

## **Integrated environmental protection using environmental education and training as driving force**

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### **Summary**

Nowadays the integrated environmental protection and much more the sustainable management of the continuous increasing pollution needs the environmental education and particular the environmental training as a driving force in order to give the opportunity to everybody to contribute in a systematic way to these issues. The component of training is very important and a catalytic key factor for education and public awareness in the frame of the integrated environmental protection. The economical crisis and the social situation in Balkans and particularly in Romania require a new approach to the development of "professional education" (training) in the frame of the sustainable development and the long-life education of the EU. The use of natural resources in sustainable manner and environmental management with appropriate training should become first priority program of the regional development policy. In this direction, the Balkan Environmental Association (B.EN.A.) and the National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" through a fruitful collaboration established in 2002 the Training Center on Environmental Professions in Constanta. This Training Center accredited accordingly to the Romanian legislation and is still offering the possibility to the interesting people to increase their level of knowledge on the environmental sciences and ecological management.

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