



## The FEELing Project

### Training for Educators on the Littoral Environment

The main objective of the FEELing project is to develop e-learning courses for educators in the littoral environment. The littoral environment is the zone between the highest and lowest tide marks on the seashore. The e-learning covers 3 main areas:

1. legal knowledge and legal implications
2. educational techniques and methods
3. science and research

This project is:

- a) Based on a UNESCO concept of a non-formal educational framework
- b) Uses innovative educational methods, including the production of non-formal learning using open and distance learning methods.
- c) Moving environmental education usually reserved for children, towards further and higher education

### **Objectives of the project**

1. To develop a European professional profile of for littoral educators and practitioners.
2. Contribute to the professional implementation of knowledge and technological know how; across the main players in marine environmental education, by encouraging high-quality teaching on as large a part of the European and Mediterranean coastal zone possible.
3. Develop an interactive distance learning tool, for the use of educators and trainers in the field of the littoral environment.
4. Promote sustainable development, through the delivery of education and training.

### **Target of the e-learning course:**

The main target of the project are Coastal, Littoral and Marine Environmental Educators\* who want to expand their knowledge through the framework of life-long learning.

\*As *educators*, we mean: any person whose work has an educational aspect for adults or children.





## Methodology

The methodology of the project is based on the simple principle: Start by observing what is happening in this field across the Mediterranean and using these observations to create a global vision of the training needs of Littoral Educators.

This will be achieved in two steps:

1. 'On the ground' training courses for graduates in Spain, France and Italy. The methodology is based on managed discussions and debates in one or more of the 3 fields:

- Legislation - European directives, legislation and guidelines that manage environmental education activities.
- Techniques and Methods (pedagogy) - Enhancing the educational experience concerning the Marine Environment for both Children and Adults.
- Ecology - Protected species and sites of special interest

2. The production of e-learning courses and modules, based on the same pedagogical approach, which will be delivered online via the Internet. This will mean that the physical training will be available to many more educators via the Web.

## Outputs:

### On a general level

To establish a common framework for marine environmental education along with guidelines containing recommendations for professional competence and use of knowledge. These results will be shown through:

- **A professional profile of the environmental educator** with a littoral specialisation.
- **A database of the range of all types of relevant training available in the 3 countries (France, Italy & Spain).** This will include areas such as: basic vocational training, further training and trainer training.
- **Recommendations on the knowledge, skills and experience required for environmental educators working at different levels within the community** available online.
- **The organization of 3 sets of training** in Italy, Spain and France





- **A CD ROM containing the first year's products:** reports on the content and implementation of the training courses, which will also connect to the training database.
- **An e-learning course for littoral environmental educators using an integrated and interactive web platform.**

### **Duration of the project**

2 years. From the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

### **Partnership:**

RECIF, contractor, France

IML, coordinator, France

ACTION, technical partner, Greece

SINTESI, pedagogical partner, Italy

DLC, technical partner, United-Kingdom

BDF, pedagogical partner, Spain

