A-AAGORA – DEMO PT
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

HIGHLIGHT V

The workshop to raise awareness of the need to reduce marine litter was attended by 65 6th graders, with sessions on environmental awareness and artistic production with marine litter.

The Environmental Education Workshop was held on 30th of October 2024 at the University of Aveiro's ECOMARE, a centre dedicated to the research and preservation of marine ecosystems, located in Gafanha da Nazaré, Aveiro, and brought together 65 students and 9 teachers from the 6th grade of the Rio Novo do Príncipe School Cluster, Cacia.

The workshop, organised by the team responsible for the A-AAGORA project's Portuguese Demonstrator (DEMO PT), included activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a welcome to students and teaching staff; a guided educational tour of ECOMARE's facilities; and an art workshop.

Making art from marine litter

Under the guidance of Bruno Costa, a visual artist who uses marine litter to produce sculptures, the students produced artistic pieces with marine litter, while learning about the impacts of waste on ecosystems and the importance of recycling and reducing consumption.

A visit for environmental literacy

In order to understand the different marine ecosystems, the students were taken on a tour of ECOMARE's facilities, where they learnt the stories of rescued and recovering animals. The visit and interactive activities allowed the students to develop a deeper understanding of environmental problems and the role of each person in preserving the ocean.

Portuguese Demonstrator and the solution to reduce marine litter

The art created by the students is on display at the atrium of the Cacia 2nd and 3rd Cycle School. This collaboration between the A-AAGORA project and the Rio Novo Do Príncipe School Cluster is part of the activities of the Curricular Autonomy Domain.

The A-AAGORA project workshop, coordinated by the University of Aveiro, is part of the work that has been carried out for the Portuguese Demonstrator's solution of reduction of marine litter. The event highlighted solutions and promoted the empowerment of participants to protect coastal ecosystems through educational and collaborative activities.

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