

# Young Pirates on a mission: counting plastics in the AUTh Sea

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Poster publicizing the Event, created by AUTH Team:

- all the information provided
- style suitable for kids
- Greek title of the event favours wordplays with "METRO" (=count) and AU**TH** (**Th**alassa( $\theta \dot{a} \lambda a \sigma \sigma a$ )=sea) highlighting both the concept and the beneficiary.

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# Activity in the frame of TASK 5.4: Contribution to the ERA Action no 8, Bringing science closer to society

- Organization of event: April-May 2024
- Organizers: AUTH METROFOOD-GR-EPI team and Volunteers "ReAcTiON" team (students of School of Chemistry, AUTH)
- Implementation during AUTH "Open Sundays" <u>https://www.auth.gr/sundays/</u>
- Place/date of the event: AUTH campus/19.5.2024
- Participants: children 7-12 years old (escorted by their parents)
- Participation declaration of interest: in advance via *e*-form & on the spot

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## Implementation of Treasure Hunting

- 1. Map of the spots where "plastic treasures" were hidden
- 2. Children "young pirates" were separated in three teams under the "commands" of a chief-pirate
- 3. Hunting/collecting/counting of the "plastic treasures"
- 4. Back to the lecture hall for finding/data analysis (How many items,

which ones are sourced as food waste? which ones are plastic?)

- 5. "Feeding" children with useful information on plastic recycling & proper food-packaging handling after food consumption
- 6. Certificates of participation, tokens and souvenirs for children (reusable water bottles)





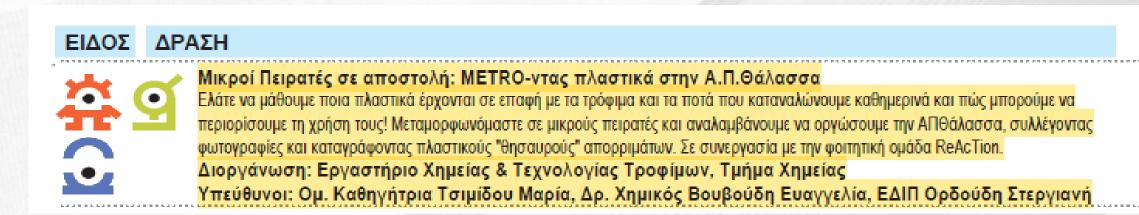


#### Conclusions

- Different social groups participated: children, parents, teachers, school advisors, young scientists, senior scientists students of Chemistry – co-creation concept was served!
- AUTh campus became a living lab
- Voluntarism thrived!
- Food plastic packaging materials & sustainability goals were highlighted!
- Young scientists participated actively
- Dissemination of the initiative of METROFOOD RI

https://metrofood.eu; https://metrofood.eu; https://www.linkedin.com/posts/metrofood-gr

https://www.facebook.com/authonsundays/?locale=el\_GR









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