

MEdIES

The Mediterranean Education Initiative
for Environment & Sustainability



a long standing initiative
of MIO-ECSDE

OUR STORY

MEdIES is the long-standing initiative of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): a holistic type of education that equally addresses the economic, ecological and social dimensions of any given topic.

Since 2002, when it was launched as a UN Type II Initiative at the Johannesburg Summit for Sustainable Development, MEdIES has run ESD projects in countries all around the Mediterranean and supports an ESD portal with news and stories from around the world.

MEdIES closely followed the UN Decade on ESD (2005-2014) and was a Partner of the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD (2015-2019). Today its activities are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Education 2030 Agenda, the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD (2014) and its Action Plan (2016).

OUR MISSION

We envision the responsible, environmentally literate, democratic and ethical global citizen, who makes informed choices and engages in committed actions, based on the values of sustainability. To serve that vision, we promote ESD at all levels, from the grass-root to the institutional level, addressing the public, students, formal and non-formal educators as well as educational and environmental administrators.

WHAT WE DO



We advocate on ESD and are the Technical Secretariat of the Mediterranean Committee on ESD (MCESD) that guides the implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy on ESD and its Action Plan.



We support the UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (University of Athens) and the Mediterranean Universities Network MedUnNET on ESD aspects.



We train ESD trainers and educators through workshops, online courses, summer schools, youth exchanges.



We create educational resources - publications, posters, materials, exhibitions - and design the educational content of e-games and web apps.



We sensitise at the grass-root level through school visits, festivals, contests, films, etc.



We do research on education and sustainable development.



We facilitate an e-network of approximately 6,000 educators.

**Since 2002, the MEdIES activities
have impacted more than**

**8,000 educators / 33,500 students /
21,000 citizens!**

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Our activities are co-organised and supported by a number of prominent international and regional Organizations such as UNESCO, UNESCO Venice, UNECE, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), UNEP/MAP and the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development of the Barcelona Convention, the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF), etc.



MEDIES water projects are supported by and jointly implemented with Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med).

Ongoing programmes

ESD in Biosphere Reserves & other Designated Areas: a joint initiative with UNESCO, combining a resource book for educators and summer universities.

HYDRIA: a “virtual museum”, member of the World Water Museums Network that showcases the heritage of the Mediterranean in water management.

www.hydraproject.info

Alter Aqua: an ESD programme on Non-Conventional Water Resources run jointly with GWP-Med in Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Malta.

www.ncwr-edu.net

Some of our resources

Know Feel Act! To stop Marine Litter: an educational material and exhibition available in 16 languages.

Animation4Water: an exhibition of posters and animations calling for a new water culture in the Mediterranean available in Greek and English.

Mediterranean food & diet as a vehicle for intercultural dialogue: an educational material available in 5 languages and a self-paced e-course.

Selected projects

D-NOSES: an EU Horizon 2020 within which MEDIES develops MOOCs and educational material on the issue of odour pollution.

Plastic Waste? Into the recycling (blue) bin, away from the blue sea: a project for islands and coastal areas combining development of materials, school visits and public events on marine litter.

DIVE-IN: a project on ESD and Inclusion pedagogy in four Mediterranean countries including peer-trainings, national actions & development of a guidebook.

JOIN OUR NETWORK

Are you interested in Education for Sustainable Development?

Want to be updated about ESD news from around the world?

Wish to be informed about our workshops, resources, e-courses and activities?

Join the MEDIES e-network through our webpage www.medies.net.

Access our resources
and learn more about
our projects at
www.medies.net !

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