

## **ENVIRONAUT PROJECT:**

A Valuable Contribution to Sustainability in Nautical Tourism Sector

German Marine Federation (BVWW) as Lead Partner, together with European Boating Industry (EBI), Frederick University (FU), German Ocean Foundation, Sea Teach, and National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), finalized and launched the first-ever environmental qualification for the nautical tourism sector under the acronym ENVIRONAUT (ENVIRonmental Officer in the NAUtical Tourism Industry (EnviroNaut).

The EU-funded Erasmus+ project developed the **Environmental Officer Curricula**, as a modular online course and continuous VET training program that does not currently exist in the sector. Project partners also developed the **Online Training Platform**, free and accessible to everybody directly or indirectly involved in the sector.

The curricula bridge the gap between theory and practice, upskilling the existing skills onboard and onshore personnel, regarding to the environmental challenges. Additionally, the curricula respond to targets set by the European Green Deal and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, aiming at sustainably managing recreational boating and nautical tourism, to become a means to **protect marine and coastal ecosystems**.

The - state of the art - project links the environmental concern with the legislative approach and market based best practices, providing stakeholders a valuable tool for reference, facing any environmental issue of the everyday operations in marinas, boat maintenance companies, sea schools, water sport clubs and skippers.

Furthermore, as explained in the Project's workshops in Germany, Spain, Greece, and Cyprus, the Certification process integrates the Project as an **accredited VET course** and a **valuable qualification** for the "ENVIRONAUT Certified Environmental Officers".

The Scientific, Institutional and Operational capacity of the consortium guarantees the broad recognition of the ENVIRONAUT Certificate;

Nautical tourism companies, employees, and stakeholders are invited to visit ENVIRONAUT web-training tool, familiarize themselves with the environmental practices and upskill them to Environmental Officers!!!

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