

# Youth Engagement and FLAGs

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# Today's agenda

**Reflections  
breakout sessions**

**Poster pitches  
and exhibition**

**Cooperation corner,  
ask the experts**

**Coffee**

**Lessons  
learned**

**Lunch and  
goodbyes**

# Reflections: Developing youth-led projects



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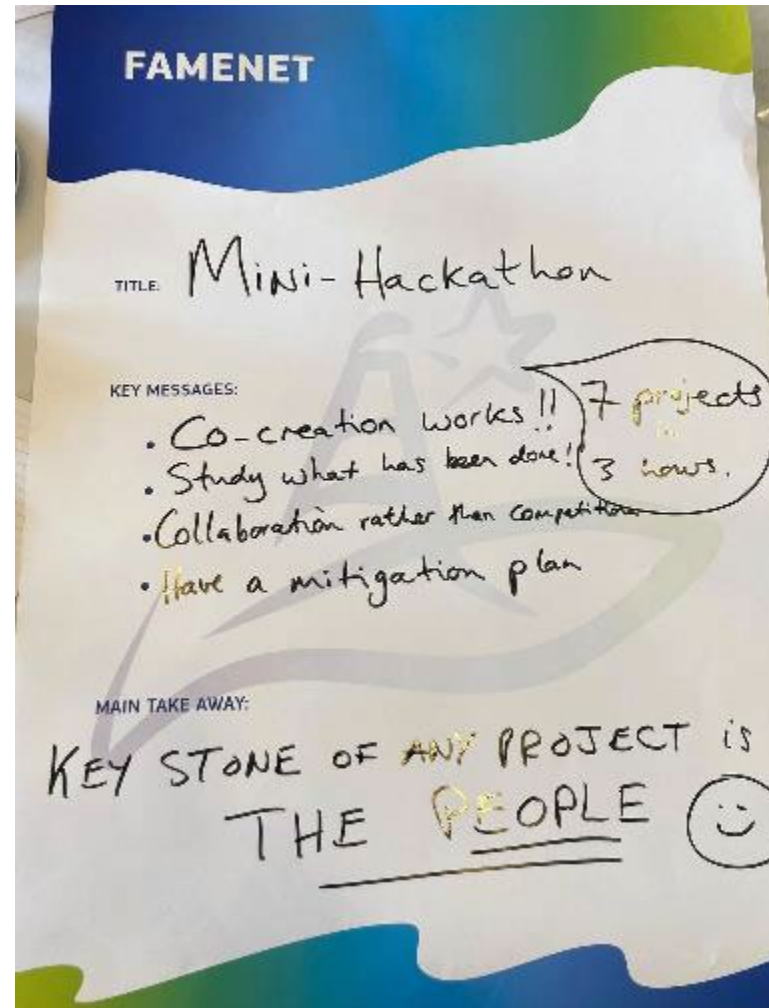
## Reflections: Storytelling across generations



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# Reflections: Sustainability 'mini' hackathon



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## Reflections: Youth policy lab



# Youth policy lab: Key messages

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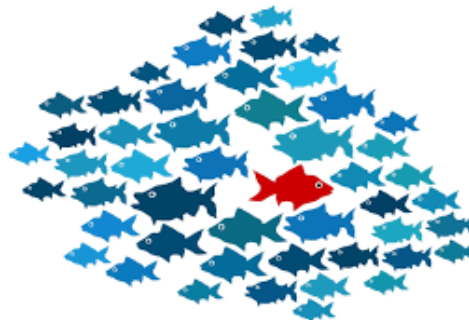
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More skillful and innovative



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## Youth policy lab: Main takeaway



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# Poster pitches and exhibition



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**COFFEE FROM 10:30!**





# Ask the experts, cooperation corner



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**Berat KJAMILI**  
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## Where Does Our Plastic Waste Go?

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# Where Does Our Plastic Waste Go?



Plastic Waste Tracking Project in Gandia (2022) - Led by Plàstic Preciós La Safor



# Goal and Methodology



Their journey was tracked from collection to final destination

47 plastic items with GPS trackers were placed in yellow bins around Gandía



**Goal: To check if plastics in the yellow bin are truly recycled**



# Tracking Results



Sometimes long distances!



**How many of the waste items ended up in a recycling plant???**

# Final Reflection

In our area a functional recycling infrastructure is in place.

BUT it can only work, if people contribute to the system properly

**The project raised public awareness and sparked debate about recycling, better habits and improved waste management**





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# Central Finland FLAG, Finland

## Master Apprentice 'II'

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# MASTER APPRENTICE AND MASTER APPRENTICE 2

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# MASTER APPRENTICE - MODEL

## THE IDEA

- With a practical and flexible model, new fishers on fast track
- Tailoring approach for apprentices from different backgrounds
- Necessary courses and additional training
- Networking with other fishermen

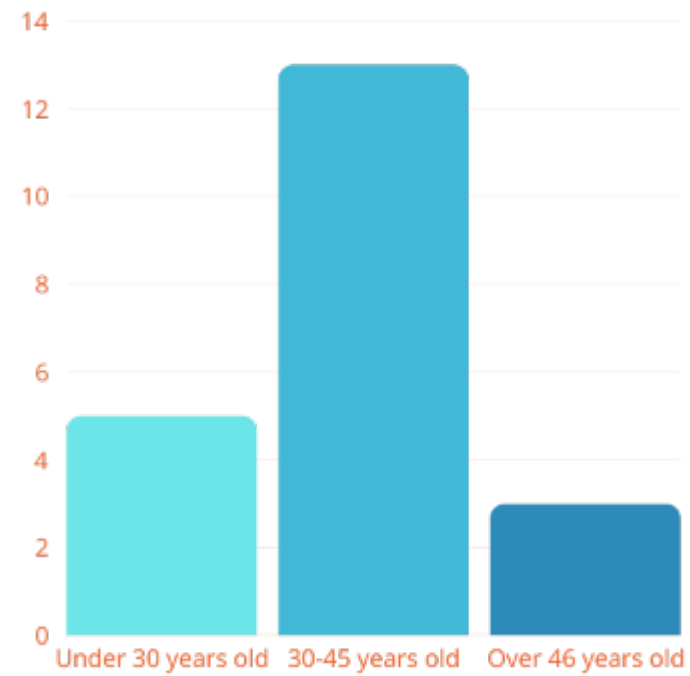
## THE OBJECTIVE

- New commercial fishers to the area
- Decreasing the average age of the fishers
- Improving attraction of the industry
- Seamless transfer of know-how to new fishers

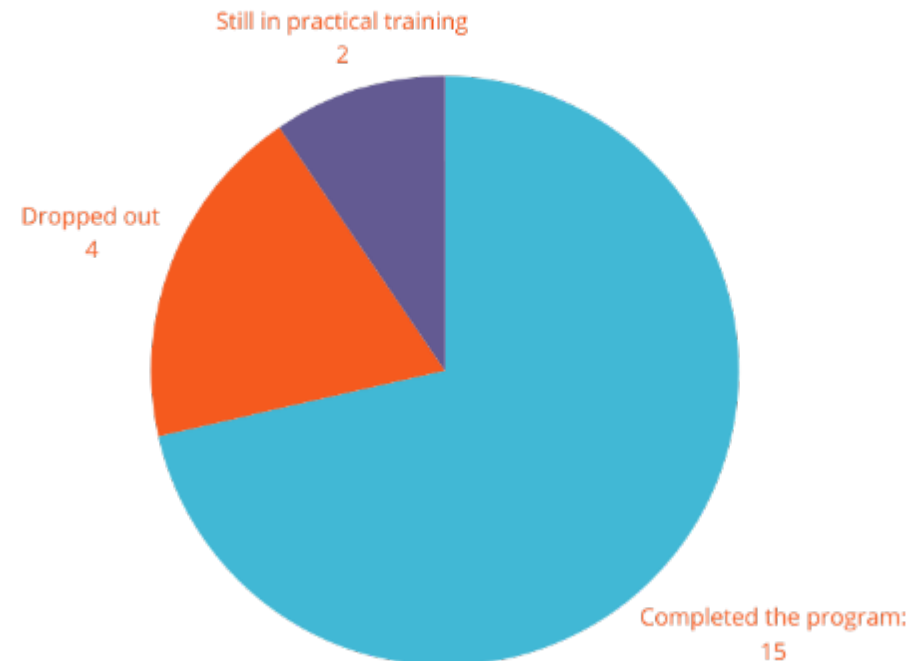
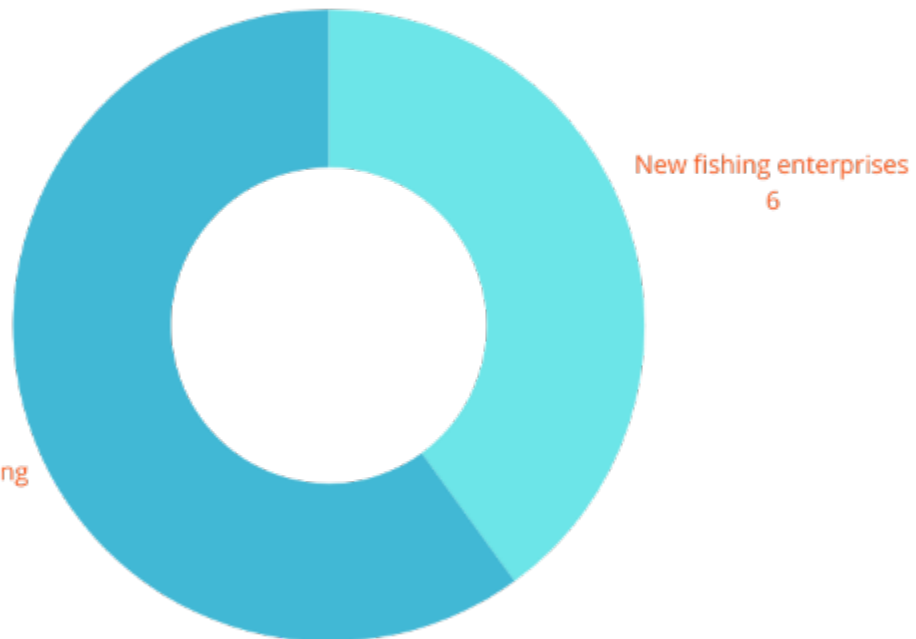
# NUMBERS



Number of apprentices started in the projects:  
21 (5 women)



Age  
distribution



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# Rodopi FLAG, Greece

## From Sea to Soil

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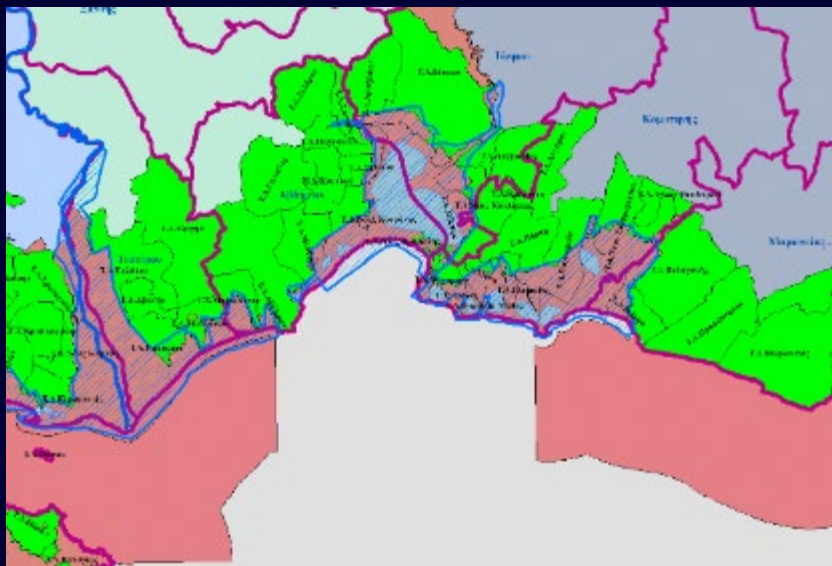
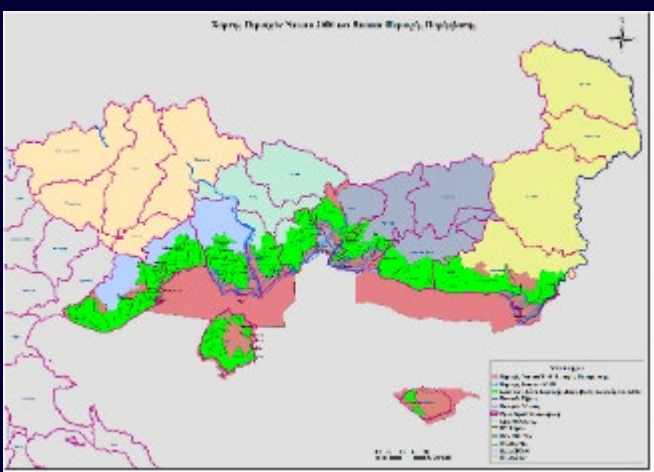
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From sea to soil:

Giving marine biowaste a second life (Greece)  
Rodopi Development FLAG







Aquaculture waste  
and  
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## Composting





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# Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Ireland

## Aquaculture Remote Classroom

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# ARC – Aquaculture Remote Classroom



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Aontas Eorpach  
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# The ARC

- Part of the 'Farmed in the EU' initiative #FarmedintheEU
- Promote a Social Licence for Irish Aquaculture
- Educate about Sustainable Irish Seafood
- Bring the classroom to the kids!
- Fun and interactive delivery
- Please Visit!





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# Emilia-Romagna Coast FLAG, Italy

## BLUESLINKS: Innovation and Youth

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1 - Sustainable growth in the blue economy  
SO 1.2 - Skills for smart specialization

**BLUESLINKS**

INNOVATION AND SMART SPECIALIZATION  
IN CROSS-SECTORAL BLUE ECONOMY

BLUE ECONOMY NEW SKILLS

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 BLUESLINKS



## MAIN CHALLENGE



Lack of professional skills adequate to the new innovation needs of companies.

***“blue skills”***



**Introduce young people**

**Increase awareness & knowledge of the  
Blue Economy among young people**

**Target groups:**

**Local and regional public authorities,  
sectoral agencies, higher education  
and research organisations, schools,  
SMEs, general public**



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# Recap and conclusions





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# Lessons learned and takeaways

- Brand-new **FLAG** manager
- Soon to be retired **FLAG** manager
- Outermost Regions **FLAG** manager
- The **European Commission**

# Evaluation

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# That's a wrap!





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