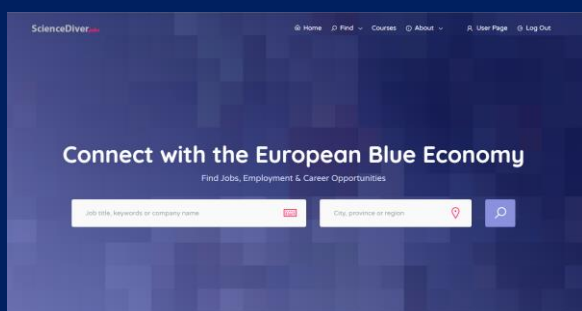


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ScienceDIVER At the next level

The ScienceDIVER project entered the third year of its implementation at high speed. A lot of work has been done during the last period towards achieving of the main goal – establishment of a common European framework for scientific diving. An important move is the active collaboration of ScienceDIVER team with the Working Group towards developing ISO standards, which are the first step on the road to harmonizing scientific diving in Europe and around the world.



3rd Coordination meeting– 9.11.2021

The 3rd Coordination Meeting of the ScienceDIVER project partners was held on 9th November in a hybrid format – three organizations attended the meeting in vivo from Varna and the other 4 organizations participated online. The partners discussed the current stage of the developments and outlined the next steps. The focus was given to main topics referring to the project goal. Special attention was given to the work under implementation as it reflexes to the following tasks.



ISO Standards

The involvement of experts by the SD project team in the activities of the Working group developing ISO Standards for scientific diving is very important and will be beneficial in the upcoming steps.

The finalization of the ISO Standards is considered to be very crucial. They will serve as a guide for the finalization of the training program Manual and the training courses.

Training Manual

The purpose of the Manual that has been created is to be applicable on a large scale. Considering various approaches that provide different perspectives, the Manual is expected to be more holistic in the future. The Manual is foreseen to cover the topics which will be relevant to scientific diving standards, being a guide for development of the course material. The training courses will be validated by students selected to attend pilot training courses.

Blue Careers Platform

The Blue Careers Platform is about to be launched. The platform is an innovative tool that provides services both for employees trying to professionally be involved in the scientific diving field and for companies searching for appropriate personnel. It facilitates matching between job seekers and employers, enabling to bridge the gap in the blue economy, especially in industries connected with scientific diving, marine biologists, ecologists, underwater archaeologists, et.al. Simultaneously, the IT tool supports users by offering a database of companies` profiles continuously updated, job descriptions, required skills, e-learning content to cover skill gaps. The capabilities of the tool allow extraction of relevant data from CVs, effective matching process through AI-driven engine and "Smart matching" algorithms.

Only registered users will be allowed to access all platform's functionalities and benefit from this valuable tool. So, stay tuned.

About BlueCareers

The Blue-Careers Platform is an innovative and sustainable ICT supporting tool that facilitates both job seekers and employers, incorporating advanced techniques for job matchmaking, taking into account preferences and requirements of both parties.

If you are a job seeker or an employer in the Blue Economy sector, create an account and follow the steps in order to become part of this great initiative.



The platform facilitates both job seekers and employers bridging the gap in the blue economy sector (industries interested in scientific divers, marine ecologists, biologists, archaeologists, engineers etc.) At the same time, it offers e-learning content to cover skill gap, creates a continuously updating database with company profiles, job descriptions, required skills and profiles of potential employees and identifies low performances of university curricula in relevance to what Blue Tech market needs.

The Blue-Careers Platform has been created in the framework of the ScienceDIVER project (Project id: 863674 - EMFF Blue Economy 2018 - Blue Careers)




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International Workshops & B2B meetings

The Blue Careers Platform, the developed training courses and the proposed development of the roadmap towards harmonization of the scientific diving framework are the main topics to be discussed at the two international workshops and B2B meetings that will be held in the following months. The aim of this activity is 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.

A Roadmap

The proposed by ScienceDIVER team roadmap, represents an initial action plan defining a pathway towards an establishment of a common framework for scientific diving in Europe to achieve professional recognition of scientific divers across Europe and around the world. It indicates concrete steps for implementing the harmonized common framework for scientific diving in EU member states and developing an EU directive, which will serve as a basis for the legal harmonization and a regulation of scientific

diving in Europe, requiring a holistic approach that will cover both training and operational aspects.

Training courses

We are currently developing training material, which will be tested during the upcoming 4 pilot training courses which are foreseen to be held within the project framework. The courses will consist of theoretical parts and practice – diving activities. In the next months an open call will be published, dedicated to students who want to attend these courses. Following a clear selection procedure, the approved candidates will be informed and the courses will be performed in summer 2022 in the locations indicated in the call.

ScienceDIVER at a glance

The project team aspires to present the opportunities to become a scientific diver at numerous events.

For this purpose, 4 **Career days** will be organized by the project partners in Universities to attract students to pursue scientific careers related to diving activity.

To reach a wide audience, the project was presented at the specialized diving fair **Interdive 2021** in September 2021, held in Friedrichshafen, Germany with a booth, where representatives of the project partners delivered useful information and handled printed brochures.



Another participation is planned at the 7th European Conference on Scientific Diving (ECSD7), organized under the auspices of the French National Committee for scientific diving (CNPS) in Roscoff, France, from April 25 to April 29, 2022.

Final ScienceDIVER Conference

The project partners started preparing the Final Conference where the outcomes will be presented to the wider EU policy community. The event is expected to become a beginning towards the initiation of a European Directive that will include aspects concerning the common framework, status, educational standards, recognition and rights of Scientific Divers in all European countries.

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