

Project Title		BLUE ISLES: SUPPORTING FISHING WASTE REDUCTION AND MARINE SYSTEMS PRESERVATION IN EUROPEAN ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS (REF.NO.:2021-1-MT01-KA220-ADU-000026614)						
Name of legal entity	Country	Contract value (€)	% carried out by Epsilon	No of staff provided	Client	Origin of funding	Date (start/end)	Consortium Members
	Malta	184.520	30,8% 56.765,00€	5	European Commission	European Commission	01/01/2022 31/12/2023	Epsilon Malta Ltd European Profiles S.A Aegean Rebreath JV University of Cyprus ICADEPRO TDM 2000 ODV
Description of the project						Services provided		
The project aims to contribute to the reduction of marine debris that derives from fishery and aquaculture on islands located in the South of Europe and preserve the local marine ecosystem. To achieve this goal, the project: 1. Seeks to enhance the knowledge of fishery and aquaculture workers from islands of Southern Europe on sustainability themes and improve their skills in adopting more sustainable practices in their working activities. 2. Will support municipal employees in charge of environmental protection from islands of Southern Europe, in enhancing their skills as trainers for their local fishery and aquaculture workers on implementing sustainable solutions in these sectors. 3. Aims to increase the awareness of European citizens, local communities, and stakeholders on the role of fishery and aquaculture activities in the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and of the Macaronesia region. Main project components: • PR1. Transnational Report on the attitudes and knowledge of fishery and aquaculture workers on innovative sustainable approaches in the sector. • PR2. Training material to support local fishery and aquaculture workers in adopting sustainable practices in their working activities. • PR3. E-learning platform for supporting the training activities on blue sustainability. • PR4. Awareness-raising podcast series on fishing waste reduction and marine systems preservation. • PR5. Policy Recommendation for the establishment of marine litter stations in ports of the European Islands. Epsilon added value to the consortium due to its connections with Malta's Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and local entities willing to provide information for the completion of the project.						Services provided by Epsilon for each component: For PR1 Epsilon: • Conducted field research by collecting questionnaires from fishery and aquaculture workers, and public servants. • Developed the Transnational Report on attitudes and knowledge of fishery and aquaculture workers in Malta. For PR2 Epsilon: • Designed the training curriculum. • Conducted a collection of the best practices from other European countries, via research. • Developed a handbook containing the training material and guide the municipal employees. For PR3 Epsilon: • Operates auxiliary in the requirements elicitation process and testing the web platform to function properly. For PR4 Epsilon: • Supports the partners in outlining the podcast content, finding the most suitable candidates to be interviewed, and diffusing the podcast series online through social media. For PR5 Epsilon: • Took part in the process of designing the policy recommendations.		

