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Common borders. Common solutions.

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- District Government of Enez, Turkey
- Division Directorate of National Parks of Edirne under Istanbul Regional Directorate of Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey
- Foundation Caucasus Environment, Georgia
- Agricola NGO, Ukraine
- Green Balkans – Stara Zagora NGO, Bulgaria

Target areas:

- Evros Delta, Greece
- Gala Lake, Turkey
- Wetlands of Central Kolkheti and Tbilisi, Georgia
- Danube and Dnieper Deltas, Ukraine
- Pomorie Lake, Bulgaria



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BioLEARN BSB PROJECT

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<http://bio-learn.org>





One of the most important wetlands in Greece and Europe is Evros Delta, which covers an area of 188 km². All the typical formations and vegetation units of a Mediterranean delta are found in the area hosting more than 350 plant species. The area is also home to 40 species of mammals, 28 species of amphibians and reptiles and 46 species of fish. More important, however, is the rich bird fauna found in the area. 324 species of birds are observed in Evros Delta which is an important link in the East Mediterranean wetland chain. It functions as a nesting and feeding area for many species and a refuge for large populations of waterfowl from northern parts of Central and Eastern Europe during the winter.

Apart from its international ecological importance for the valuable biodiversity, the wetland is also a natural resource for the local community and valuable for fishing activities, agriculture, flood protection and recreation.

BioLearn project focuses on the main pollution problems threatening very important biodiversity sites of the Black Sea Basin, namely its wetlands. Its goal is to establish a sustainable cooperation network among the partners with the aim to develop common cross border awareness raising and educational approaches and methodologies for the reduction of the pollution in important wetlands of Black Sea Basin.

BioLearn activities:

Knowledge exchange, information sharing and capacity building through workshops.

Establishment of the common environmental education network “Stop Litter” and “Save Nature”.

Awareness raising campaigns and educational activities for school students and other targeted local stakeholders.

Wetland cleanup campaigns.

Establishment of 10 environmental education and training centers.

BioLearn outputs:

10 “Stop Litter” and “Save Nature” environmental education and activity centers.

Report from each participant country about the current state of litter pollution in the wetlands of interest.

A manual of best practices for litter prevention and mitigation through awareness raising.

12 public access training sets for school students about wetland protection.

Trainers’ from the participant countries training on the developed common educational methodologies carried out in the activity centers.

Painting competitions for school students.

An international photography exhibition concerning the participating wetlands.

A transboundary cleanup campaign of the participating wetlands.

International conference for the dissemination of the results and future action plans.

