

BSB 785 (LitOUTer) Project
“Raising Public Awareness and Reducing Marine Litter for Protection of the Black Sea Ecosystem”
Training report for Young

***Each partner will fill this report for each training organized.**

1. Project Partner Name: KTU-LP
2. Country: Turkey
3. Training Date & Time: June 16th 2022; 60 minutes
4. Training type (Personal/Online/Hybrid): Personal (Outdoor)
5. Target Group (Children, students, young people/adults): Students
6. Number of participants: 22 people
7. Training Structure/Agenda:

In the scope of the BSB 785 LitOUTer project, another training packed with a beach clean-up activity with high school students has been conducted on June 16th, 2022. This action was planned and organized by the 88th year Republic Anatolian High School teachers and LitOUTer Project. Following the indoor training on January 11th 2022, the students were brought outdoor to the beach for a beach clean-up activity. The aim of this action is to raise public awareness toward reducing marine litter to protect the Black Sea ecosystem.

At least 30 people including high school students, and teachers also LitOUTer Project KTÜ teams have participated in the beach clean-up activity. Three project team members (Coşkun, Fatma, and Neira) took part in the action.

8. Materials used:
 1. Posters
 2. Litter table & pens
 3. Gloves & trashbags

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9. **Training running:** *Describe how the training unfolded. Present the activity carried out with the participants and their involvement in the activity carried out within the training. Specify the interaction between the participants, the discussions they have, etc.

The beach clean-up activity took place on Ayasofya beach, situated in front of the historical Roman church of Ayasofya, Trabzon. Ayasofya church (now museum and mosque) is one of the most local and international tourist destinations in Trabzon city. Ayasofya beach (between Beşirli - Faroz beach) at the same time is the coastal destination among locals for recreational, socializing, and sports purposes in the city. The high frequency and numbers of human activities in this area result in a high amount of litter. Due to a lack of individual awareness also the insufficient number of garbage bins in the location can cause litter spills into the environment. Moreover, the land reclamation construction near the beach caused litter spills on the site. The aims of this activity are to raise public awareness toward reducing marine litter to protect the Black Sea ecosystem.

The training or clean-up actions were set fully outdoor. The action was started with a brief explanation by the high school teacher. The beach clean-up action took one hour and was focused on one side of the beach with a length of 530 m on an area of 3980 m². All participants were actively involved in clean-up activity. The beach clean-up participants were equipped with litter count forms, pens and trash bags for litter collection. Within one hour a total of 2950 litter items were collected and removed from the beach. Collected litter was dominated by plastic (66%) and paper (12%). Among the plastic litter, cigarette butts constitute the highest rate up to 18% (524 pieces).

During the clean-up activity, were taught on various type of litter, potential sources and transport in the environment including potential risks to marine organisms, humans and the environment. Participants were showing their enthusiasm for handling litter. Some participants approached us to express their concerns about the urgency to reduce solid waste entering the environment by putting them in the recycling system or garbage.

10. **Training impact:** *Describe the training impact for your institutions and for the participants.

We believe that providing such a clean-up activity will provide an understanding of the urgency to reduce marine litter in the Black Sea. This will create a direct impact on the participants of how important to reduce individual waste and also to make sure the litter they are thrown is following the recycling scheme or garbage system and not entering the environment and becoming marine litter in the Black Sea. Also, the outdoor activity will spread the message of the project which is to raise public awareness and reduce marine litter in the Black Sea.

11. **Training feedback:** *Present participant feedback.

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Some participants were share their concern on litter in the environment and suggest that such a clean-up action should be organized frequently with public participations.

12. Lessons Learned: *Describe what lessons you learned in organizing and implementing the training. Lessons learned can be positive or negative and these will help to improve your future work quality and actions.

Divers approach applications are required in building communication with children of different ages. We believed that 'learning by doing' (practices) effectively leaves a deep impression and a lasting message for the participants. We are going to add the frequency of outdoor training and beach clean-up activity for this project.

13. Participants List:




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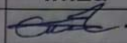
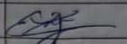
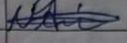
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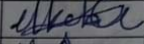
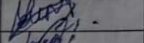
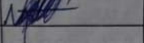
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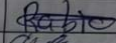
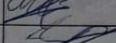


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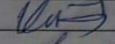
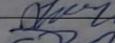
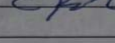
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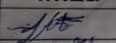
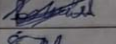
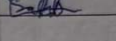


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