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TOURISM AND COASTAL CITIES

Tourism provides income but also destroys the values that brought it to Cyprus – How can we preserve both?



MARINA Project

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Hilton Park, Nicosia, Cyprus

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and XPRO Consulting Limited



Tourism and Coastal Cities

Cyprus has always been praised about its natural beauty, cultural and historical heritage. It has some of the most remarkable beaches and blue seas in the Mediterranean Sea attracting more 2.5 million tourists every year. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss how Cyprus can improve and further develop its tourism industry towards sustainable tourism, by protecting its natural marine and coastal environment.

17 participants from different stakeholder groups expressed their opinion in this participative workshop:

Citizens



Business representatives



Policy makers



Researchers



Responsible Research and Innovation

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) engages and brings together all stakeholders, creates dialogue and facilitates knowledge-sharing. It ensures the sustainable use of natural resources and makes sure that the needs of citizens and society are integrated into research and innovation. Participants put forth proposals of collective solutions based on the six RRI dimensions:



Workshop Outcomes

The participants defined 3 main groups of actions. Each group requires the combined actions of at least three target groups, which confirms the need for collaboration among stakeholders. Each agreed action was linked to several RRI dimensions. **Public Engagement** and **Governance** were flagged as the most important dimensions in this workshop.

Vision

Education

Regulation

Target stakeholder groups



Responsible Research & Innovation Dimensions



- Identify and invest in tourism niche.
- Promote Marine Cultural Heritage.
- Promote sustainable maritime and nautical tourism.
- Protect and sustain Cyprus marine environment.
- Attract qualitative tourism.

- Include tourism awareness in the educational system.
- Distribute proper information for citizens and tourists to increase their marine environmental awareness.
- Develop education material for creating an island-wide culture for protecting the sea.

- Obligation to exploit and include expertise in all decisions about marine issues.
- Involve all actors for solving issues created from marine pollution.
- Create a multidisciplinary body responsible for shores and seas.
- Increase collaboration between public services and citizens.

The MARINA Project is funded by the EU Programme Horizon 2020. 14 partners across Europe are joining forces for a period of 36 months to bring together stakeholders around marine issues and societal challenges and propose RRI driven roadmaps of actions to respond to them.

45 workshops on marine issues in the European Union



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