

FIRST TECHNICAL MEETING OF THE “MARLISCO” PROJECT (SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) COORDINATED BY THE PROVINCE OF TERAMO

On 6 and 7 February 2013, the Abruzzo region hosted the first technical meeting of the “**MARLISCO, MARine litter in Europe Seas : Social Awareness and CO-Responsibility**” project, which has involved **20 institutional representatives** from **15 European countries**.

The “**MARLISCO**” project is promoted and coordinated by the **Province of Teramo**, and is funded under the EU's **Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development**. The project runs from June 2012 to May 2015.

The project aims at raising public awareness of the **effects of marine pollution** and promoting **co-responsibility of the different actors** for a **more sustainable management** of marine litter across all European seas.

More specifically, the “**MARLISCO**” project aims to evaluate the mechanisms through which society can **measure the impact** of litter on the marine environment ; to **identify the related activities** as well as the **solutions** that could reduce the impact. Those solutions can be **locally** implemented, but then will have to be effective at the **regional level**.

Project activities will include : national **conferences and debates** - in 12 of the participating countries - involving the industrial sector, the scientific community and public administrations ; a **European video contest** for school students ; **educational activities** for younger children and **cultural events** to raise awareness among the wider public.

The “**MARLISCO**” project will make use of innovative multimedia approaches to reach the widest audience, in the most efficient way. Moreover, it will develop and evaluate some approaches that could also be applied to other societal challenges through better integration between researchers, stakeholders and society.

Official website of the “MARLISCO” project :

<http://www.marlisco.eu>

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