



The Responsible Coastal Business Competitions have been launched by the MarLitCy project and applications are being accepted from the 1st of February 2022 to the 15th of February 2022. 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 1st of February the MarLitCy project is launching the Responsible Coastal Business competitions, open to members of the MarLitCy Responsible coastal Business Network. The aim of this competition is to award those businesses that improved and applied best practices related to sustainability and particularly marine litter. The applications close on the 15th of February 2022. Candidates will be contacted and their practices confirmed. The awarding of the winner will occur at the final event on the 25th of February 2022.

The project, 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.

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Invitation:



**MARLITCY: MARINE LITTER FOR SYNERGIES
CAPACITY BUILDING AND PEACE BUILDING**

**RESPONSIBLE COASTAL
BUSINESS BEST
PRACTICES COMPETITION**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN TO RCB MEMBERS
DEADLINE 15 FEB 2022**

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