ANNUAL REPORT 2024



VOLUNTARY ACTION SINCE 1982 TO SAVE THE SEAS











ACTION SINCE 1982

WE CAN SAVE THE SEAS

2024 STATUS

A UNIQUE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATORY PLATFORM

356	SHIPPING COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
2,527	VESSELS OF ALL TYPES
14,346	SEAFARERS AND SHIPPING PROFESSIONALS
450,000	STUDENTS - EXHIBITION VISITORS
2,860	YOUTH AMBASSADORS
172,500	JUNIOR MEMBERS (AGES 5-12)
5,320	SCHOOLS NETWORK
11,660	TEACHERS - VOLUNTEERS
800	NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS
300,000	VOLUNTEERS

- Sustainable development HIPPING COMPANIES
 - Pollution prevention
 - Maritime safety & accident prevention
 - Human sustainability
 - Seafarers' wellbeing
 - Marine environmental protection
 - Women in shipping
 - Blue Economy for youth
 - Ocean literacy and Intro to shipping
 - Safety culture in fishing/boating
 - Voluntary Incident Reporting Platform
 - Maritime decarbonization
 - Chios Climate Chance

360° SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Holistic, experience-based,

31.000 seafarers and

MASTERCLASSES

- Soft Skills
- Environmental Leadership

EMPOWER PEOPLE MAX OUT YOUR IMPACT

UPSKILLING, RESKILLING

Refresher Training program with worldwide participation

shipping professionals certified by HELMEPA's Maritime Training Center

- ESG

INTERMEPA Member & Head Office

INSPIRED THE MEPA MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE

Greece HELMEPA

Cyprus CYMEPA

Turkey TURMEPA

Uruguay URUMEPA

Philippines PHILMEPA

USA NAMEPA

Ukraine UKRMEPA

Nigeria NIMEPA

UN ACCREDITED NGO

UNEP/MAP PARTNER

IMO/ TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO GREEK DELEGATION

EMSA, USCG, AMSA COOPERATION

OUR WORK FOR THE SEAS FOR THE PLANET, FOR HUMANKIND IS INSPIRED, MEASURABLE, SHARED

TAKE ACTION WITH HELMEPA

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LARGEST TRAINING IMPACT TO DATE



As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting its members, HELMEPA Academy successfully delivered the 2024 Refresher Training Program, achieving highly positive outcomes.

Throughout the year, 3,232 seafarers and shore-based personnel from 191 companies participated in 37 webinars and seminars, totaling 208 hours of training, with contributions from 67 expert speakers. The program's impact was reflected in participant feedback, with 90% rating the sessions as "Very Good" or "Exceptional", confirming the quality, relevance, and practical value of the content provided.

The program emphasizes holistic skills development, experience-based learning, and inclusive participation, contributing meaningfully to the professional growth, preparedness, and resilience of the maritime and wider community.



Notable increase in participation across various professional ranks

The data indicates a moderate rise in the number of Deck Officers, from 1,184 in 2023 to 1,259 in 2024, while Engine Officers experienced a significant increase, with participation growing from 557 to 735. These upward trends reflect the Academy's expanding outreach.

MOST ATTENDED TOPICS

Accident Prevention: Managing Risks / Sharing Knowledge

Vetting Inspection Awareness: What is new with SIRE II

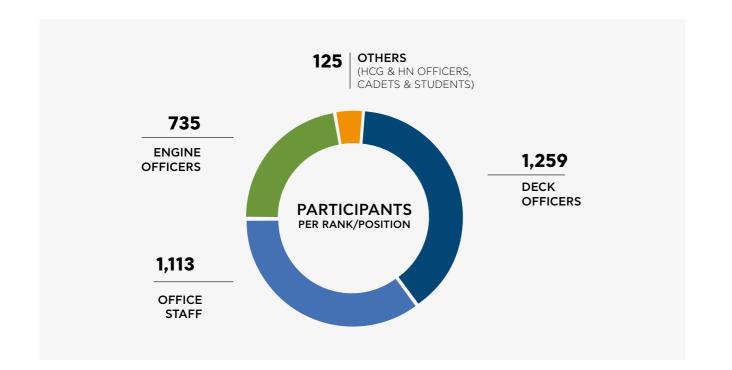
Preparing for Port State Control Inspection

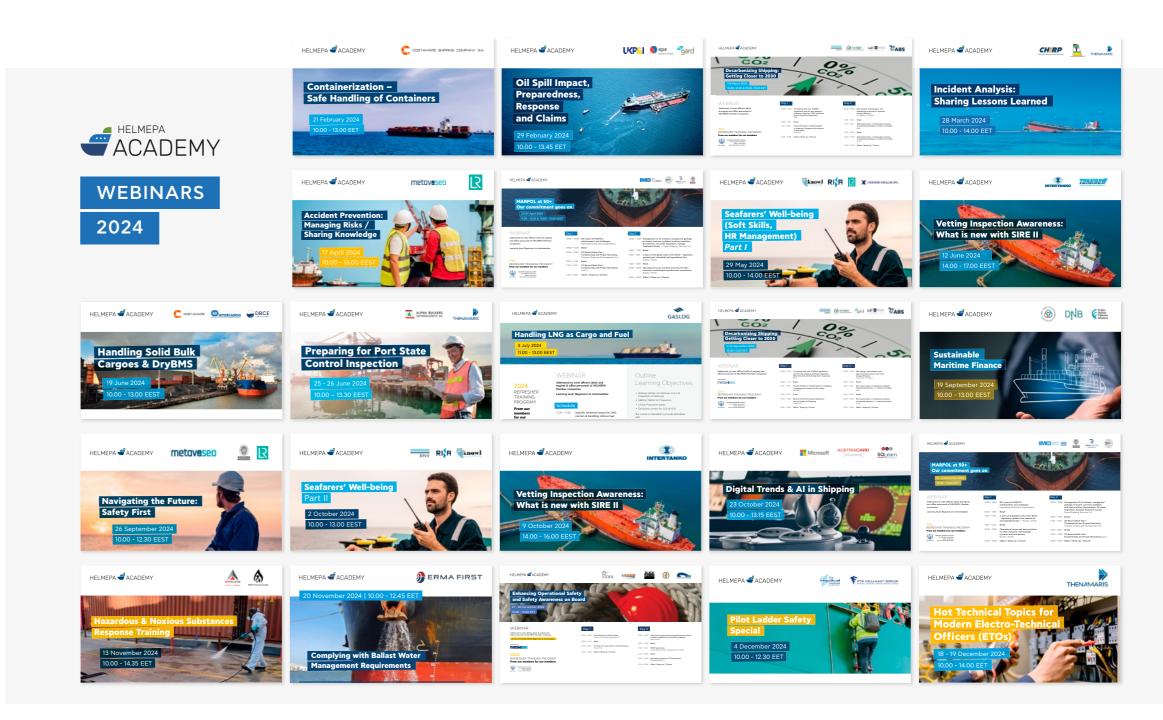
Oil Spill Impact, Preparedness, Response, and Claims

Incident Analysis: Sharing Lessons Learned

Pilot Ladder Safety

Seafarers' Well-being Part I & II





314 participants

225 participants

201 participants

171 participants

165 participants

156 participants

142 participants

VOLUNTARY TRAINING BY MEMBERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

67 experts (18% women) from 46 partner organizations and member companies contributed to our seminars and webinars. We extend our gratitude for their time, expertise, and voluntary commitment.

American Bureau of Shipping

Antony Vourdachas

Alpha Bulkers Shipmanagement Inc.

Capt. Andreas Togantzis

Antipollution

Andreas Giakoumelos

Anglo-Eastern Ship Management (Hellas)

Capt. Konstantinos Moschovitis

ATHINA Maritime Learning & Development

Capt. Meletios Mexis, Konstantinos Batsis, Ioannis Papanikolaou

Austriacard Holdings

Spyros Sakellariou

Bayes Business School, University of London

Dr Ioannis Moutzouris

Black Rope

Aristeidis Deligiannis

Bureau Veritas

Vassilios Dimoulas, Maria Lambardaki

Chandris (Hellas) Inc.

Dr George Baltas

CHIRP Maritime

Capt. Adam Parnell

Costamare Shipping Co. S.A.

Capt. John Drakogiannopoulos, Panagiotis Aravanis

Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd.

Capt. Nikolaos Polymeris

DBCE

Ian McLeod

Diana Shipping Services S.A.

Andreas Minaides

DNB Bank

Anne Delouis

DNV

Jason Stefanatos, Lefteris Koukoulopoulos, Dr Marina Papaioannou

DYNAMARINe Co

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Artemis Polemi

Environmental Protection Engineering S.A.

Eirini Mariaki

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Dr Efi Tsolaki, Nikos Kyritsis

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Green Digital Finance Alliance (GDFA)

Gerrit Sindermann, Francois Gardin

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International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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KNOWL S.E.

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Microsoft Corp

Yiannis Touliatos

The Nautical Institute

David Patraiko

Nederlands Loodswezen

Arie Palmers

NGP Training Center

Capt. Stefanos Skarvelis , John Dipple

Olympic Shipping & Management S.A.

Capt. Panagiotis Panagiotakopoulos

ORIANI

Philip Uhrskov Nielsen

University of Piraeus (ΠΑ.ΠΕΙ.)

Dr. Stefanos Chatzinikolaou

Polaris Consulting Engineers P.C.

Panagiotis Papageorgiou

PTR Holland Group Hellas

Stavros Maniateas

RINA Hellas Ltd.

Katerina Palla

SQLearn

Despina Papadaki

Thenamaris (Ships Management) Inc.

Capt. Zacharias Vairamakis, George Tsivgoulis

Thenamaris ConBulk Inc.

Capt. Christos Anthoulakis

Tsakos Shipping & Trading SA

Anastasios Kartsimadakis, Capt Nikos Chrysomallis

The United Kingdom Mutual Steamship Assurance Association - Thomas Miller (Hellas) Ltd.

Capt. Kostas Karavasilis

Vanos S.A.

Theofilos Kourounis

World Maritime University

Dr. Tafsir Johansson, Dr. Aspasia Pastra



SPEAKERS & COMPANIES SHARING KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE FOR SAFE, SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING



TAILOR-MADE TRAINING

BASED ON MEMBER FEEDBACK AND INDUSTRY TRENDS

The 2023–2024 Program was shaped by member input, focusing on training priorities, regulatory updates, emerging technologies, and PSC-identified gaps, in line with HELMEPA's strategic direction.



The program included one-day and two-day web and physical presence seminars (labs) on the following 23 topical topics:

- 1. Decarbonizing Shipping: Getting Closer to 2030
- 2. Containerization Safe Handling of Containers
- 3. Oil Spill Impact, Preparedness, Response and Claims
- 4. Incident Analysis: Sharing Lessons Learned
- 5. Accident Prevention: Managing Risks / Sharing Knowledge
- 6. MARPOL at 50+: Our commitment goes on
- 7. Seafarers' Wellbeing (Soft Skills, HR Management) Part I
- 8. ESG Masterclass
- 9. Vetting Inspection Awareness: What is new with SIRE II
- 10. Handling Solid Bulk Cargoes & DryBMS
- 11. Preparing for Port State Control Inspection
- 12. Handling LNG as Cargo and Fuel
- 13. ABC to SDGs
- 14. Sustainable Maritime Finance
- 15. Navigating the Future: Safety First
- 16. Seafarers' Wellbeing Part II
- 17. Digital Trends and AI in Shipping
- 18. Hazardous & Noxious Substances Response Training
- 19. Complying with Ballast Water Management Requirements
- 20. Enhancing Operational Safety and Safety Awareness Onboard
- 21. Pilot Ladder Safety Special
- 22. Hot Technical Topics for Modern Electro-Technical Officers (ETOs)
- 23. Environmental Leadership

TRAINING LAB ON 17 UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



developed "ABCs to SDGs" lab, engaging 31 participants through four in-company workshops. The sessions focused on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting their relevance in addressing today's challenges while safeguarding the needs of future generations. By promoting shared understanding, the lab equips participants to actively engage with sustainability at both organizational and individual levels.

This training lab helps participants to:

- Comprehend the concept of sustainable development and the specific goals
- Discover how contemporary environmental, social and economic challenges are connected to each other
- Guide their organization to work towards supporting relevant SDGs and help increase its social impact







Participants also contributed motto groups that captured the spirit of the initiative:

Sustainable development – it's achievable, not utopian

Green now for a sustainable future

United in Diversity

Small Steps, Big Impacts

MAX OUT YOUR ESG STRATEGY

A DEEP DIVE INTO THE ESG FRAMEWORK



HELMEPA successfully delivered six ESG Masterclasses, attended by 106 C-level and middle managers from 77 companies, including non-members and strategic partners.

The program received outstanding feedback:

72% rated the instructor as Exceptional

76% stated the course fully met their expectations

92% would recommend the course to others

94% confirmed it was wellstructured and organized

STRUCTURE

- 9 modules
- 14 hours training
- Online live sessions

DURATION

- 4 weeks
- Twice per week
- 1.5 2 hr per session

LANGUAGE

- English
- Greek upon request

ATTENDEES

25 persons per group on a first-come, first-served basis

IDEAL FOR

C suite and middle managers of all organisational functions & departments

The course is designed in such a way that it will help all employees that their organisation is undergoing or managing change

This training program has been developed in collaboration with George MARKEZINIS, ESG Expert & Trainer, Environmental Engineer

MODULES

- Terminology, trends & the ESG business case
- E, the environmental pillar of ESG
- S, the social pillar of ESG
- G, the governance pillar of ESG
- ESG leadership, Strategy & Integration
- ESG ratings, Frameworks & Supply Chain
- Stakeholder Engagement, Materiality Assessment & GRI Reporting
- KPIs, Goal Setting & Carbon footprint
- Recap & Guest Speaker

2 BLUEPRINTS

- GRI STANDARDS REPORTING structure, principles, contents, and compliance requirements
- GHG EMISSIONS REPORTING measure and report emissions for Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3

A CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING
WILL BE ISSUED UPON
SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION

Master ESG terminology

Review common ESG topics, trends, and practices

Familiarize with the legislative and regulatory framework

Learn how to monitor ESG performance with KPIs

Obtain tools and methodology to integrate ESG into the organization

Explore ESG Leadership and design of a strong ESG Strategy

Identify the most important ESG Reporting Standards and Ratings

Understand the needs of the sustainable supply chain

Engage stakeholders and communicate with them effectively

Clarify the materiality assessment process

Learn to identify ESG risks and opportunities

Make informed decisions aligned with your organization's values

Build a new mindset amidst the organization

Promote stakeholder trust and engagement

Increase attractiveness for investments

Boost flexibility, resilience, accountability

IN-HOUSE DELIVERY OPTION EXCLUSIVE FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES



OUR TRAINING COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Sincere thanks to the Chairman of HELMEPA's Training Committee, Captain Nikos Polymeris and the 50 Committee members, representing our member companies and partner organizations. Their invaluable guidance and active participation have been instrumental in shaping this outstanding, volunteer-driven training and professional development initiative created by our members, for our members.



HELMEPA # ACADEMY TRAINING COMMITTEE 2023-2024 | 50 MEMBERS

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NAUTIS 3 BRIDGE SIMULATOR FOR REALISTIC TRAINING AND ASSESSMENTS

In 2024, HELMEPA's NAUTIS 3 bridge simulator provided highly realistic training to 186 deck officers and 75 cadets and students of Merchant Marine Academies, Nautical Schools and Universities. The upgraded NAUTIS 3 simulator also enables detailed performance assessments, allowing companies to evaluate and prepare their officers for promotions and leadership roles. All participants received HELMEPA Certificates of Attendance.





HELMEPA's NAUTIS Full Mission Bridge Simulator, manufactured by VSTEP, operates since 2016 in the Association's Maritime Training Centre, following kind donation by member-company DNV. In 2022 the bridge simulator was upgraded with kind donations by member-companies Drylog, Gaslog and Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association.

HS1 BRIDGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (5 days)
Based on the IMO Model Course 1.22 and approved
by the Cyprus Maritime Authority, consists of 19
topics developed in a total of 40 hours (20 hours
of presentations and 20 hours of practical training).

HS2 ADVANCED SHIP HANDLING & NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY (3 days)

7 hours of presentations and 14 hours of practical training.

HS3 NAVIGATING IN DENSE TRAFFIC - FISHING AREAS - COLREGS & LOSS PREVENTION (2 days) 6 hours of presentations and 8 hours of practical training.

HS4 REAL INCIDENT SIMULATION & ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS (2 days)

Present, simulate and analyse real maritime incidents of members and others from official sources such as MAIB, CHIRP, MARS etc.

HS5 SHIP-TO-SHIP TRANSFER OPERATIONS (2 days)

FIRST-EVER
STCW E-LEARNING
COURSES APPROVED
BY CYPRUS MARITIME



FLEXIBLE TRAINING
ANYTIME, ANY PLACE YOU CHOOSE





In line with its mission to support seafarers and promote a culture of safety, pollution prevention, and environmental awareness at sea, HELMEPA and SQLearn launched a new suite of STCW-compliant online training courses.

These include Security Awareness for All Seafarers, Designated Security Duties, and Ship Security Officer (SSO), offering flexible, high-quality, and certified education accessible anytime, anywhere.





A COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE FOR MARITIME DECARBONIZATION

HELMEPA's flagship initiative

To amplify its effectiveness,

METAVASEA continued to expand

20 key outputs, including research

its reach and impact, delivering over

methodologies, focus groups, surveys,

webinars, workshops, seminars, and a

wide range of promotional materials.

METAVASEA established collaborative

frameworks with leading initiatives such

Strategy for the Prevention of Pollution

from Ships, reinforcing synergies across the maritime sustainability landscape.

as the Maritime Just Transition Task Force, LR Maritime Decarbonization Hub, and REMPEC's Mediterranean 117 shipping companies and maritime organizations actively engaged in project activities, contributing valuable insights and strengthening awareness of the initiative's goals





metavasea

125

shipping companies and maritime organizations engaged 80

project partners & stakeholders

1,100+

maritime professionals participated in the ongoing survey TAKE PART
IN THE SURVEY

50,000+

watched our Climate Change awareness video

1000.

naritime professionals prained

90%

rated sessions as very good/ exceptional finding them highly useful for their work Safety Culture

Accident Prevention

Decarbonizing Shipping

Environmental Leadership

Digital Awareness

400,000+

reached worldwide via 180+ articles and posts



A major milestone was the launch of the METAVASEA Survey, designed to capture perspectives from five stakeholder groups: shipping companies, seafarers, port administrators, civil society, and suppliers.

In 2024 alone, the survey gathered over 800 responses, with annual reporting beginning in Sept 2025

- Seafarers, click here.
- Employee or Executive of Shipping Company, click here.
- Employee or Executive of Port Administrator/Authority, click here.
- Citizen/ Civil Society, click here (GR) or here (ENG).
- Service Providers and Suppliers, click here.



TAKE PART

In-person and online training activities further enriched the program. Notably, 90+ port workers and shipping company employees participated in the seminar "Enhanced Safety Culture for Maritime Decarbonization" at the Piraeus Port Authority, while 583 seafarers and executives attended webinars on topics such as emerging technologies, automation, cybersecurity, accident prevention, and decarbonization strategies.

The first Environmental Leadership Masterclass was successfully held at the Athina Training Center, and the Soft Skills Masterclass, developed through a bottomup approach.

METAVASEA's visibility was further enhanced through participation in major events, online publications, and social media campaigns. A dedicated climate awareness video attracted significant attention across digital and television platforms.

At Posidonia 2024, associate partner WISTA Hellas hosted the seminar "A People-Centered Decarbonization Concept Beyond Sea Barriers", featuring women panelists from diverse maritime sectors and highlighting the gender perspective in decarbonization efforts.



















associate partners





















































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HELMEPA MEETS USCG LEADERSHIP

On March 5 & 6, HELMEPA led its largestever member delegation to Washington D.C., headed by Chairperson Semiramis Paliou, to strengthen cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), NAMEPA, and other key stakeholders. The delegation of 24 executives from 20 member companies engaged in high-level discussions on PSC inspections, ballast water and biofouling, the VIDA Act, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and alternative fuels.

The visit also included participation in the 1st Foresight Maritime Dialogue at Georgetown University and a joint legal-focused event with NAMEPA at Blank Rome, reinforcing the strong HELMEPA-NAMEPA relationship within the INTERMEPA framework.







Participating companies included:

Alassia Newships Management, Ariston Navigation, Atlantic Bulk Carriers, Blue Line Shipmanagement, Calliber Maritime, Costamare Shipping, Danaos Shipping, Diana Shipping, Enesel, Enesel Dry, Eurobulk, Euronav Ship Management (Hellas), Latsco Marine Management, Lloyd's Register, Navios Maritime Partners, Navios Group, Seanergy Shipmanagement, Springfield Shipping Co. Panama, Tsakos Conbulk Services (TCB), and Tsakos Shipping & Trading.

A MILESTONE IN HELMEPA – IMO COOPERATION

The visit of IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez and WMU President Professor Max Mejia to HELMEPA marked a historic moment, underscoring the long-standing collaboration and shared commitment to safe ships, skilled crews, and healthy oceans.

As a gesture of appreciation, HELMEPA Chairperson Semiramis Paliou presented commemorative plaques to Mr. Dominguez and Professor Mejia, honoring their joint efforts and reinforcing the Association's dedication to maritime safety, sustainability, and education.





KEEPING MEMBERS INFORMED

HELMEPA shared the latest maritime and environmental developments of interest to its members through issues of Newsmemos, a concise and quick-read e-bulletin designed to support members' daily operations and strategic decisions.







MEPC 81 approved the revised lifecycle assessment (LCA) methodology, which ensures that calculations GHG emissions include all phases, from fuel production to the enduse by a ship ("Well-to-Wake") and can be found here.

Non-Compliant Pilot Ladders Raise Safety Concern

More than 50% of non-compliant arrangements involve pilot ladder issues, particularly poorly rigged retrieval lines. Read the 2023 Safety Campaign by IMPA for further insights here.

New IMO website on future marine fuels and technolo

Current data on alternative fuels and supply, updated indicative prices, latest research, and information on the IMO Data Collection System feature, among other, in the new website developed by the Future Fuels and Technology Project (FFT Project) of IMO and Republic of Korea. Visit the website here.

STRENGTHENING TIES WITH CYPRUS

On September 19, 2024, HELMEPA welcomed Ms. Marina Hadjimanolis, Deputy Minister of Shipping of Cyprus, to its offices, reaffirming the long-standing cooperation between Greece and Cyprus in marine environmental protection and sustainable shipping.

During her visit, the Deputy Minister was briefed on HELMEPA's work in environmental awareness, safety, and sustainability, as well as on the progress of the METAVASEA project, which includes participating organizations from Greece, Cyprus, and the Eastern Mediterranean, focusing on the decarbonization of shipping.

Ms. Hadjimanolis also toured HELMEPA's Bridge Simulator, engaging with merchant marine officers and experiencing firsthand the Association's training capabilities.









IMO MEPC81

HELMEPA continues to actively contribute to international maritime policymaking through its role as Technical Advisor to the Greek Delegation at the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

From 18–22 March 2024, HELMEPA participated virtually in the 81st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC81), supporting discussions on key regulatory developments related to marine environmental protection.

GREEN AWARD BOARD OF EXPERTS

In May 2024, HELMEPA reaffirmed its commitment to international sustainability initiatives by participating in the Board of Experts meeting of supporting member Green Award, held in Rotterdam.

LRF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In March, HELMEPA had the honor of celebrating 17 years of collaboration with Lloyd's Register Foundation by presenting to its Board of Trustees the cumulative impact of three LRF-funded initiatives implemented in Greece.

The occasion also marked the opportunity to share the ongoing progress of our most recent joint endeavor: project METAVASEA. This warm and engaging event was kindly hosted by the Athina Maritime Learning Centre, an associate member of the METAVASEA network.



CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

In June 2024, the INTERMEPA Steering Committee convened at HELMEPA's offices to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the Association's founding. This milestone marks nearly two decades of international cooperation, knowledge sharing, and collective action in support of marine environmental protection.



EMPOWERING MERCHANT MARINE **ACADEMIES**



Following an invitation by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy and in close cooperation with Eugenides Foundation, HELMEPA's scientific editorial team compiled the "Marine Environment Protection" publication specially designed for cadets of the Merchant Marine Academies (AEN).

The book has been officially incorporated into their curriculum and is taught during the sixth semester of their academic studies.

Presentations held at the Merchant Marine Academy of Hydra and the Isalos.net event "Epilego Naftilia" led to the registration of 60 new Cadet Members from regional academies, reflecting growing interest in HELMEPA's mission and programs.

Ongoing discussions with additional academies are underway to organize future educational visits, aiming to further engage cadets in environmental awareness, safety culture, and sustainable shipping practices.

VOLUNTARY INCIDENT REPORTING PLATFORM

HELMEPA's VIRP continued to grow, featuring over 1,750 anonymous incident and near-miss reports submitted by 36 managing companies.

These reports have led to valuable "lessons learned" shared across HELMEPA's community through the wide distribution of VIRP Digests compiled by member-companies Tsakos Shipping & Trading SA and DYNAMARINe highlighting the importance of addressing the bank effect and taking all necessary safety measures during STS operations.

Launched in 2021 with financial support from Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF), VIRP continues to play a crucial role in promoting safety and accident prevention in the maritime industry.





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EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE BLUE ECONOMY





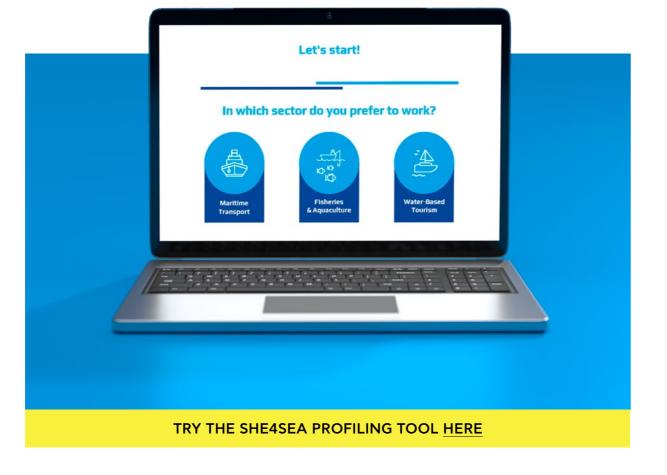


In its second year, the She4Sea Erasmus+ program delivered solid results, advancing gender inclusion in maritime professions.

The She4Sea Competence Framework and Compendium are now available in four languages—English, Greek, Spanish, and Bulgarian—supporting the development of inclusive training materials.

The She4Sea digital Profiling Tool continued to grow, helping primarily unemployed women assess their strengths, reflect on their professional experiences, and engage in targeted training activities. These tools offer practical guidance, learning opportunities, and personal development pathways, empowering women to pursue careers in the Blue Economy.

shedsea PROFILING TOOL



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING IN SHIPPING



In its second year, the EXCEED Erasmus+ project launched the International Observatory on Advanced Manufacturing (AM), analyzing how digital and green transitions are reshaping the sector—impacting technology, employment, and skills demand.

Project partners are co-designing five new Higher VET curricula (EQF 4 & 5), updating twelve existing ones according to the EXCEED Design Principles, and implementing an Upskilling Training Programme for VET professionals, promoting gender-sensitive, inclusive, and internationalized education.

Among the contributors, HELMEPA is developing a new curriculum on shipping decarbonization, supporting the Greek Center of Vocational Excellence (COVE) and advancing sustainability in maritime education.



vessel types, from tanker ships to container ships).

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www.exceed-cove.eu

MAIN RESULTS >>

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO

In addition to the survey, HELMEPA and Position Green hosted focus

priorities, and opportunities. The expertise and insights shared were

essential for a comprehensive understanding of industry standards and practices, particularly in areas related to sustainability and ESG.

groups, diving deeper into participant views on ESG challenges,

In 2024, the eSgEA Erasmus+ project completed its first-year activities, laying the groundwork for ESG integration in the maritime sector.

ADVANCING

ESG IN SHIPPING

The project developed a methodology for assessing ESG implementation and conducted focus group consultations in Greece and Norway, identifying key challenges and opportunities.

These initial steps pave the way for the development of an interactive training program, aimed at supporting shipping professionals in adopting ESG practices and fostering a culture of sustainability across the industry.

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PROMOTING ESG IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY

POSIDONIA 2024



HELMEPA's impactful presence at Posidonia 2024 was a resounding success, resonating both on shore and at sea. Centered around the theme "Shipping Resilience to Climate Change," the conference convened over 500 maritime leaders on World Environment Day to address pressing environmental challenges and advocate for sustainable practices. This landmark event underscored the urgent need for the shipping industry to address climate change, emphasizing its commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development.

The conference echoed the message that "In unity, there is strength," engaging participants in high-level discussions on achieving IMO targets, implementing operational and technological measures, enhancing data sharing, and promoting timely decision-making.



HELMEPA CONFERENCE

SHIPPING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



with the support



WELCOME ADDRESS & OFFICIAL ADDRESSES

In dialogue **CLIMATE CHANGE EXPLAINED**

Shipowners panel **CLIMATE CHANGE: THE MARITIME EFFECT**

SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH THE NEW GENERATION



PALIOU Director and CEO Diana Shipping Inc. Chairperson HELMEPA |









POLYS HAJIOANNOU Chief Executive



SEMIRAMIS PALIOU







DR. KONSTANTINOS CARTALIS Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Member of European Scientific















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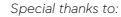






Alongside the conference, HELMEPA's stand showcased innovative initiatives underpinned by the circular economy, including a unique artivism experience and the official launch of a climate change video spot.

Furthermore, the participation of youth delegates and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Union of Greek Shipowners underscored HELMEPA's commitment to fostering a sustainable future, highlighting collaborative efforts towards a resilient maritime sector.



Posidonia Events for giving that opportunity to HELMEPA by hosting its conference and stand for another year and selecting HELMEPA's I LOVE SEA concept for the official 2024 Posidonia bag.

BlueCycle for upcycled plastic waste furniture.

Eli Sfika of Amalthea for upcycled wristbands sources from pineapple leaves.

Joy Stathopoulou from Rewyal for the artwork installation on HELMEPA's Stand, featuring recycled organic cotton and threads from plastic bottles recovered from the sea.



















CHILDREN'S VOICES FOR THE SEA

For the first time in its history, HELMEPA Junior took center stage at Posidonia 2024, delivering a powerful message of hope and responsibility.

During HELMEPA's official conference, children addressed a packed audience with their own words, drawings, and heartfelt thoughts under the theme:

Don't worry! We can save the seas!

Approximately 1,000 HELMEPA Junior members from across Greece participated online, sending pre-recorded video

messages, artwork, and reflections that were seamlessly integrated into the conference's overarching theme: "Shipping Resilience to Climate Change."

In the presence of Melina Travlos, Semiramis Paliou, and dozens of distinguished representatives from the maritime industry, the children's contribution received warm applause, deeply moving the audience and reaffirming the importance of youth engagement in shaping a sustainable maritime future.



YOUTH AMBASSADOR LEADERS IN DIALOGUE WITH MARITIME LEADERS

At Posidonia 2024, HELMEPA's Youth Ambassador Leaders, aged 10 to 18, took the spotlight in a dynamic and inspiring dialogue with maritime industry leaders.

Led by Katerina Chatzikokkinou (17 years old), ten young ambassadors posed thoughtful questions to Melina Travlos, President of the Union of Greek Shipowners, and Semiramis Paliou, President of HELMEPA.

The discussion explored key topics such as career paths in the maritime sector, women's representation in shipping, professional development for seafarers, and environmental protection in maritime activities. Both Presidents shared valuable advice and personal experiences, emphasizing the critical role of youth in shaping the future of global shipping.





Youth Ambassadors' panel:

Atalanti Stratou First-year Law student

Dioni Panagopoulou
9th Grade (Junior High School)

Ellia Logotheti 5th Grade (Primary School)

Giorgos Pesmazoglou 11th Grade (Senior High School)

Giorgos Politopoulos 8th Grade (Junior High School)

Melina Grammenou 6th Grade (Primary School)

Nikos Stratilas 11th Grade (Senior High School)

Rafaela Rembaltadou 11th Grade (Senior High School)

Sotiria Davaki 9th Grade (Junior High School)

Sotiris Salamouris 8th Grade (Junior High School)

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

HELMEPA Junior program achieved recordbreaking numbers across all categories:



17,357 STUDENTS

504 TEACHERS

48 KINDERGARTENS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

846 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

691 GROUP ART PROJECTS



503 teachers and **8,720** children evaluated the program.

99% of teachers rated the program as **Excellent** or **Very Good**, while the corresponding percentage among children was **92**%.

Teachers' Testimonials:

"A comprehensive program based on scientific data and highly enjoyable for children."

"HELMEPA Junior is an excellent environmental program that gives hundreds of students the opportunity to participate each year. It involves children, parents, professionals, scientific staff, and various local stakeholders in its implementation. The program is well-organized, financially supported, and offers outstanding collaboration and guidance."

"HELMEPA's educational material is incredibly diverse! It covers all age groups in primary education.
Children are excited by the quizzes, video screenings, collage creation, and playful representations of marine pollution. They become journalists, interview sea creatures, and learn about the destruction of the aquatic world caused by modern human activity."

PANHELLENIC DRAWING COMPETITION

7,571 children-members of HELMEPA
Junior-representing 302 kindergartens and elementary schools across Greece, took part in HELMEPA's Panhellenic Drawing
Competition, themed "Don't worry! We can save the seas," (Μην ψαρώνεις! Μπορούμε να σώσουμε τις θάλασσες) through 691 group artworks.

Through their artwork, children don't simply paint pictures; they express thoughts, emotions, and hopes for a better future.

The competition's theme serves as a springboard for dialogue, reflection, and action, fostering environmental consciousness from an early age. With the guidance of their teachers, art becomes a tool for learning and empowerment, giving children a voice.

Teachers' Testimonials:

"The competition's encouraging title and message strengthened the children's hope and optimism for our seas. They developed their imagination and creativity, while also cultivating communication and collaboration skills."

"Students had the opportunity to express their ideas, thoughts, and emotions through art.

They were encouraged to work hard and strive for the best possible outcome. The painting competition helped them appreciate art as a means of expression and communication."

"They truly enjoyed the experience, as they worked in teams, collaborated harmoniously, exchanged ideas, painted and used brushes—activities they particularly love."

The winning artworks come from the following schools:

CATEGORY 1: KINDERGARTENS & SPECIAL EDUCATION UNITS

1st Prize: Stroggyli Kindergarten, Corfu

2nd Prize: 1st Kindergarten of

Makrochori, Imathia

3rd Prize: 19th Kindergarten of Giannitsa

CATEGORY 2: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF GRADES A, B, C

1st Prize: Paichnidokamomata, Rethymno (Grades A & B)

2nd Prize: 1st Primary School of Almyros (Grade A)

3rd Prize: 2nd Primary School of Skydra (Grade C)

CATEGORY 3: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF GRADES D, E, F

1st Prize: 5th Primary School of Edessa (Grade D)

2nd Prize: 1st Primary School of Ialysos, Rhodes (Grade E)

3rd Prize: Protypa Ekpaideftiria Thessaloniki (Grades E & F)







OCEAN AWARE THRU ARTIVISM

HELMEPA organized a Group Visual Arts
Exhibition in the heart of Athens, at the
Stelios Philanthropic Foundation Conference
Hall in Plaka, showcasing 1,000 artworks
created by students aged 5 to 18

Inspired by the sea, students shared their own messages of hope and action for ocean protection through their creative work. The exhibition remained open for two weeks, welcoming 400 students and 50 teachers from both primary and secondary education.

Visitors had the opportunity to attend presentations on the importance of the oceans, marine pollution, climate change, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), enriching their understanding of environmental challenges and solutions.

The Ocean Aware Thru Artivism initiative was made possible thanks to the generous donation of the **Stelios Philanthropic Foundation**, with the support of **Blue Cycle**, **Art_Expertise**, and **Katradis Group**.













2nd NATIONAL VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION I LOVE THE SEA!





Middle and high school students participated in the 2nd National Visual Arts Competition under the theme:

I Love the Sea.

Winning artworks: The piece by **Kallirroi Floraki**, a student of the IB program
at Moraitis School, was featured on
HELMEPA's new reusable thermos
bottle.

The artwork by **Maria-Keratsou Katsiki**, a student at the 4th Junior High School of Lamia, was featured on HELMEPA's new multi-use tote bag.



30th ANNUAL BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF HELMEPA JUNIOR

HELMEPA held the 30th Annual Meeting of Children's HELMEPA Representatives, bringing together 13 students and their teachers, who represented a vibrant community of 8,004 children and 654 educators from across Greece.

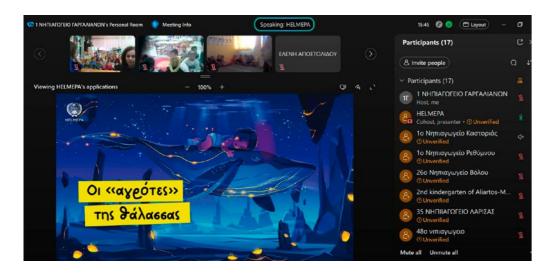
The event was made possible thanks to the kind support of HELMEPA Member Company, Costamare Shipping Company S.A., whose continued dedication empowers the next generation of ocean stewards.





BRINGING THE SEA INTO THE CLASSROOM

Throughout the year, HELMEPA leveraged digital tools to deliver online presentations focused on the protection of the marine environment from pollution.





As part of the "Us and the World" program by Hellenic Hull Management, HELMEPA virtually visited 29 remote elementary schools, engaging 630 students in meaningful discussions about marine conservation.

These remote sessions proved to be particularly impactful, enhancing the dissemination of environmental knowledge and reaching schools that would otherwise be difficult to access.



WE RUN TO SAVE THE SEAS

HELMEPA actively participated in the Spetses Mini Marathon, the largest multisport event in the country.

HELMEPA Board Members Michail
Dalacouras and Maria Hajioannou,
General Director Olga Stavropoulou, adult
volunteers, and Youth Ambassadors actively
participated in the activities, sending
strong messages in support of marine
environmental protection.

For the first time in the history of the Spetses Mini Marathon, HELMEPA Youth Ambassadors collected the plastic bottles used by athletes, compressing them, and placing them in blue recycling bins, ensuring proper recycling and waste management.

This simple yet impactful initiative brought environmental awareness to the forefront of the event, highlighting the importance of responsible behavior and youth engagement in sustainability.





LEARNING THROUGH ACTION

MORAITIS SCHOOL

As part of the "A Day Without Lessons" initiative at Moraitis School, HELMEPA delivered an engaging presentation on marine litter and the climate crisis, attended by 140 first-year high school students.

The activity concluded with a voluntary beach cleanup in Artemida, transforming knowledge into hands-on action. Students experienced firsthand the impact of pollution and the importance of collective responsibility, reinforcing environmental awareness through experiential learning.



MORE SCHOOL VISITS

Through engaging sessions on climate change and marine pollution, children explored the challenges facing our seas and learned how they can be part of the solution.

The visit culminated in a symbolic underwater cleanup at the Chios Fish Market, organized in collaboration with volunteer divers from MEPP. More than 90 children and teachers participated in this meaningful action, combining experiential learning with hands-on environmental stewardship.



CAMPION SCHOOL

HELMEPA delivered a dedicated presentation on marine litter to 60 students of Campion School, aiming to raise awareness and inspire active participation in volunteer actions for the protection of the seas.



PSYCHICO COLLEGE

135 second-year high school students from Psychico College, accompanied by 10 teachers, carried out a volunteer beach cleanup at Avlaki Beach in Porto Rafti.



OF ACTION AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION

On the occasion of the International Day of Action Against Plastic Pollution, HELMEPA joined forces with Common Seas, the initiative's coordinator, to educate and mobilize children and youth across Greece.

HELMEPA provided educational material, informational videos, and eco-friendly habit tips, while also hosting a live Q&A session, during which students' questions on marine litter were answered in real time.



The campaign reached 10,920 students from 179 schools, delivering a powerful message on the urgency of tackling plastic pollution

ALFEIOS ECO FESTIVAL

HELMEPA's electric van traveled to Pyrgos, participating in the Alfeios Eco Festival, a vibrant celebration of environmental awareness and community engagement. During the event, 150 students from four primary schools, along with members of the local community, were informed about the importance of protecting the marine environment.



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Five new scholarships were granted to young scientists for postgraduate studies for the academic year 2024–2025, with a total value of €65,000 honoring the memory of Georgios P. Livanos, Captain Vassilis C. Constantakopoulos, Stavros Daifas, Vasos Chatziioannou, Nikolaos S. Apostolopoulos.

Since 1998, a total of 61 scholarships have been granted with the support of donors and HELMEPA member companies, providing tangible support to young people as they grow, evolve, and pursue their dreams.





The €15,000 scholarship, in memory of George P. Livanos, was granted to Mr. **Paris-Christos Syrkas** for postgraduate studies in 'MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance' at Bayes Business School, United Kingdom.



Mrs. Semiramis Paliou, Chairperson of HELMEPA, presents the scholarship to Mr. Paris-Christos Syrkas

The €15,000 scholarship in memory of Captain Vassilis C. Constantakopoulos was granted to Mr. **Panagiotis Polyzos**, for postgraduate studies in 'Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science' at Lund University, Sweden.



Mr. Athanasios Beis, Member of HELMEPA's Board of Directors, presents the scholarship on behalf of the Constantakopoulos family

The €10,000 scholarship in memory of Vasos Chatziioannou was awarded to Ms. **Elisavet-Paraskevi Crawford** for postgraduate studies in 'Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Management in Buildings' at the University of Western Macedonia, Greece.



Mrs. Maria Hajioannou, Member of HELMEPA's Board of Directors, presents the scholarship to Ms. Elisavet–Paraskevi Crawford

The €15,000 scholarship in memory of Stavros Daifas was awarded to Mr. **Ioannis-Pavlos Zoulakis** for postgraduate studies in 'All-Electric Propulsion Systems' at Uppsala University, Sweden.



Mrs. Irene S. Daifas, Secretary General of HELMEPA, presents the scholarship to Mr. Ioannis–Pavlos Zoulakis

The €10,000 scholarship in memory of Nikolaos S.

Apostolopoulos was awarded to Mr. **Michail Gerontis** for postgraduate studies in 'LLM in International Maritime Law' at Swansea University, United Kingdom.



Mr. Ioannis Xylas, Member of HELMEPA's Board of Directors, presents the scholarship to Mr. Michail Gerontis on behalf of the Apostolopoulos family



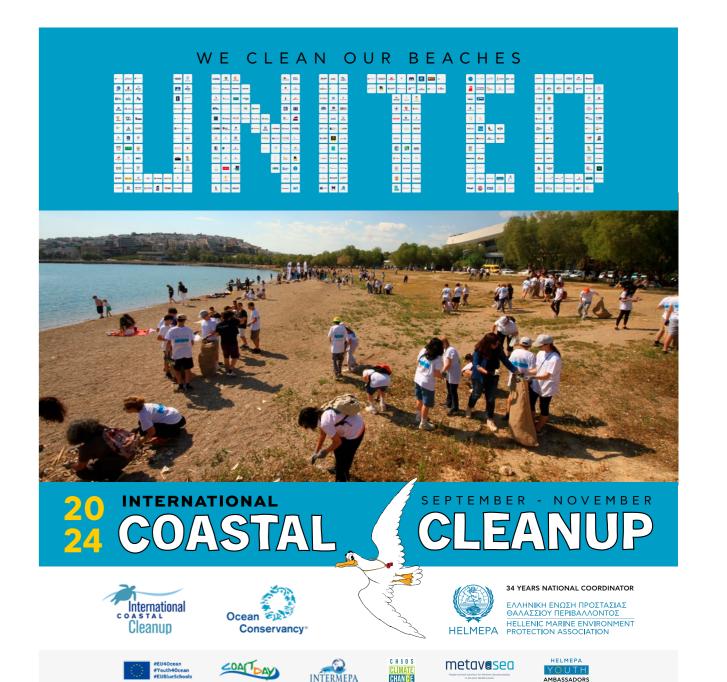


COASTAL & UNDERWATER CLEANUPS THROUGHOUT GREECE

In 2024, our collective commitment reached a historic milestone: 316 underwater and coastal cleanups were successfully coordinated, mobilizing 15,405 volunteers from all walks of life

As the national coordinator of the International Coastal Cleanup for 34 consecutive years and the Let's Clean Up Europe campaign for 11 years, HELMEPA continues to lead impactful, largescale marine conservation actions across Greece.

These actions resulted in the cleaning of 77.5 kilometers of coastline and the removal of 27.5 tons of marine litter, reaffirming our mission to protect Greece's marine and coastal ecosystems. The active engagement of 397 stakeholders including schools, municipalities, companies, and civil society organizations demonstrates the power of collaboration and shared responsibility.























MAKE EU BLUE CAMPAIGN

In September 2024, HELMEPA proudly participated in the MakeEUBlue Campaign, reaffirming its role as an active member of the EU4Ocean Coalition. As part of this pan-European initiative to promote ocean literacy and environmental stewardship, HELMEPA coordinated a symbolic cleanup action at Edem and Batis beaches, welcoming the enthusiastic participation of international students.





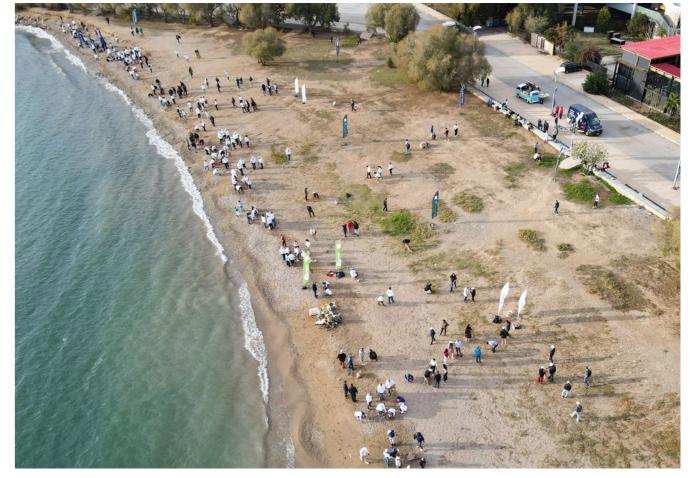
MEGA JOINT BEACH CLEANUP

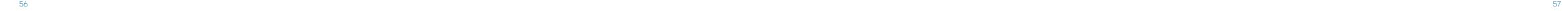
HELMEPA organized one of the largest coastal and underwater cleanup actions to date, in front of the Peace and Friendship Stadium, mobilizing 440 volunteers from 33 member companies. With technical support provided by Antipollution, the team successfully removed 420 kg of marine litter, reaffirming our shared commitment to protecting the marine environment.

Beyond the cleanup, this initiative embraced HELMEPA's broader mission of environmental education. Participating member companies donated sea-themed books, which were distributed to school libraries across Greece in collaboration with Library4all, inspiring young minds and cultivating ocean awareness from an early age.









MARINE LITTER MONITORING



COMMITMENT TO SCIENCE AND IMPACT

In its inaugural year, HELMEPA's Marine Litter Monitoring (MLM) Program sparked remarkable interest, achieving 13 coastal adoptions across Greece. This impactful yet straightforward initiative invites organizations to commit to a three-year beach adoption, conducting seasonal marine litter surveys at least twice, ideally four times per year, at a designated site.

The program's data directly supports the international scientific community, offering actionable insights and driving tangible solutions to global marine pollution challenges.

Current Adoptions:

1st Vocational High School of Zografou

Athens College Lyceum

Furuno Hellas

Genimar Shipping

KPMG in Greece

NSM

Paramythenios Cosmos Kindergarten

Pioneer Marine

Saint Joseph School

Spring Marine

Thenamaris

UK P&I Club (Thomas Miller BV Greek Branch)

HELMEPA's adoption of former Pikpa Voula Beach





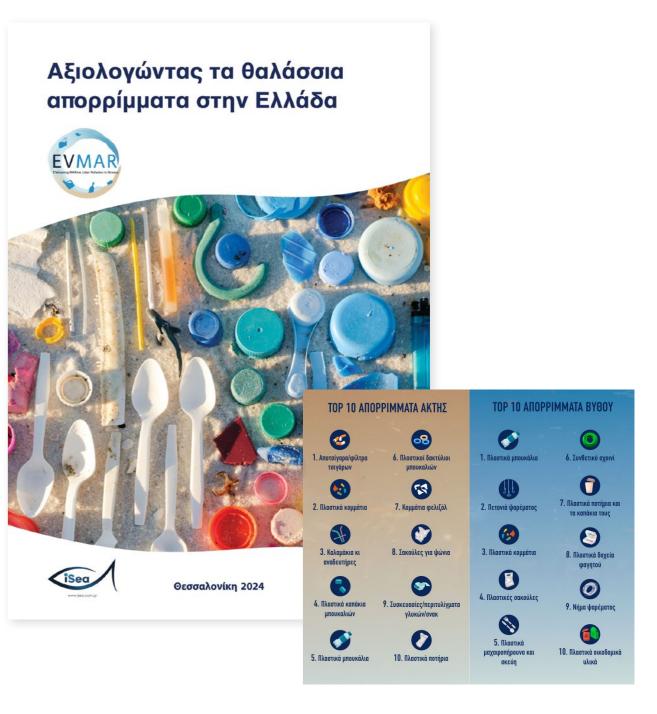


NATIONAL MARINE LITTER ASSESSMENT

In 2024, HELMEPA contributed valuable scientific data from its extensive voluntary cleanup database to the EVMAR project, led by iSea and funded by Thenamaris Ships Management Inc.

HELMEPA's dataset was integral to the final report, released in December 2024 in both Greek and English, showcasing key findings and offering actionable recommendations to combat marine litter.

- → Greek version here
- → English version here



LEADING THE WAY FOR CLIMATE ACTION







405 citizens from 28 communities participated in a public opinion survey

117 individuals joined11 consultation groups

Local networks contributed ideas, slogans, and the first awareness messages



Chios Climate Chance (CCC) is a pioneering model of social innovation, implemented for the first time in Greece by HELMEPA, with co-funding from the Maria Tsakos Public Benefit Foundation and the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.

This human-centered initiative empowers the residents of Chios to understand climate change, recognize their role in the solution, and adopt sustainable practices for a better future.

Designed with a flexible and adaptive methodology, CCC responds to local characteristics, creating a movement of positive engagement with measurable results. From the very beginning, the people of Chios embraced the program:

The official launch was marked by the Climate Conference in Chios, with 365 participants, including scientists, government officials, and business leaders. CCC built a multistakeholder network of 19 local supporters, including the Municipality of Chios and the Directorate of Primary Education, amplifying the campaign's reach.

Key actions included:

- Visits to 6 schools
- Presentations at 5 associations and clubs
- 7 beach cleanups and 1 underwater cleanup
- Climate-themed interventions at summer cinemas

WATCH THE CONFERENCE VIDEO



A cornerstone of the campaign is the Climate Ambassadors Digital Toolkit, an open-access resource designed to empower every individual. This comprehensive platform offers reliable data, short educational videos, visual materials, practical guidance, and activity templates, equipping citizens with the tools to transform awareness into meaningful action.

Upon completion, participants receive a Climate Ambassador Certificate, recognizing their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Over 5,000 residents of Chios were trained and certified as Climate Ambassadors

The CCC was officially integrated into the pan-European framework of actions supporting Agenda 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as part of the European Sustainable Development Week 2024.





EMPOWERING YOUTH IN PURSUING A CAREER IN THE BLUE ECONOMY

The Big Blue Accelerator, implemented by HELMEPA in partnership with Knowl S.E. and supported by The Hellenic Initiative, is a youth skills program for maritime professions. It targeted motivated young people aged 18-25 from the Dodecanese and other remote Greek islands, offering them access to career development opportunities.

Over 700 hours of training, mentoring, and mock interviews were delivered by 35 trainers and mentors from HELMEPA's and Knowl's networks. 23 participants from Chios, Kalymnos, Karpathos, Kasos, Kos, Rhodes, Samos, Symi, and Tilos developed their strengths, built essential soft and digital skills, and gained direct connections with the Blue Economy job market.

Running from January to October 2024, the initiative culminated in a graduation ceremony at the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation Hall in Athens, celebrating the achievements and transformative journeys of the participants.







hours

training, mentorings mock interviews

beneficiaries

young individuals from the Dodecanese and remote islands

educators

trainers, mentors, HR managers from HELMEPA Network & Knowl









CHIOS.KALYMNOS KARPATHOS.KASOS.KOS RODOS.SAMOS.SYMI.TILOS

OCEAN & CLIMATE LITERACY IN NAUTICAL HIGH SCHOOLS



MSCFOUNDATION ...

HELMEPA participated in the Nauticinblu Europe program, an international initiative promoting ocean and climate literacy among students in nautical high schools. The program, coordinated by the Italian NGO Marevivo and supported by the MSC Foundation, involves Nautical Institutes in Italy, Greece, Portugal, and Spain. In Greece, HELMEPA is the implementing partner.

A total of 130 students from the 1st Vocational High School of Keratsini, Attica, and the Tsakos Enhanced Education Nautical School (TEENS) in Chios took part in a 10-day Ocean Literacy training program. The curriculum included inclass seminars, experiential workshops, and outdoor activities such as beach cleanups and ocean-themed art projects. Students explored key topics including ocean and climate awareness, the blue economy, sustainable economic growth, biodiversity, and the role of the oceans in climate regulation.















AN OCEAN OF POTENTIAL









In April 2024, HELMEPA played a pivotal role in the 9th Our Ocean Conference, held in Greece, by organizing a series of high-impact, youth-centered events under the BLUE HORIZONS initiative. These activities were carried out in close collaboration with the Greek Government, the U.S. Department of State, the Sustainable Ocean Alliance, and our strategic partner, the Yacht Club of Greece (YCG).

The program commenced with a Youth Mega Beach and Underwater Cleanup at the Peace and Friendship Stadium coastline, mobilizing over 500 volunteers aged 5–35. The cleanup was technically supported by Antipollution and the Mediterranean Company Environmental Protection (MEPP).



Later that day, HELMEPA and the Yacht Club of Greece (YCG) co-hosted an inspiring Cultural Youth Reception, welcoming over 100 youth delegates from 43 countries. Held at the historic premises of YCG, the event featured a keynote address by Mr. George Procopiou, who encouraged young participants to explore career paths within the Blue Economy. This reception served as the official cultural component of the 9th Our Ocean Conference, celebrating Greek hospitality, youth leadership, and the shared commitment to a sustainable maritime future.

WATCH THE OFFICIAL VIDEO













On the day following the Youth Mega Cleanup, HELMEPA and the Yacht Club of Greece (YCG) co-organized the official Youth Leadership Summit at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC). The Summit placed a strong emphasis on sustainable oceans and the Blue Economy, featuring keynote addresses by HELMEPA Chairperson Ms. Semiramis Paliou, Minister of Environment Mr. Thodoros Skylakakis, and other distinguished speakers from the maritime and environmental sectors.

The program included a Design Thinking Lab and an on-the-spot mentoring session, led by prominent experts from HELMEPA's Board of Directors and membership community. These interactive sessions provided youth delegates with personalized guidance, career insights, and practical knowledge on sustainable maritime professions and innovation.

On the final day, HELMEPA hosted a dedicated event on Women in the Blue Economy, spotlighting the critical role of women in shaping the future of ocean sustainability.













NETWORKING & MENTORING

15 APRIL 2024 11:00 - 12:00

Stavros Niarchos Foundation | Lighthouse







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Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere













Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries National Oceanic and Atmospheric









PIEDNOIR Director of Partnerships and Communities



Eleni POLYCHRONOPOULOU **Executive Vice-President Environmental Protection** Engineering S.A. Director General



Alexandros SKARIS Captain





YOUTH VISITS

In April 2024, HELMEPA welcomed students from TEENS – Tsakos Enhanced Education Nautical School to its Bridge Simulator in Athens. The visit featured an interactive session on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), connecting maritime education with global sustainability efforts and fostering environmental literacy among the next generation of seafarers.

In parallel, HELMEPA hosted students from the University of the Aegean's MSc in Shipping, Trade and Transport for an edutainment day at its headquarters. The program included presentations and a handson session at the Bridge Simulator, offering participants practical insights into maritime operations, safety culture, and sustainability in shipping.





UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY

HELMEPA actively participated in the 2nd Union for the Mediterranean Stakeholder Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy, held in Athens, in February and hosted by the Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Island Policy, in collaboration with the UfM EU and Jordan Co-Presidency and the UfM Secretariat.

INITIATIVES IN HYDRA & ANDROS

Following the success of the Blue Life Kavala initiative, HELMEPA expanded its outreach with two new impactful actions in Hydra and Andros, placing youth participation and community engagement at the heart of the effort.

In Hydra (March 21), HELMEPA delivered presentations in primary and secondary schools, engaging over 150 students, as well as at the Hydra Merchant Marine Academy, with more than 60 participants. A local stakeholder forum was also held, featuring 28 representatives, including HELMEPA Board Member Maria Hajioannou.

The forum was moderated by HELMEPA's General Director, Olga Stavropoulou, and was complemented by an underwater cleanup in the port of Hydra.

The forum welcomed distinguished guests such as:

- Olga Kefalogianni, Minister of Tourism (via video)
- Ioannis Pappas, Deputy Minister of Shipping and Island Policy
- Alexandra Sdoukou, Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy (via video)
- Giorgos Koukoudakis, Mayor of Hydra
- Konstantinos Katsafados, Member of Parliament
- Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Secretary General for Equality and Human Rights
- Prof. Konstantinos Aravosis, NTUA & UNESCO Chair on Green Innovation and Circular Economy



In Andros (April 23–25), HELMEPA visited schools in Gavrio, Korthi, and Chora, delivering presentations and organizing beach and seabed cleanups with on-site guidance for students.

The initiative was implemented in collaboration with the Andros Festival, with technical support from Knowl Social Enterprise and MEPP.

HELMEPA's Special Secretary Mr.
Giorgos Kallianis led presentations
and engaged in interactive
discussions with students,
further enriching the educational
dimension of the initiative.









CLIMATE CHANGE VIDEO

As part of the METAVASEA project –
People-centered Transition for Maritime
Decarbonization in the East Mediterranean,
HELMEPA produced a powerful climate
change video, blending artistic expression
with environmental advocacy. The
production features one of Greece's most
renowned actors and activists, Evelina
Papoulia, with an original score composed
by Stefanos Korkolis, and a moving scenario
written by Smaro Politi.



WATCH VIDEO ONLINE



WORLD MARITIME DAY 2024

CELEBRATING OUR SEAFARERS AND A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

HELMEPA proudly celebrated World
Maritime Day, paying tribute to the vital
role of seafarers in global trade and
their contribution to the United Nations
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
With over 15,000 seafarers among its
members, HELMEPA used this occasion
to amplify their voices, sharing messages
on decarbonization, career development,
and the collective vision for a greener
maritime future.

Sincere thanks to our member companies Diana Shipping Inc., Ariston Navigation Corp, Danaos Shipping Co. Ltd, and Tsavliris Salvage Group, for contributing video messages.

WATCH VIDEO ONLINE





HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FOOTPRINT

As part of HELMEPA Academy's commitment to advancing ESG literacy and environmental awareness, a new educational video titled "How to Manage Your Footprint" has been produced and uploaded to the Association's digital platform. The video offers practical insights into reducing one's environmental impact, both at sea and ashore, and serves as a valuable tool for fostering responsible behavior across the maritime community.









COALITION OF EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OCEANS

HELMEPA joined the Coalition

of European Foundations for the Protection of the Oceans, a strategic alliance dedicated to advancing marine conservation and sustainability across Europe. The Coalition brings together leading organizations including Fondation de la Mer (France), John Nurminen Foundation (Finland), and MEDSEA Foundation (Italy), fostering collaboration on joint restoration projects, shared policy contributions, and enhanced access to European funding.

HELMEPA's participation was formally announced during high-level events involving the Greek and French Embassies, UNESCO, and the Franco-Hellenic Association.



14,397 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

6,608 DECK OFFICERS

3,641 ENGINE OFFICERS

3,673 SEAFARERS OF VARIOUS FIELDS & COMPANY EXECUTIVES

475 NAVY & COAST GUARD OFFICERS

2,527 VESSELS (125,765,308 GT - 216,837,491 DWT)

163 MANAGING COMPANIES

38 ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

155 SUPPORTERS

The categories, number of vessels, average age and total DWT per vessel type are presented in the following table:

VESSEL TYPE	TOTAL	AVERAGE AGE	TOTAL DWT
Bulk Carrier	1234	13	101,300,563.2
Tanker	708	12	86,431,127.7
Container	367	16	21,898,428.31
Cruise Ship	15	12	104,074
LNG	64	10	4,260,991.1
LPG	53	11	2,075,514.51
Passenger	30	24	468,240.4
RoRo Vehicle Carrier	21	18	221,434
Tug	3	40	3,076.107
Yacht	10	16	2,658
Oil Barge	8	27	28,531,7
RoRo Cargo	6	23	42,852

In 2024 the following changes were made:

NEW MEMBERS

7 MANAGING COMPANIES

14 SUPPORTING MEMBERS

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS

2 MANAGING COMPANIES

1 ASSOCIATE & 7 SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Marshall Islands

The registers and the number of member vessels are shown below:

559
481
243
144
106
91
36
11
9
8
8
8
8
7
3
3
156

MANAGING COMPANY	VESSELS
A.B. MARITIME INC.	7
A.M. NOMIKOS TRANSWORLD MARITIME AGENCIES	39
ADELFIA NAVIGATION S.A.	3
AEGEAN BULK CO. INC.	8
AEGEAN ECO CARRIERS S.A.	6
AEGEAN SHIPPING ENTERPRISES CO.	24
AEGEAN SHIPPING MANAGEMENT S.A.	9
AEOLOS MANAGEMENT S.A.	4
AIMS SHIPPING CORPORATION	9
AKTEA II MARITIME COMPANY	1
ALASSIA NEWSHIPS MANAGEMENT INC.	9
ALBERTA SHIPMANAGEMENT LTD.	17
ALIOS BULKERS LTD	2
ALMA SHIPMANAGEMENT & TRADING S.A.	10
ALMI TANKERS S.A.	13
ALPHA BULKERS SHIPMANAGEMENT INC.	34
ANBROS MARITIME S.A.	2
ANDRIAKI SHIPPING CO. LTD.	8
ANGLO-EASTERN SHIP MANAGEMENT (HELLAS)	61
ARCADIA SHIPMANAGEMENT CO. LTD.	7
ARISTON NAVIGATION CORP.	8

MANAGING COMPANY	VESSELS
ASSO MARINE SERVICES LTD	1
ASTRA SHIPMANAGEMENT INC	9
ATHENIAN SEA CARRIERS LTD.	0
ATLANTIC BULK CARRIERS MANAGEMENT LTD.	15
AXIS BULK CARRIERS INC.	5
BLUE LINE SHIP MANAGEMENT S.A.	2
BLUE PLANET SHIPPING LTD.	13
BLUE STAR FERRIES MARITIME S.A.	12
CALIBER MARITIME S.A.	4
CAPITAL SHIP MANAGEMENT CORP	18
CARRAS (HELLAS) S.A.	11
CELESTYAL CRUISES (OPTIMUM SHIPMANAGEMENT S.A.)	3
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