

RESPONSE

Building Response Frameworks under existing & new Marine Pollution Challenges in the Black Sea

The Goal

To develop and test fit-for-purpose, multidimensional training tools, curricula, and best-practice guidance for marine pollution preparedness and response in the Black Sea region. Continuous participatory processes involving relevant stakeholders were applied throughout the project's different phases, from needs identification and co-development to testing and validation.

The Partnership

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GR)
- Black Sea NGO Network (BG)
- State Organization "Institute of Market and Economic & Ecological Research of the NAS of Ukraine" (UA)
- The Black Sea Branch of Ukrainian Environmental Academy of Sciences (UA)
- National Institute of Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" (RO)
- The Greens Movement of Georgia / Friends of the Earth (GE)

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RESPONSE in a nutshell

Steps taken

- Stakeholder engagement
- Marine pollution & impact assessment
- Review of existing training programs

State of play

New curriculum proposal

- Integration of insights from assessments & stakeholder consultations

Digitalization

- Digitalization of outputs, findings and materials to provide free, full and easy access

Operation plan proposal

- Development of operation plans on marine pollution training on national level

Testing & monitoring

- Testing & refinement of training curricula
- Monitoring performance

Policy recommendations

- Monitoring impact
- Integration of inputs into operation plans & tools developed by RESPONSE
- Building networks

Achievements

- > 200 organizations contacted (> 35 highly influential)
- Good practices & challenges identified
- 435 scientific articles reviewed
- Main threats & sources mapped

- 4 National & 1 Regional co-creation workshops
- New tailored curriculum proposals (>20)
- Monitoring & Evaluation framework

- Innovative RESPONSE Digital TOOLKIT

- 1 Online Regional Stakeholder consultation workshop on operation plans (>125 participants)
- 10 - Step Framework for operation planning
- National operation plans (4) on marine pollution training

- Stakeholder training - Pilot training programs (4 national - 1 regional)
- Introduction of the Digital TOOLKIT
- Monitoring & Evaluation of the training

- Monitoring & Evaluation of the training framework
- Regional Action Plan
- Networks and transferability potential
- Policy recommendations

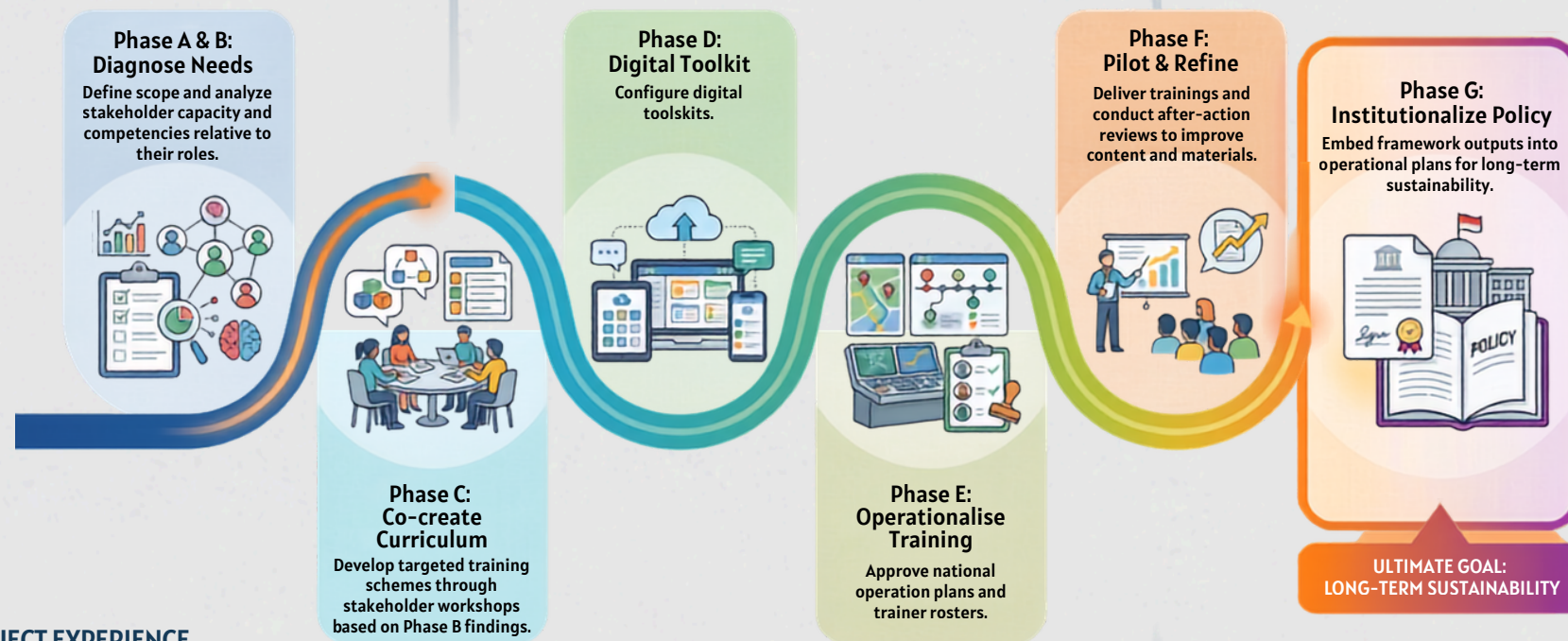


The RESPONSE Roadmap is a seven-phase framework for designing, implementing, and improving marine pollution preparedness and response training programmes. It transforms the RESPONSE project's experience into a structured methodology that helps organisations build effective, multidisciplinary training schemes.

The RESPONSE Roadmap

Developed through three years of research, pilot implementation, and continuous participatory co-creation with stakeholders, the RESPONSE Roadmap was shaped by needs assessment, collaborative design, testing, validation, and refinement across the BS region. The Roadmap is a practical replication guide. It is

designed for wider application and can be adapted by national authorities, research institutions, universities, NGOs, regional organisations, and policy-makers to strengthen marine pollution preparedness, emergency response, and environmental governance in maritime regions facing similar challenges.



THE RESPONSE PROJECT EXPERIENCE

PHASE A & B

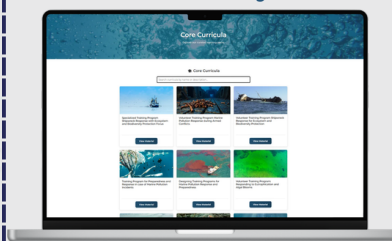
- Stakeholder analysis & institutional mapping
 - > 200 organizations engaged (> 35 highly influential)
 - Expert consultation, online questionnaires
- Review of training schemes & capacity mapping
 - In-depth structured interviews with the key stakeholders
- Analysis of marine pollution
 - 435 scientific articles reviewed
 - Main threats & sources mapped
- Assessment of stakeholders' capacity & the existing training schemes
 - Identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats

PHASE C

- Development of targeted training curricula based on the findings
 - 4 national & 1 regional
- Stakeholder co-creation workshops
 - 4 National & 1 Regional co-creation workshops
- Revise & improve proposed curricula based on stakeholders' feedback
 - New tailored curriculum proposals (>20)
- Monitoring & Evaluation framework

PHASE D

- The RESPONSE Digital Toolkit (www.response-toolkit.com)
 - Open access digital platform
 - Ready-to-use curricula (>10)
 - Curriculum Building Tool
 - 400+ users - 60+ registered



PHASE E

- Development of a 10-step framework for operational planning
- Consultation processes with stakeholders
 - 1 Online Regional Stakeholder consultation workshop on operation plans (>125 participants)
 - National operation plans (4) on marine pollution training

PHASE F

- Implementation of pilot training workshops
 - 4 national & 1 regional (>130 participants)
 - Introduction & used of the RESPONSE Toolkit
- Performance monitoring & evaluation

PHASE G

- Regional Action Plan for training for preparedness & response
- RESPONSE Roadmap
- Extended networking & knowledge exchange
 - 4 online networking workshops
 - Promotion of RESPONSE tools
- Close collaboration with involved stakeholders