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*Working directly with
the fishing industry*



WELCOMING

Welcome to the **NetTag!** In this first Newsletter you can find out more about our project. **NetTag** project aims to reduce and prevent marine litter derived from fisheries by working directly with fishers through an integrative preventive approach:



TECHNOLOGY



AWARENESS



IMPACT

1. Reducing lost gear by using new technologies (acoustic system), which will help fishers to localize and recover their lost gears; and
2. Promoting better practices on-board regarding management of fishing waste, through awareness actions organized by fishers associations for fishers.

In parallel, we will access the reduction of environmental impact of lost gears as a new pollutant, by preventing gears loss. The work from different work-packages and partners, is currently being developed.

NetTag will participate in various events concerning blue economy and scientific conferences and will disseminate the main findings of the project on social media and schools.

The outcomes we want to achieve with NetTag are (i) reduction of lost gear abandoned at NW Iberian peninsula coast; (ii) technological innovation of fishing gears; (iii) better practices to avoid discarding litter; (iv) improve environmental performance of Portuguese and Spanish fisheries.

PROJECT MEETING IN BRUSSELS

NetTag project started earlier this year with a first meeting with our project officer, in Brussels. The meeting brought together the 22 projects selected from the 2017 Sustainable Blue Economy call for proposals. This event turned out to be a great opportunity for networking with the other blue economy project coordinators.





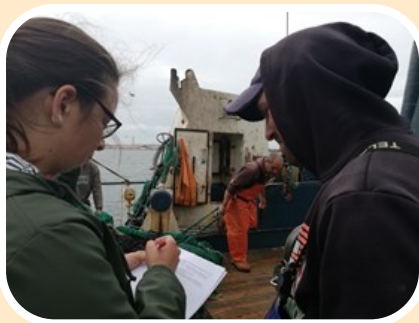
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KICK-OFF MEETING



The kick-off meeting of **NetTag** took place at CIIMAR, in Matosinhos, Portugal, on February 2019, joining all the partners. In this meeting, each partner presented the aims and workflow of the respective work package.

WP2-PARTICIPATORY APPROACH FOR PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION



Interviews with fisherman (from March to May) and stakeholders in the fishery industry (from May to June), showed us the negative impacts of marine trash and ghost nets on fisheries.

We found out that plastic octopus traps are the most damaging and that there is more domestic trash alongside the shore and the river mouth.

BLUE YOUNG TEAM

A group of highly motivated young researchers and students will integrate the Blue Lab Team of **NetTag**. They will participate actively in the project, assisting in workshops and outreach events, as well as disseminating the news and achievements of the project on social media.



EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

NetTag participated in the European Maritime Day 2019, that took place in Lisbon, from 16th to 17th of May. In there, maritime professionals, entrepreneurs and ocean leaders got together to discuss blue entrepreneurship, research, innovation and investment. The event was another great opportunity for networking and disseminating the project to potential stakeholders.

