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ScienceDIVER closure raising significance of scientific diving in the Blue Economy Era

ScienceDIVER project has come to its end, bringing forward the role of the scientific diving for the sustainable development of our oceans.

The official closing of the project activities took place during the final event - the international conference “ScienceDIVER in the Blue Economy Era” The project leaves behind valuable results and outcomes in terms of international studies and analysis, training schemes and instruments for science diver education, a Blue career development platform and an action plan defining the steps on how to move towards the professional recognition of scientific divers across Europe and around the world.

Last but not at least the project succeeded through its networking activities to raise awareness on scientific diving role and mission in the Blue Economy, and to build relations and collaborations among academia, industry, policy makers, international organizations and NGSs in order to make the route together for establishing a common strategy for European directive on the professional recognition of scientific diving.

The 5th Consortium meeting took place in Stuttgart

The 5th Coordination Meeting of the ScienceDIVER project partners was held on 18th October in Stuttgart, Germany.



Project members gathered for discussing activities progress and plan the remaining tasks for the accomplishment of the last activities before the project closing. They defined the concept for the next two career days in Greece and Italy, and agreed on the main topics of the two forthcoming international workshops. The preliminary activities for starting organization of the final event were agreed and tasks have been assigned. The meeting was hybrid and was successfully completed with all project partners being represented.

ScienceDIVER training courses

The last training course took place from **3rd – 16th September 2022 at STARESO, Calvi, Corse, France** organized by University of Stuttgart, Germany. The course was again most attractive for biologists: 8 biologists and 3 archaeologists participated in the course. For the practice module, all participants worked on a science project of their own devising and tested the skills they had learned: UW archaeology, Climate change and Plastic litter.



ScienceDIVER career days

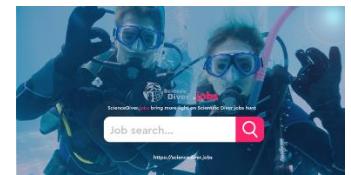
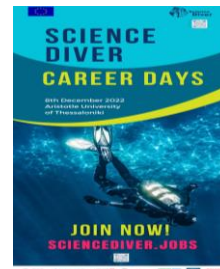
3 Career Days were organized in the last six months in three different project countries, to raise students' awareness regarding scientific diving. The [sciencediver.jobs](https://www.sciencediver.jobs) platform was presented in the Career Days along with dedicated sessions and presentations regarding the Blue Technologies and relevant professions by international and national experts, complemented with the presence of marine companies and selected lecturers from Universities.



Career days at Interdive Germany 24 Sep 2022



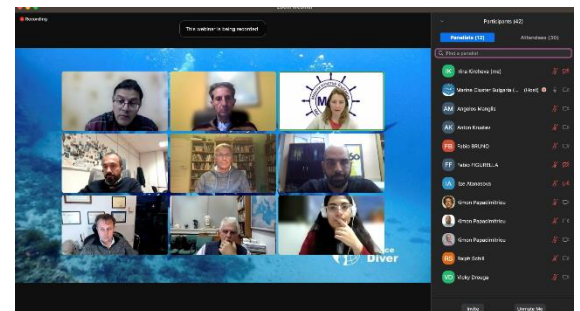
Career days in Italy, University of Calabria, 6 Dec 2022



Career days in Greece, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 6 Dec 2022

2 International workshops

The Blue Careers Platform [sciencediver.jobs](https://www.sciencediver.jobs), the developed training courses and the proposed development of the roadmap towards harmonization of the scientific diving framework were the main topics discussed at the two international workshops held last December 2022 and January 2023. The aim of this activity was to gain as much knowledge as possible regarding the discussed topics so to update the learning material, improve the content of the platform and finalize the structure of the Roadmap.



15 december 2022 International workshop "Training scientific divers of tomorrow"

25 January 2023, Boot Dusseldorf - International workshop "Scientific diving and the harmonisation of training and legal regulations in Europe"



B2B meetings with national stakeholders

Driving policy change is necessary to establish a common regulation among EU countries for building a strong collaboration network between academia and industry.

During the project development, ScienceDIVER team was encouraging the involvement of relevant stakeholders and field experts from EU countries, collecting feedback on the various parameters related to the establishment of a common framework for Scientific Diving. As a result, in the last two years, were organized more than 50 B2B meetings with national and international stakeholders, bringing valuable feedback on the discussed ScienceDiver Roadmap.

The final ScienceDIVER conference took place in Malta

On 20th and 21st April in Valletta, Malta was held the International Conference “ScienceDIVER in the Blue Economy Era”.



29 speakers in total shared their valuable experience before more than 100 participants, and engaged discussions with the audience on educational approaches, operational challenges and occupational modes of scientific diving.

A moderation panel engaged scientific divers in a constructive discussion where both experts and the audience brought valuable comments and recommendations on the adoption of a Common Declaration for the establishment of common framework of Scientific Diving in Europe.

Common declaration for the establishment of a common framework of scientific diving in Europe

The Common Declaration aims to promote the discussion for the establishment of a common framework in Scientific Diving in Europe and the enhancement of mobility of scientific divers. It is based on activities and studies carried out in the framework of ScienceDIVER project and the feedback collected from key stakeholders and

target audiences. The Common Declaration was adopted in the context of the ScienceDIVER International Conference held in Valletta, Malta, April 20th -21st 2023, during which it was open to public consultation with the goal to reflect the needs of scientific divers. One can download it from the project website with [this link](#)

Final brochure

The project team prepared for its final event the final brochure where have been collected most significant outcomes and results of the project.

The brochure has been disseminated on paper at the final conference. An online version of the final brochure was sent to the science diving community



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