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## LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS

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"CONservation of CEtaceans and Pelagic sea TUrtles in Med: Managing Actions for their Recovery In Sustainability",

The project is supported by the financial instrument of the European Union, for the environment: the LIFE Programme.



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### Season's Greetings!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with joy, love, and cherished moments. May the New Year bring you prosperity, good health, and exciting adventures. Here's to new beginnings and wonderful memories. Cheers to a fantastic holiday season and a Happy New Year!



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## THE FIRST CREW!

THE OFFICERS OF THE GRIMALDI LINES MOTOR VESSEL "CATANIA" HAVE COMPLETED THE CONCEPTU MARIS TRAINING COURSE

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, aboard the "Catania" ferry operated by Grimaldi Lines, researchers from Conceptu Maris presented Commander Angelo Russo with a certificate of participation in the training and awareness course developed by the CIMA Research Foundation for the LIFE Conceptu Maris project.



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As part of the actions outlined in the European project, the training of staff from Mediterranean shipping companies is included to enable them to promptly identify cetaceans and sea turtles at risk of collision, directly from the command bridge. The officers of the "Catania" have become the first to successfully complete this course. It's worth noting that this ferry has been utilized by researchers for monitoring and data collection cycles in the project's core area, which encompasses the Southern Tyrrhenian Sea and the Channels of Sardinia and Sicily.

In the upcoming months, crews from all other ships involved in the LIFE Conceptu Maris project will also be invited to undertake the course. This initiative underscores the critical role these crews play in the conservation of marine giants, ensuring the safety of animals and fostering awareness among passengers.

The "Media" section of the Conceptu Maris website features interactive videos related to the cetacean and turtle recognition course, along with a questionnaire designed for individuals who frequent the sea for work or leisure. This questionnaire, aimed at helping researchers mitigate the risk of boat-animal collisions, is provided by the CIMA Research Foundation.

Anyone interested in participating in the complete course can sign up by filling out the form available at the following link:

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