



Raising Public Awareness and Reducing Marine Litter for Protection of the Black Sea Ecosystem (LitOUTer)



Official site:

<https://litouterproject.eu/>

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The Black Sea shores are vulnerable to anthropogenic and technogenic activities. The sources of the marine litter are basin based problem which is closely related to ecosystem and public health, conservation of the environment, marine habitat, biodiversity, and sustainable development in the Black Sea region.

The framework of the marine litter problem has been well understood but solutions are not still clear due to many variables linked closely with the nature of the problem based on cultural, welfare, traditional and educational differences, and lack of knowledge.

During the project implementation period, partners will analyse their areas by means of:

- Waste collecting facilities
 - Amount of collected solid wastes (data from responsible institution)
 - Training and litter collection activities on coastal areas (involving all partners in their sampling areas)
- Training and litter collection activities in the research vessels (Turkish and Bulgarian coasts)
- Workshops, meetings, questionnaires (two times; at the beginning and end of the project), symposium for raising awareness of the stakeholders and transferability of project outputs.

Partnerships

Romania (National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa” – NIMRD, Non-governmental environmental organization Mare Nostrum), Georgia (International Business and Economic Development Center), Bulgaria (Institute of Oceanology – BAS, Black Sea NGO Network)

