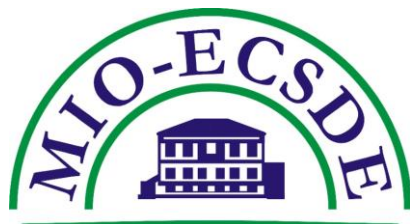


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The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) & the Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES)



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MIO-ECSDE | In a few words

The **Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development** (MIO-ECSDE), is a non-profit organization, based in Athens, Greece. It is a Federation of Mediterranean Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in the fields of Environment and Development. Currently, MIO-ECSDE has 126 member organizations from 25 Countries.



MIO-ECSDE | Key Areas of work



- ✓ Mediterranean & European Environmental Policies
- ✓ **Education for Sustainable Development**
- ✓ Marine Environment & ICZM
- ✓ Nature & Biodiversity
- ✓ Waste Management
- ✓ Water & IWRM
- ✓ Blue / Green Economy
- ✓ Environmental/Health Chemistry
- ✓ Climate Change
- ✓ Culture

MIO-ECSDE | Axis of Activities



- ☐ Monitoring and influencing EU and regional Mediterranean policies and bodies (Barcelona Convention, Union for the Mediterranean)
- ☐ Drafting, promoting and presenting common NGO positions
- ☐ Raising public awareness, promoting participation and building consensus
- ☐ Capacity building of specific audiences (NGO staff, policy makers, educators, etc.)
- ☐ Networking, International Collaborations & Partnerships
- ☐ Facilitating Mediterranean stakeholder networks

MIO- ECSDE is

- Certified to the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System
- A signatory of the INGO Accountability Charter and verified for the Global Reporting Initiative Level C Report.



MIO-ECSDE | Our partners



Our leading partners are our 126 members organizations.

We have joined forces to work for the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development of the Mediterranean region and its countries.

Moreover MIO-ECSDE works in co-operation with:

- ✓ **Governments**
- ✓ **International organisations** and
- ✓ **other socio-economic partners.**

Among our Major Partners are:

EEA | EU Commission | GEF | Prince Albert II Foundation | UNECE | UfM – Union for the Mediterranean | UNEP/ MAP | UNESCO | University of Athens





The Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEdIES) is the **longest running project of MIO-ECSDE**.

It was launched in Johannesburg during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, 2002).

MEdIES aims to facilitate the educational community to contribute in a systematic and concrete way to the implementation of:

- ✓The United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and
- ✓The United Nation's Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

through the **application of innovative educational programmes** in all countries around the Mediterranean basin.

MIO-ECSDE | MEdIES | Activities



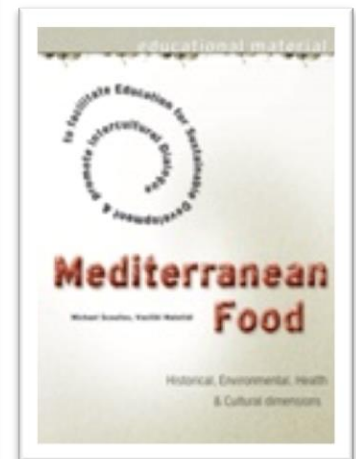
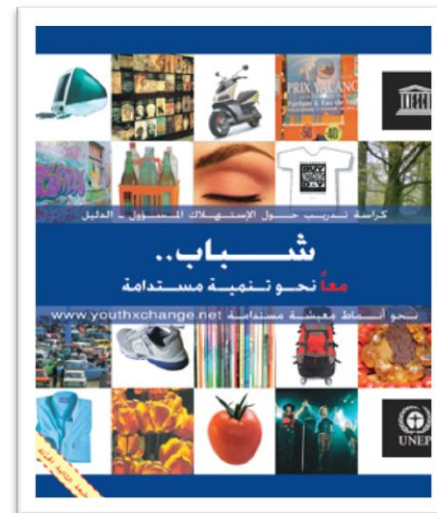
MEdIES runs three strands of activities:

(1) Developing educational materials for teachers and students:

MEdIES proposes educational content for many countries, based on cross-cutting **interdisciplinary themes** (i.e. water, food , lifestyles, etc).

MEdIES has so far developed **23 publications** (in more than 50,000 copies) in English, French, Italian, Greek, Turkish, Arabic, Croatian and many more languages. All have been widely disseminated across the Mediterranean.

Complementary publications such as conference proceedings and posters have also been developed..



MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES Activities



(2) Building capacities:

Since 2003, MEDIES has...

- ✓ Organised 60 **seminars** for educators in many Mediterranean countries (Greece, Rome, Portugal, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Malta, Cyprus) and beyond (Sweden)
- ✓ Trained **6.500 educators** and
- ✓ Engaged **18.100** students in ESD activities

(data as of June 2017)



Cairo, 2010



Beirut , 2005



(3) Promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) through ICT :

MEdIES is in fact an e-network.

The website www.medies.net provides useful material for all those engaged with ESD and serves as an interactive point for sharing information.

Main features:

- 4500 subscribed members
- On line library providing access to all MEdIES publications
- Up to date ESD news-hub of European and global relevance.

To enhance distance learning options and overcome geographical barriers, MEdIES has set up an e-learning platform and is currently developing targeted and intensive e-courses for educators across the Mediterranean.

- “Education for Sustainable Development in Biosphere Reserves and other Designated Areas”, 1 round (2014)
- MARLISCO e-course on Educating About Marine Litter, 3 rounds (2014-15-16)

MEDIES | Projects

HYDRIA PROJECT:

<http://www.hydrproject.net/>

Συλλογή, Αποθήκευση & Διανομή Νερού στην Αρχαιότητα
Συνδέοντας την Αρχαία Σοφία με τις Σημερινές Ανάγκες

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Discover the wealth of the Mediterranean water management heritage. Browse case studies by:



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22/03/2014

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Land management & water supply in the Ancient Greek colony of Pharos





Education for Sustainable Development Training Material

for MAB BRs and other designated areas in SE Europe and the Mediterranean



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In this webpage you will find Links to the UNESCO material entitled "**Education for Sustainable Development in Biospheres Reserves and other Designated Areas: A Resource Book for Educators in South-Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean**" that has been developed in 2012 as a training material for ESD experts and trainers.

WHO IS THE TARGET GROUP

The training material is addressed to trainers, officers of MAB Biosphere Reserves (BRs), Protected Areas (PAs), Environment Centres, Nature Parks, Eco-museums, NGOs, etc. within any "Designated Area" in SE Europe and the Mediterranean. Eventually, it can be used by all those involved in implementing awareness raising programs in the field, whether from formal or non formal education.

WHAT IS THE INNOVATION

The current material attempts to make a meaningful and substantial link between the educational process that is taking place in Biosphere Reserves and other protected or designated areas, and their "protection" as such, using as a vehicle "**Education for Sustainable Development**" (ESD).

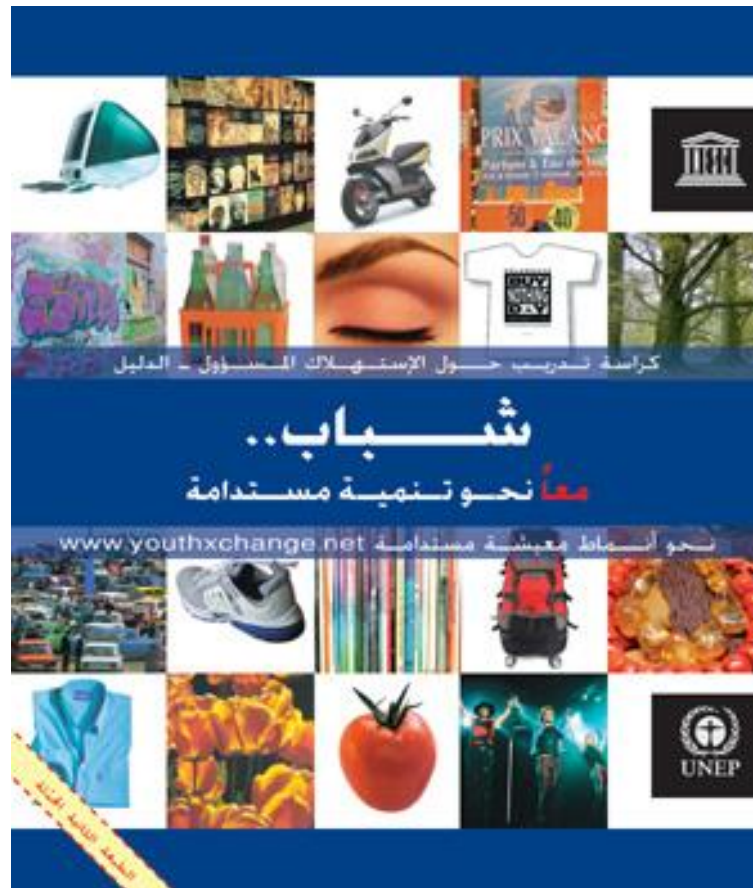
ESD is an innovative type of education as it incorporates the economical, societal and environmental aspects of sustainability, challenging the current economic development trends that are applied worldwide, and that have led on one hand, to the global economic crisis, and on the other hand, to complex global environmental problems, such as resource depletion, climate change, biodiversity loss, etc. Addressing issues with this interdisciplinary, holistic approach is a key principle of the current training material.

WHY A TRAINING MATERIAL IS NEEDED

As we approach the end of the "UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development" (DESD 2005-2014), UN reports state that despite the positive steps and ESD initiatives taken by

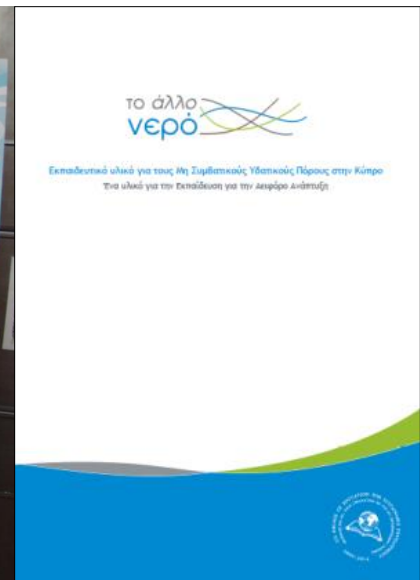
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YOUTHXCHANGE: www.youthxchange.net



MEdIES | Projects

Teaching about Non Conventional Water Resources in the Mediterranean Islands - Alter AQUA (Greece, Malta, Cyprus, Sardinia)





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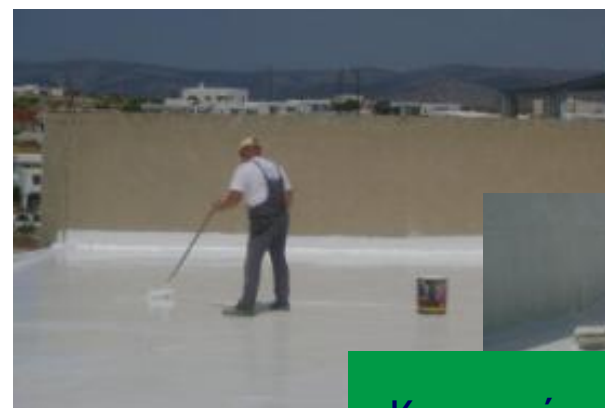
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Gozo, Malta



Κουφονήσι



MARLISCO

<http://www.marlisco.eu/>

MARine Litter in European Seas: Social Awareness and CO-Responsibility
Education about Marine Litter Issues (15 European countries)



MEdIES | Projects

AFKAR

Makhzoumi Foundation and consortium partners include also OMSAR, CERD, ALMEE, and ARMADILLA.

Workshops on ESD addressing teachers / Greek Youth Messages for Sustainability - 3 day long events at the University of Athens - November 2015



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