



**The Participatory Policy Workshop for MarLitCy is planned for the 20th February 2020. 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 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, the project MarLitCy 'Marine Litter for Synergies, Capacity-building and Peacebuilding' will have its Participatory Policy Workshop. A number of stakeholders from the northern part of Nicosia will be invited and brought together to bring up problems and suggest solutions related to marine litter policy in the northern part of Cyprus. The DeCyDe-4 method will be applied in order to rank and classify the solutions presented by the stakeholders, creating a policy and action plan that will be continued to be distributed and used by local authorities and other organisations in the Northern part of Cyprus.

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.

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

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