILOVA, Project Coordinator - TDCNM, Bulgaria Mr. Vladimir FILIN, Project Coordinator - UKRMEPA, Ukraine Mr. Mamuka GVILAVA, Project Coordinator - CIVITAS Georgica, Georgia
08:50 - 09:00	Break
CONGRESS: ZEWSGES Project Ecosystem Education Programme & Marine Litter Overview	
09:00 - 09:10	TURKEY ZEWSGES Project Eco-Education Programme in General and in Turkey Prof. Dr. Fatih KONUKCU, ZEWSGES Eco-Education Programme Coordinator in Turkey, “Namik Kemal University”, Tekirdağ, Turkey
09:10 - 09.20	TURKEY Results of ZEWSGES Marine/Beach Litter Watch Campaign in general and in Turkey Prof. Dr. Lokman Hakan TECER, ZEWSGES Marine Environment Coordinator in Turkey, “Namik Kemal University”, Tekirdağ, Turkey
09.20 - 09.30	UKRAINE ZEWSGES Marine Litter Watch & Eco-Education Program in Ukraine ZEWSGES` s Experiences of UKRMEPA Ukraine Mr. Mykyta KARPENKO, ZEWSGES Project Coordinator in Ukraine UKRMEPA, Odessa, Ukraine

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09.30 - 09.40	BULGARIA ZEWSGES Marine Litter Watch & Eco-Education Program in Bulgaria Mrs. Fani SEMERDZHIEVA, ZEWSGES Marine Environment Coordinator in BG Tourism Development Council in Nessebar Municipality, Burgas, Bulgaria
09:40 - 09:50	GEORGIA Monitoring Marine Litter on Land, Fishing for Litter in the Sea and Educating Teenagers - ZEWSGES Experiences of Civitas Georgica Mrs. Tamar TSAMALASHVILI, ZEWSGES Marine Environment Coordinator, Civitas Mr. Mamuka GVILAVA, Project Coordinator, Civitas, ICZM National Focal Point
09:50 - 10:00	Break
PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING: ZEWSGES Project Closure	
10:00 - 10:30	All ZEWSGES Project Team
10.30	End of Congress/Workshop