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# FISHEKO – Fishers campaigning to reduce plastic in the ports (Slovenia)

In the fishing harbours along the Istrian coast there is insufficient space to combine fishing with recreational activities, and a lot of plastic waste ends up in the sea during the tourist season.

Fishers were offered free training, and then were paid to explain to tourists in fishing ports the environmental harm of single-use plastics. They also provided tourists with biodegradable utensils, such as forks, knives and plates. In this way fishers could reduce the fishing days without losing income, and the amount of single use plastics in the sea would be reduced.

## MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

Thirty fishers were trained and involved in the campaign. They were also motivated to take care of the marine environment. In the first year of the campaign, 15 fishing vessels were involved; the local high schools started to invite fishers to come and talk to the students about marine plastic.



## CONTRIBUTION

- Project duration: 2020-2022
- Total budget: €215 890
- EMFF contribution: €149 467
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