

# Turning Blue

## *Integrating young offenders through the blue economy*

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36 months

## Blue Economy

- Socioeconomic development
- Environmental sustainability

## Invest in Blue Economy

- Skills
- Career development
- Attract and retain young talent

## Win-win situation!



## Young offenders:

- High risk of recidivism.
- Low educational and vocational skills and lack of employment as barriers to reintegration

## Maritime workforce

- Update hardskills
- Aging labour force
- Regional shifts in employment
- Sector growth

## Barriers:

- Lack of blue training offers in prisons and probation services
- Lack of awareness from Blue Economy

# Consortium

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The overall aim of 'Turning Blue' project is to create new cooperation mechanisms and training materials on sustainable blue economy to inspire and engage disadvantaged young people serving time in prison (16-30 years old) to pursue a sustainable 'blue career' in one of the Blue Economy sectors.

## Objectives

- 1 Identify 30 types of jobs in the Blue Economy with a high potential to employ young people leaving prison, and the needed professional competencies (including
- 2 Design an **Awareness Training on Blue Economy careers**
- 3 Design an integrated “**from prison to the blue economy**” **intervention model**, and train professionals in it
- 4 Form the **'Turning Blue' Network** (prison services, education/training providers and blue industry operators)
- 5 Set-up a **job-placement platform** to connect young people leaving prison and Blue Economy operators
- 6 Deliver **5 national seminars, 2 EU Webinars and 1 EU Conference**, involving more than 350 participants.
- 7 Boost **collaboration opportunities between different stakeholders** from blue economy, higher education, justice and civil society organisations, and create new knowledge to inform policies at different levels.

## Main Indicators

- 25 job placements and retentions
- 30 blue job profiles
- 1 'Turning Blue' Awareness Training
  - Tested with 84 young people in prison
  - 28 professionals trained in it
- 1 job-matching platform
- 1 transition model
  - 40 professionals trained in it
- 1 'Turning Blue' Mentorship Programme
  - 40 blue industry professionals trained in it
- 1 Turning Blue Network with at least 30 members
- 5 national events (150 stakeholders involved);
- 2 EU Webinars (100 participants);
- 1 Final Conference (at least 100 participants from different EU countries)





## Impact



Increased awareness and interest in Blue Economy



Sustainable and inclusive blue employment



Decreased mismatch between demand for and supply of labour



Social reintegration



Empowered prison, blue economy and educational professionals



Cooperation between blue industry, prison and educational services, decision makers and other stakeholders

## Possible synergies

- Awareness training
- Mentorship programme
- Job-matching platform



# Thank you for your attention!



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