



### Outputs of the Project;

- 1- 10 "Stop Pollution" and "Save Nature" environmental education and activity centres, one of which is mobile, will be established in 5 countries and will sustainably carry out trainings and awareness activities.
- 2- A report will be prepared on the nature and rate of pollutants in 5 wetlands in the Black Sea Basin.
- 3- A guide with examples of good practices consisting of training and campaigns focused on protecting wetlands.
- 4- Wetland protection training set consisting of 12 sections will be prepared especially for students. Training sets will also be shared on the internet
- 5- After 10 people from 2 each partner country received trainer's training, they will train 25 people in each region (totally 125 person) and the sustainability of training activities will be ensured in the established centres.



6- A painting competition on environmental protection will be held in at least 15 primary and secondary schools and paintings selected by the jury will be exhibited.

7- Pictures taken in 5 regions with the participation of professional photographers will be exhibited. With the mobile 'Stop Pollution' vehicle, the exhibition will travel to 5 countries.

8- An environmental cleaning campaign will be held simultaneously with the participation of 1500 people in 5 regions.

9- With the international conference to be held in Georgia, the outputs of the project and future action plans will be shared with the public.



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**Eco-Conscious Minds**  
**to Stop Pollution in**  
**the Valuable**  
**Wetlands of Black Sea**  
**Basin**

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## BIOLEARN PROJECT LAUNCHED

BIOLEARN (Eco-Conscious Minds to Stop Pollution in the Valuable Wetlands of Black Sea Basin - BSB142), which was initiated on 01.01.2020 within the scope of the first call for proposals of "Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020" where the Directorate for EU Affairs is the national authority, is led by Enez District Government.

The overall objective of the project is to provide information and experience transfer and capacity building trainings between partners and developing a common environmental protection and education approach and methodology and organizing campaigns that will raise awareness in the society to reduce pollution in important wetlands in the Black Sea Basin.



Representatives of the following partners, attended the Kick off and Activity Planning meeting held in Enez on February 19-21 2020.

1. Enez District Government- Turkey
2. Division Directorate of National Parks of Edirne under Istanbul Regional Directorate of Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs Edirne - Turkey
3. Foundation Caucasus Environment - Georgia
4. Agricola NGO - Ukraine
5. GreenBalkans / Stara Zagora NGO - Bulgaria
6. Management Body of Evros Delta and Samothraki Protected Areas- Greece



The main activities to be carried out within the scope of the 26 months project are as follows;

- 1- Establishment of a total of 4 environmental protection and training centres, one of which is on the shores of Gala Lake, and providing environmental protection trainings to visitors, especially students. By providing equipment for another 6 existing centres, there will be a network of 10 activity and training centres.

- 2- Workshops to be held in Bulgaria and Greece, focusing on discussions about examples of successful training and awareness raising campaigns for the protection of wetlands, sharing experiences and preparing the materials to be used in trainings which will be applied in all centres. Capacity building trainings for trainers.
- 3- Organizing massive and synchronized cleaning campaigns to reduce pollution in wetlands
- 4- Award winning photo contest and exhibition focused on wetland protection
- 5- Organizing a wetland pollution-based painting contest and exhibition in primary and secondary schools

Turkish partners will implement activities focusing on Gala Lake which is declared as 36th National Park of Turkey in 2005. The total area of national park is 6.807 ha and the wetland in national park is 3087 ha. The most important resource value of the area is wetlands and water birds that use this place as a shelter, feeding, accommodation and breeding environment. There are 217 bird species in the National Park, of which 65 are domestic, 55 are winter migrants, 59 are summer migrants and 38 are transit migratory birds. Besides the bird species, 26 fish species have been identified in the Gala Lake.

