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NEXT Black Sea Basin



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BlackNETs

Exorcising the BLACK Sea's Silent Killers





Overview

International recognition has grown for multilateral efforts to address the adverse ecological and socioeconomic effects of abandoned fishing gear. This dangerous form of marine litter has significant impacts on marine habitats and wildlife, including threatened species. Despite knowledge gaps, the Black Sea health is threatened by derelict fishing gear, and the BlackNETs project aims to quantify and minimize its impact.





Road Ahead

- Survey about marine litter and fishing gear for understanding the impact of fishermen
- Mapping and reporting of not used fishing gear accumulation areas for organizing the retrieval actions
- Guidebook to prevent, reduce and remove abandoned fishing gears
- Removal of ghost nets for immediate improvement of the Black Sea environment
- Volunteers to sustain the actions for abandoned fishing gears via online campaign
- #GhostBuster campaign to raise awareness of the impact that ghost nets have on the ecosystem
- Learning workshops for students with content specially designed per age to increase awareness



Partnership

Lead partner: Ecological Nongovernmental Organization Mare Nostrum

Partner 2: Karadeniz Technical University

Partner 3: Institute of Oceanology-Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Partner 4: LEPL Ilia State University

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Countries



Figures



Total budget: 456.660,26 €
Interreg funds: 410.994,23 €



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**4 organisations cooperating
across borders**



1 jointly developed solution
1 public event jointly organised

