

## NEWSLETTER #3, JANUARY 2024

# ENVIRONAUT REACHES ITS PINNACLE

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Circle January  
22nd – don't miss  
the launch!

## CULMINATION OF THE ENVIRONAUT PROJECT

### What's in it?

At the inception of the EnviroNaut project, our partners developed a research questionnaire to identify environmental challenges within the nautical tourism sector. Following this, we crafted a survey seeking input from relevant stakeholders on the curriculum structure. Representatives from marinas, boat maintenance companies, charter companies, diving schools, and others assisted in determining if the EnviroNaut course adequately addresses the needs of the nautical sector.

Based on this valuable feedback, we developed the curriculum, and our partners successfully implemented its content. The course comprises a **general module** on Ocean Literacy and **four specific modules**. To obtain the certificate, participants must complete the **mandatory module** "Ocean Literacy" and **at least one specific module** relevant to their occupation.

Each module requires **5 to 7 hours** of effort and can be completed at one's own pace. Upon completion, participants can take an exam covering questions from all four specialisation areas. A unique addition is the meticulously researched section on regulations such as ISO, MARPOL, and more.

This course caters to all water enthusiasts, whether inland or along the coast.



## THIRD PROJECT MEETING IN PALMA

### What happened last year

What a productive meeting we have had in Palma de Mallorca in April 2023! We have been able to finalise the first result of the Project: The EnviroNaut Curriculum and we have organised the development of the second one: The EnviroNaut Course.

At the moment we can not reveal much but we can guarantee that it will be a complete course that covers the different sub sectors of the nautical sector. So save the date for the **reveal at boot Düsseldorf!**

Furthermore, we explored the **Palma Boat show** where some project partners had the opportunity to get a closer look at the nautical sector.

During this 4-day fair we were able to meet companies that promote the development of a sustainable nautical sector and strive to offer environmentally sustainable products and services.





## EMD

### ENVIRONAUT AT THE EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

Environaut participated in the European Maritime Day in Brest EMD2023. Our collaborator, the European Boating Industry, showcased the project, outlining our strategy to address the skills gap in nautical tourism. Engaging in knowledge-sharing and conversations on ocean literacy is invaluable as we collectively strive to foster sustainability in nautical tourism.



## COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOPS

### Target groups can test the first version of the course

Following the development of the general module on ocean literacy and the four specific modules from the curriculum, we seized the opportunity to present the content to our stakeholders. Our partners in Germany, Spain, Belgium, and Cyprus conducted workshops both in person and online. Participants had the chance to explore the content, experiment with various learning methodologies in the online course, and generously share their feedback. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in testing the inaugural version of the EnviroNaut course! Your invaluable input is molding a more impactful and engaging learning experience. Now, let's delve into the diverse workshops!

Multiplier event in Spain 🇪🇸



Multiplier event in Germany 🇩🇪



Multiplier event in Cyprus





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Online-Multiplier event from Belgium 🇧🇪



Multiplier event in Greece 🇬🇷



## boot Düsseldorf

Publication of the course

The moment we've all been waiting for is finally here! After nearly two years of studying the day-to-day practices of our stakeholders and incorporating environmentally friendly approaches into the online course, the journey has come to an end. Regular reviews and feedback from stakeholders have contributed to the finalisation of the EnviroNaut course.

We're thrilled to announce that the course will be officially launched as part of the Blue Innovation Dock at boot Düsseldorf. This significant event, taking place from January 20 to 28, 2024, serves as the sustainability forum of boot Düsseldorf 2024, bringing together policymakers and industry experts on an international stage.



Co-organized by one of our partners, the European Boating Industry (EBI), the Blue Innovation Dock promises a dynamic platform for discussions on sustainability in boatbuilding, propulsion, marina management, and tourism. The course presentation is scheduled for the afternoon of **January 22**, following engaging panel discussions on sustainable nautical tourism and water sports.

We extend an invitation to join us and be among the first professionals to complete the EnviroNaut course. Your participation is not only an opportunity for learning but also a chance to contribute to the advancement of sustainable practices in the nautical sector. See you at boot Düsseldorf!

Have a look at the programme, where you can also find time and date of our presentation of the course.


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## MEET THE PARTNERS

Our 'Meet the Partners' series aim to introduce two partners in each newsletter. In this issue, we feature the German Ocean Foundation and Frederick University. Have a look at the previous newsletters to learn more about the other project partners!

### German Ocean Foundation



The German Ocean Foundation, 'Deutsche Meeresstiftung' (DMS), a non-governmental organisation, leads ocean protection initiatives by uniting science, economy, politics, and society. Positioned as a vital moderator in interdisciplinary dialogues, DMS strives for sustainable economic use of the seas. With a focus on creating a broad "sea-consciousness," they bring their expertise in environmental protection and awareness campaigns to our project. Despite their first EU-funded partnership, DMS's extensive national and international network enhances project impact and dissemination. Collaborating on a white paper for the maritime industry and participating in renowned events like 'boot Düsseldorf' and 'Ocean Tribute' Award, DMS ensures wide-reaching project visibility.

### Frederick University



Frederick University (FU), based in Cyprus, stands as a beacon of innovation and responsibility in higher education since 2007. Recognised for its societal sensitivity, FU's Department of Maritime Transport and Commerce excels in environmental initiatives, academia-industry collaborations, and impactful research. With a broad academic spectrum, FU offers a renowned Maritime Studies program, fostering professionals in international trade and shipping management. Key projects, including risk assessments, pollution prevention, and sustainability efforts, highlight the department's commitment.

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