



**The Joint Workshop with Exeter University organised by the MarLitCy project has been scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 and will happen online. The project ‘MarLitCy’ innovates, transforming marine litter into a powerful peacebuilding tool, developing synergies, building capacity and fostering partnerships on the island. MarLitCy brings together children and youth, fishermen, divers and coastal businesses from across the divide who want to fight marine litter, an environmental and social problem of common concern.**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, the MarLitCy project is planning an online workshop in the form of a webinar alongside Exeter University with the aim of addressing marine litter and presenting data on beach clean-ups.

The project, with a duration of 36 months (December 2018 – November 2021), is funded by the European Union under the Cypriot Civil Society in Action VI grant scheme and implemented by four civil society organisations with significant experience in bi-communal activities and the blue sector: Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER), AKTI Project and Research Centre, North Cyprus Diving Centers Association and Enalia Physis Environmental Research Centre.

MarLitCy builds on the success of a previous EU-funded project titled “Marine Litter: Together for Clean Coasts!”, which was implemented 2 years ago by the same partnership and engaged over 30,000 people, mainly students and youth. MarLitCy will replicate and augment this success by bringing the island’s communities together to work. This will be achieved through the implementation of various novel activities such as the European best practice ‘Fishing for Litter’, which will be launched in four fishing harbours on the island, the expansion of the existing Responsible Coastal Business Network, interactive presentations at schools and universities, ‘meet the sea’ days with free diving lessons for youth, beach and seabed cleanups, and participatory decision-making workshops. The activities have been designed to reach out to specific target groups, including children and youth, educators, fishermen, divers, decision-makers and the general public.

The aim of this webinar is to understand the level and type of marine litter pollution on our island and identify solutions to tackle the issue. This cannot be done without addressing the following questions:

- What types of marine litter are on our beaches and seabed?
- How much is there?
- Which are the most prevalent and pervasive marine litter items?
- Which are the main sources?

The webinar will also present the data collected from beach clean-ups that have been happening across Cyprus over the last 5 years by the bi-communal project ‘MarLitCy’ ([www.marlitcy.eu](http://www.marlitcy.eu)) and the Exeter University team at Near East University. The webinar aims to raise awareness on marine litter in Cyprus and identify synergies/collaboration opportunities.





Registration [HERE](#)

Registration deadline: 28/07/2020

Location: Online Webinar – Link to the webinar will be provided after registration

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 a.m. (EEST)

### **AGENDA**

11:00 - Welcome and introduction to the Marine Litter for Synergies, Capacity-building and Peacebuilding MarLitCy project – Serdar Atai, Famagusta Walled City Association (MASDER)

11:10 - Presentation: MarLitCy Beach and Seabed Clean-up Activities and Database – Demetra Orthodoxou, AKTI Project and Research Centre

11:30 - Presentation: Findings from the Beach Clean-ups around Cyprus – Professor Özge Özden Fuller, Near East University

11:50 - Discussion

12:00 - End of session

**For more information about the project, visit [www.marlitcy.eu](http://www.marlitcy.eu) or contact:**

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