



ECOMARINE runs at full speed!

1st Theoretical Training Course: 9-11 September 2022, Cyprus

The first Theoretical Training Course in the framework of the project has been successfully organized on **9-11 September 2022!** Three representatives from each of the Higher Education Institutions from India and Malaysia (9 in total) attended the intensive 3-day training, all professionals who are going to be involved in the operation of the newly set Marine Monitoring Labs in their institutions. The sessions took place in **Nicosia, Cyprus** hosted by the project coordinator, the University of Cyprus.

practice exchange was fostered through interactive discussions and presentations by the expert speakers. All participants were also informed about the exact next steps of the project which entail the operation of the Marine Monitoring Labs in each HEI.



This session, which was very positively evaluated by the participants from India and Malaysia, is the first of a series of in person trainings foreseen in the next few months in the framework of the Capacity Building phase of ECOMARINE.

ECOMARINE Transnational Capacity Building Programme

Following the success of the first in person training in Cyprus, a comprehensive set of trainings, combining theory and practice is foreseen in the next months.

The training focused on marine monitoring methods as well as the theoretical aspect of the **monitoring procedures, data collection and analysis**. Knowledge, experience, and good



They target professionals and staff of the partner Universities from India and Malaysia who are going to work in the respective Marine Monitoring Labs. The upcoming trainings will take place in **Spain** and **Greece** in order to foster **knowledge exchange and promote the capacity building** of the staff from the two partner countries. In total 12 professionals from the partner countries will be trained in person, and they will then act as multipliers for knowledge exchange in their local and national contexts.

- **The second theoretical training** will take place in the premises of the **University of Oviedo in Spain on 12-14 December 2022**. It will also focus on the theory of marine monitoring and will last 3 days.
- **The third round of trainings** will focus on **the practical aspects of marine monitoring, data collection and analysis** and will also include study visits in Marine research centre. It will take place in **Samos and Lipsi islands in Greece**, hosted by Archipelagos Institute on **25 April to 02 May 2023**.

ECOMARINE Face to face Partners Meeting 12-13 September, Nicosia, Cyprus

After more than one and a half year of project implementation, the **ECOMARINE** consortium had the chance to hold its first in-person **partners meeting on 12-13 September in Nicosia, Cyprus**. Representatives from all partners from Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Germany, India, and Malaysia discussed and agreed on



the next steps of the project, its upcoming milestones and management issues.

The main issues discussed were **the progress of the equipment procurement** by the Universities in India and Malaysia, the **finalization of all training materials for the upcoming trainings**, the **organizational and logistical aspects of the upcoming events**, as well as **the intensification of the dissemination and outreach efforts**. Under the guidance of the Quality Assurance leader, BK Consult, partners were also familiarized to the financial and narrative reporting rules, in view to the upcoming official progress report.

The dates of the next partners' meeting were set: **08-09 December 2022** in Oviedo, Spain; preceding the second theoretical training.



Save the dates!

- 08 - 09 December 2022, Oviedo, Spain
2nd Face-to-face Partners Meeting
- 12 - 14 December 2022, Oviedo, Spain
2nd Theoretical Training Course
- 25 April - 02 May 2023, Samos, Greece
Practical Training Course
- 02 – 03 May 2023, Samos, Greece
3rd Face-to-face Partners Meeting

WP2 – Development of ECOMARINE Training Material and Syllabus

Under the coordination of University of Cyprus and Archipelagos Institute and with the contributions of all partners according to their expertise and experience, a course syllabus is being developed with a modular structure. More specifically, 3 e-courses are being developed:

- I. **e-course #1:** Monitoring of marine plastics and microplastics
- II. **e-course #2:** Monitoring & Managing Marine Ecosystems
- III. **e-course #3:** Monitoring Climate Change at Sea and Blue Carbon

The structure for each topic within the unit/chapter includes:

- 20-30 minutes video-recorded lecture (this also includes the ppt you will develop to teach the material)
- Q&A live session
- Assignment (personal or group)
- Assessment

The courses will be targeting undergraduate students (upper classmen) following degrees in biological sciences, environmental sciences, or even better marine biology. The courses can also be attended by early graduate students (1st or 2nd year MSc students or PhD students).

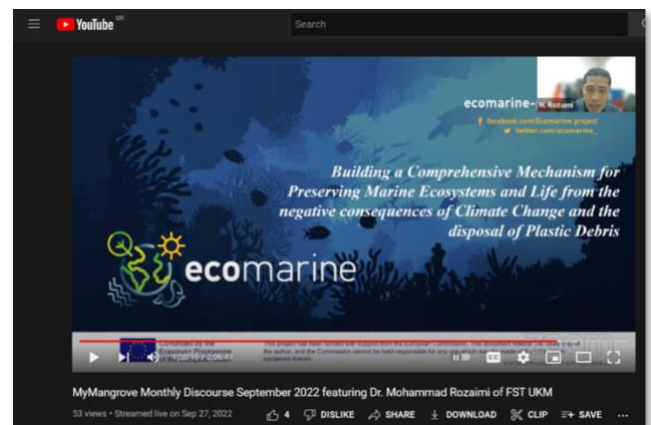
For the development of the course material and content, three specific Working Groups have been set among the respective consortium partners, to ensure the most efficient delivery of material and relevance of the content.

ECOMARINE Dissemination activities

The ECOMARINE consortium has undertaken significant efforts towards disseminating the results of the project. The ECOMARINE website, as well as the ECOMARINE Facebook and Twitter pages have been active in promoting relevant information. Also, individual partners have undertaken initiatives towards promoting the project in relevant events, thus ensuring outreach to already interested target groups. For example:

MyMangrove monthly Discourse, 27 Sept 2022

Dr. Mohammad Rozaimi of FST-UKM, in the September 2022 edition of the MyMangrove Monthly Discourse, presented the ECOMARINE project, its goals, objectives and achievements thus far. The event was focused on Blue Carbon ecosystems which have gained tremendous attention from global communities in recent years for their roles, benefits, functions and values, especially their ability in assisting the planet to mitigate the impacts of climate change.



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