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D4.3 – Online Platform with Tested Usable Materials





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1 – Introduction

Sail4Sustainability is a transformative Erasmus+ project aimed at engaging young people in sustainability practices through the power of sailing. With a focus on environmental stewardship, the project seeks to equip youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to advocate for and implement sustainable practices within and beyond the sailing community. By combining practical sailing experiences with education on climate change and environmental conservation, Sail4Sustainability empowers young individuals to become active champions for a more sustainable and just world. Through collaborative learning, the project strives to break down barriers and make sailing more accessible to diverse communities, ensuring that sustainability is a concept and a lived reality for future generations.



2 - About this Deliverable

This deliverable is part of the Sail4Sustainability project and represents the launch of the Sail4Sustainability online platform—a central hub that consolidates and presents the project’s tested educational materials, tools, and digital resources. Designed to promote sustainable sailing practices, environmental responsibility, and inclusivity, the platform integrates the outputs of Deliverables D4.1 (Videos, Journals, and Books) and D4.2 (Application Recommendations), among others, into an accessible and user-friendly interface.

The platform serves a broad audience, from sailing professionals and educators to sustainability advocates and beginners in the sport. It includes a diverse range of materials: multimedia content, recommended applications, and practical guides that together form a cohesive and dynamic educational experience. These resources are designed not only for self-directed learning but also to support broader community engagement and knowledge sharing.

Importantly, the platform’s content has been tested and refined through practical implementation during the Sail4Sustainability training programme held in the Netherlands. Feedback and insights gathered from this pilot phase helped to validate and improve the usability of the materials, ensuring their effectiveness and relevance across diverse user groups and sailing environments.

By centralising the project’s knowledge base and providing intuitive access to its key deliverables, this online platform plays a vital role in achieving Sail4Sustainability’s mission. It empowers users to integrate sustainability into their sailing activities and to become active contributors to a more inclusive, eco-conscious maritime community.



3 - Purpose of the Deliverable

The primary purpose of this deliverable is to provide a comprehensive, user-friendly online platform that serves as the central access point for the Sail4Sustainability project's educational resources and tools. By integrating videos, books, articles, and recommended digital applications—previously detailed in Deliverables D4.1 and D4.2—this platform aims to equip sailing clubs, individual sailors, educators, and sustainability stakeholders with practical, tested materials to support sustainable practices at sea.

This deliverable is grounded in real-world feedback, with all featured content and tools validated through implementation and user testing during the Sail4Sustainability training programme in the Netherlands. As a result, it ensures the usability, relevance, and effectiveness of the materials across diverse audiences and sailing contexts.

By bridging knowledge, action, and accessibility, the platform strengthens the project's mission to promote environmental stewardship, inclusivity, and responsible maritime behavior. It not only enhances users' awareness of sustainability principles but also supports their application in day-to-day sailing activities—ultimately encouraging widespread adoption of eco-conscious practices and empowering a more informed, inclusive sailing community.



4 – Online Tool – Platform

4.1 Home Page

Home page of the platform, this is an innovative platform committed to advancing sustainable sailing through comprehensive education, valuable resources, and active collaboration. Tailored for young sailors, coaches, and sports clubs, it provides cutting-edge tools, interactive learning materials, and vibrant forums to facilitate knowledge sharing and skill development. By offering the latest news, events, and research insights, Sail 4 Sustainability nurtures a thriving community that champions eco-friendly practices within the sailing world and beyond.

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4.2 News Page

News page dedicated to provide all project related updated to people using the platform.

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THE KICK OFF MEETING OF THE SAIL4SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Posts February 15, 2024

As part of a two-day visit to Rijeka, the first partnership meeting of the project was held yesterday Sail4Sustainability where we hosted partners from Italy, Austria, Spain, Turkey and the Netherlands. The working part of the meeting, the topic of which was project structure and project management, was held in a culturally-participative public space in the center of...

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EMPOWERING CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATION: SAIL4SUSTAINABILITY'S TRAIN THE TRAINER & TRAINEE PROGRAM

Posts April 18, 2025

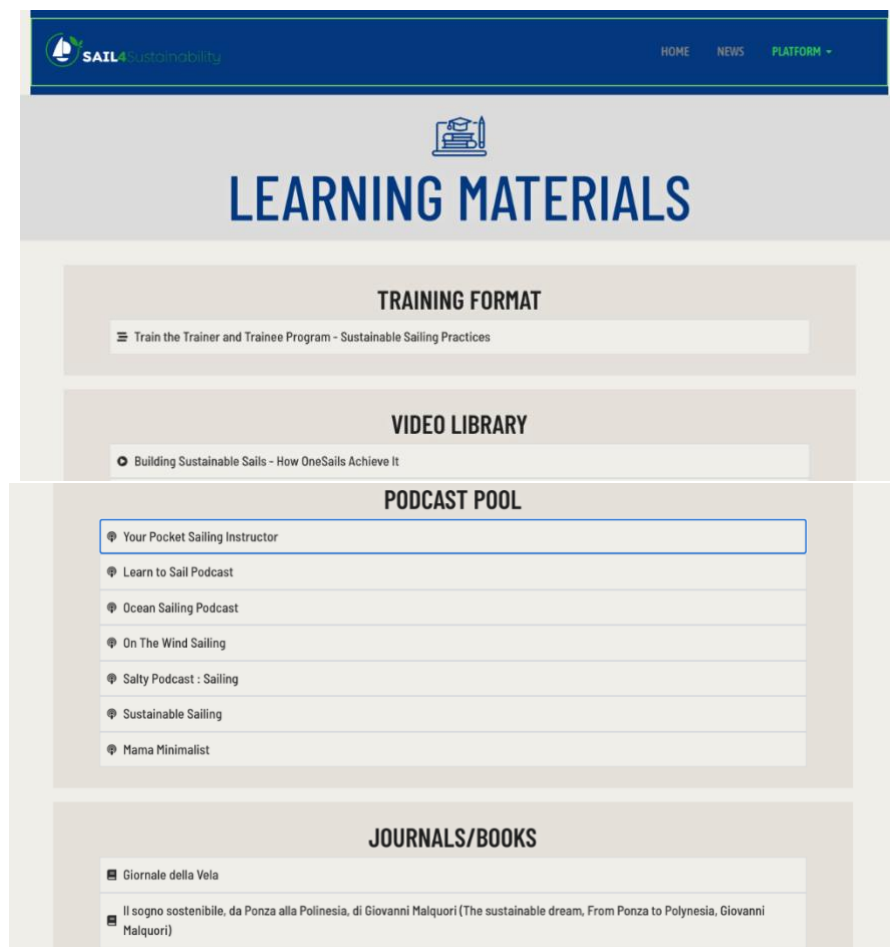
As part of our commitment to shaping a greener and more inclusive future, the Sail4Sustainability project is proud to present our Train the Trainer and Trainee Program—a key milestone designed to equip youth and their coaches with...



4.3 Learning Materials

A comprehensive list of training material and tools to help sailer. This learning materials include a video library, list of books, podcasts and other website links. A comprehensive document with a detailed report on all content under learning material is covered under Deliverable 4.1.

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4.4 Forum and Events

A Dedicated forum is created where people can interact on various topics related to sailing. Additionally updated about events are posted to promote relevant participation.

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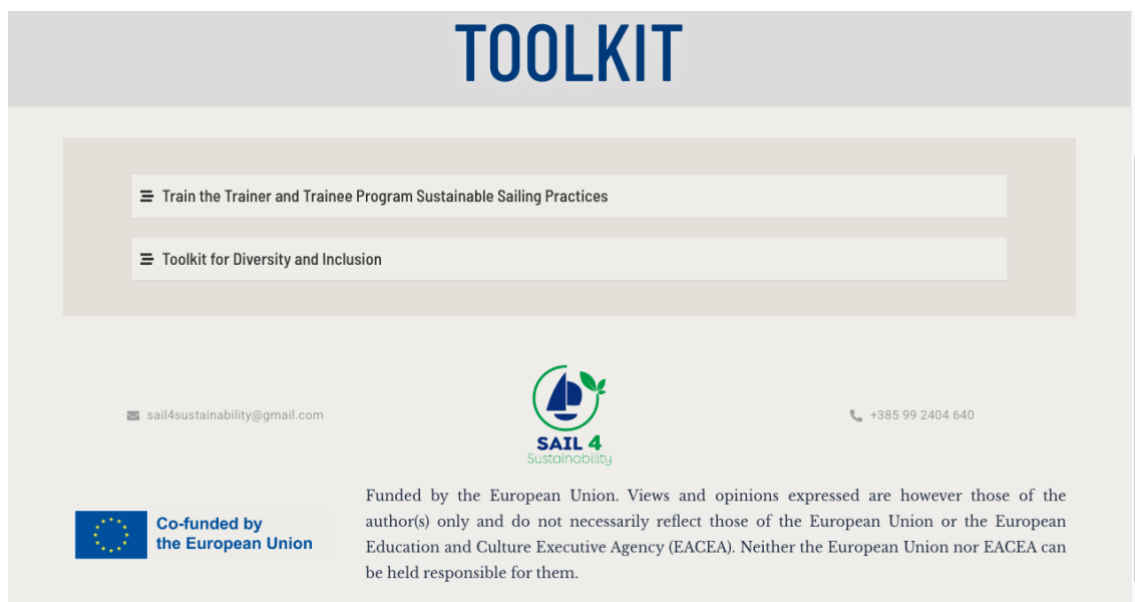
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4.5 Toolkit

The Toolkit section of the Sail4Sustainability platform provides practical, ready-to-use resources designed to support sustainable sailing education and practice. It includes printable materials, worksheets, activity guides, and training content that can be used by sailing instructors, clubs, and participants. Developed and tested through real-life training sessions, the toolkit empowers users to implement eco-friendly, inclusive, and responsible sailing habits in both educational and recreational contexts.

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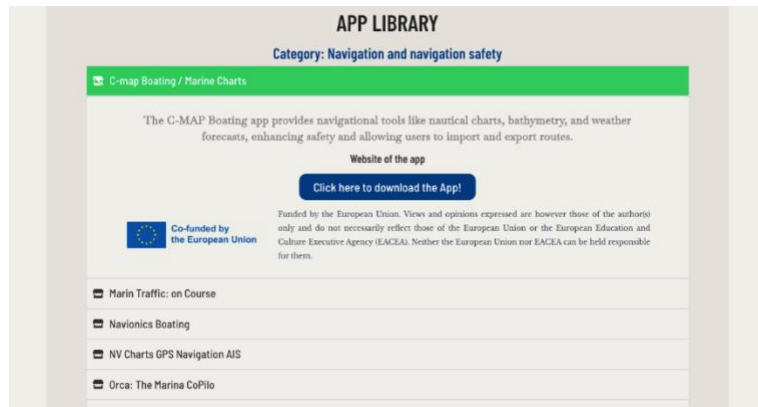




4.6 App Library

A comprehensive list of application to help sailors. This library include apps for navigation, weather information, sailing safety report and tools to learn different types of knots. A comprehensive document with a detailed report on all content under application library is covered under Deliverable 4.2.

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5 – Piloting activities and platform testing

5.1 Training Event in Amsterdam, Netherlands

During the training event in Amsterdam, Netherlands, this online platform was introduced and tested amongst all participants. Developments were made further after the feedbacks provided by the participants.





5.2 National Piloting Workshops – Croatia

The Croatian national piloting activities were successfully carried out through two major workshops organized by the sailing club JK MAXI in Rijeka, aligned with the Sail4Sustainability project objectives. The first workshop took place during the Fiumanka Regatta, Croatia's largest sailing event, on June 13, 2025, involving 20 participants from youth organizations, sailing clubs, educational institutions, and local authorities. This event combined a panel discussion with a practical sailing demonstration aimed particularly at children and families, promoting awareness of environmental sustainability and inclusive sailing. Key topics included eco-friendly sailing behaviors, the role of sailing clubs in environmental protection, and training on sustainable sailing techniques. The workshop leveraged the project's toolkit by demonstrating practical implementation of these tools, especially in educating young sailors and coaches, alongside public engagement efforts documented via social media.

Earlier, in April 2025, another workshop engaged 10 participants to introduce the Sail4Sustainability project principles, with a particular focus on raising awareness about sustainable sailing practices and inclusivity. Discussions among participants emphasized local challenges and strategies for minimizing sailing's environmental footprint by adopting renewable energy, reducing waste, and fostering sustainable club cultures. Participants also explored their roles as sustainability ambassadors within their communities, which demonstrated the practical testing of resources developed in the project deliverable. Though organization faced some logistical challenges typical of public event settings, both workshops successfully integrated the project's tools and resources, advancing the goals of environmental responsibility and social inclusion in Croatian sailing communities.

Together, these piloting activities illustrate Croatia's active engagement in adapting the project's sustainable sailing applications to a real-world context, blending educational content, hands-on demonstrations, and community involvement. The national workshops not only tested the usability and relevance of the tools but also enhanced outreach by involving a broad demographic, thereby contributing valuable insights and recommendations for future expansion of sustainable sailing practices in Croatia. Can refer to annexe for visuals from this local activity.



5.3 National Piloting Workshops – Austria

The Austrian national piloting activity under the Sail4Sustainability project was organized by the Innovative Education Center in April 2025, featuring two workshops — one in-person at the Segelschule Breitenbrunn am Neusiedlersee and one conducted online. A total of 32 participants, primarily young adults affiliated with youth organizations, sailing clubs, sports federations, and educational institutions, took part in the sessions. The workshops introduced the fundamental principles of sailing and seamanship enriched with environmental awareness content. Participants had the opportunity to engage directly with sailing techniques, navigation, and safety procedures, while practical exercises on the lake fostered teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills. This hands-on approach was combined with theoretical discussions on sustainability in sailing, emphasizing eco-friendly practices and minimizing environmental impacts, effectively integrating the project's toolkit into the learning experience.

The workshops also delivered intercultural learning opportunities, connecting participants from diverse backgrounds and promoting a sustainable community of practice in sailing. Discussions extended beyond boating techniques to broader environmental issues such as climate change and water protection, reinforcing sustainability values. Challenges noted included fluctuating weather conditions like lack of wind, which required adaptability during exercises, and the necessity to prepare participants for varied lake conditions with extra gear and safety precautions. Feedback from participants was largely positive, with many expressing enthusiasm for sustainable sailing practices and a renewed interest in sailing as a recreational activity, showcasing successful testing and localization of the Sail4Sustainability resources in Austria.

Overall, Austria's piloting activities demonstrated effective integration of the project's resources into practical settings, with focused attention on environmental education, participant engagement, and community building. The combination of on-water experience and sustainable sailing principles helped create a meaningful impact, advancing the goals of the Sail4Sustainability initiative locally while generating actionable recommendations for future workshops to further deepen the sustainability emphasis. Can refer to annexe for visuals from this local activity.

5.4 National Piloting Workshops – Italy





The Italian national piloting activities conducted by ASD Sport Compass in Sardinia throughout 2025 effectively tested and refined the Sail4Sustainability project's educational tools and resources. The piloting consisted of a sequence of events starting with an online workshop in April 2025 that introduced the training framework and digital platform to 17 participants from youth organizations, sailing clubs, and NGOs. This initial phase served to familiarize stakeholders with the project methodology, sustainable sailing principles aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the use of digital tools within the training modules. Interactive sessions facilitated feedback collection to enhance the accessibility and usability of these resources in diverse local contexts.

Subsequently, hands-on sailing activities aboard the sailboat MINA took place between May and July 2025 off the coast of Alghero, Sardinia. These sessions engaged 32 young participants in practical sustainable sailing experiences, combining navigation, safety, and ecosystem observation with the application of digital toolkits for monitoring weather and marine conditions. The integration of onboard demonstrations and real-life use of sustainability apps allowed participants to directly engage with the project's training content, reinforcing principles of zero-impact sailing and marine life protection. This experiential learning was further enriched by challenges faced due to weather variability, which required adaptation and highlighted the importance of flexibility in sustainable sailing practices.

The piloting phase culminated in a hybrid sailing workshop and beach cleaning event at Parco Di Porto Conte, combining environmental education with active stewardship. With nearly 50 participants both in-person and online, this event demonstrated successful international collaboration, inclusive engagement, and the promotion of ecological responsibility. Through live sailing demonstrations, beach cleaning activities, and interactive knowledge exchange via Zoom, local and international partners shared best practices and project stories, underscoring the effectiveness of the tools and resources in fostering sustainable and inclusive sailing communities in Italy. The documentation and social media visibility of these activities further amplified their impact and outreach. Can refer to annexe for visuals from this local activity.

5.5 National Piloting Workshop – Netherlands

The Netherlands conducted its national piloting activity through a well-organized workshop titled "Zeilend naar een duurzame toekomst" (Sailing Towards a Sustainable





Future) held on April 18, 2025, at Zeilschool Pean in Nes. The event gathered 34 participants, primarily from sailing clubs, with a balanced gender distribution and mostly aged between 18 and 30. The workshop aimed to increase participants' knowledge about sustainability in sailing, raise awareness of social inclusion and diversity challenges, and encourage practical solutions to enhance ecological standards and accessibility at their sailing school. Keynote speakers Floris van Hees and Ivar Smits, experienced sailors and sustainability experts, provided insights drawn from their global sailing journey, covering environmental and social sustainability challenges in the sport and proposing actionable solutions.

The workshop included group sessions and presentations where participants discussed environmental practices—such as product sourcing, solar energy use, and eco-friendly antifouling—and social issues like accessibility for people with disabilities and economic inclusion. Innovative ideas emerged, like creating a fund to support lower-income participants, reflecting active engagement with the project's tools and resources aimed at fostering inclusion and sustainability. Despite initial difficulties in attracting participants to a fixed location, adapting the approach by visiting sailing schools directly resulted in high engagement, with instructors showing strong interest and identifying local improvement opportunities. This adaptive strategy and participant feedback demonstrated effective testing and application of the project deliverables within the Dutch sailing community.

Documentation included detailed surveys, and dissemination efforts were supported by social media posts to increase visibility and impact. The national piloting activity underscored sustainability's relevance and appeal, while practical challenges and recommendations informed future workshop designs, emphasizing accessibility and direct engagement with sailing schools for broader participation and greater impact. Can refer to annexe for visuals from this local activity.



5.6 National Piloting Workshop – Turkey

The Turkish national piloting activity for the Sail4Sustainability project was organized by the Kargenc Club and held on April 21, 2025, at Serdivan Kültür Sanat in Sakarya. The workshop gathered 20 participants aged predominantly between 18 and 50, with a slight majority of female attendees. Participants came from a mix of youth organizations, sailing clubs, sports federations, educational institutions, and local government authorities. The main objective was to pilot the project's educational materials and gather stakeholder feedback on the toolkit's clarity, practicality, and relevance for real-life youth sailing and sustainability initiatives.

The workshop featured an introduction to the Sail4Sustainability project followed by interactive discussions focusing on integrating sustainability principles into sailing practices. Key topics included the use of the Sustainability Toolkit, life skills development, cultural understanding through sports, and best practices for safety. Participants valued the toolkit for its practical design and expressed a strong interest in adapting its modules with localized examples. Discussions highlighted the critical importance of safety and climate-conscious behavior, with attendees actively considering how to implement the materials in their youth programs to foster environmental awareness and cross-cultural dialogue.

Despite challenges such as scheduling conflicts with formal sailing institutions and limited time restricting a deeper dive into all toolkit components, the workshop was overall successful. The team recommended expanding future sessions to full-day or two-part formats and incorporating practical sailing demonstrations or simulations. The feedback collected through surveys and interactive engagement will be instrumental in shaping the final toolkit version. Social media documentation helped increase visibility, while several stakeholders expressed enthusiasm for ongoing local engagement through follow-up workshops and sailing camps, reinforcing the project's long-term sustainability commitment in Turkey. Can refer to annexe for visuals from this local activity.

5.7 National Piloting Workshops - Spain





The national piloting activity in Bilbao, Spain, was organized by MAS Abogados, taking place from September 2024 to July 2025 at Getxo with the active participation of local sailing clubs (Real Club Marítimo el Abra and Getxo Bela Eskola). The piloting involved 37 participants, with a balanced distribution across age groups and genders. The main objective was to introduce and integrate the Sail4Sustainability project resources, raising awareness of sustainable sailing practices as well as fostering more inclusive and environmentally responsible behaviors in sailing clubs and harbors. Key topics included environmental consciousness, inclusion and diversity, good practice examples, and ways to promote sustainable conduct in both everyday club life and special events.

The project's toolkits, videos, and digital resources were embedded directly into the regular training sessions and club curricula rather than running stand-alone workshops. This approach allowed sailing clubs to authentically integrate the core principles of inclusion, diversity, and sustainability into their ongoing routines, ensuring ownership and adaptability by instructors and members. Trainer sessions equipped instructors with practical strategies to reinforce respect, teamwork, and fairness, while tailored codes of conduct facilitated a lasting adoption of these values. Notable outcomes included enhanced club engagement in beach clean-ups, eco-conscious regattas, and a tangible culture of environmental stewardship, supported by ongoing digital dissemination and visibility efforts.

Challenges primarily stemmed from ensuring true integration of the material, but providing adaptable toolkits helped address diverse local club needs. Recommendations for improvement centred on tracking impact more systematically and further customising training content to each club's particular context. Ultimately, Bilbao's piloting successfully demonstrated that real and enduring cultural change toward sustainability and inclusion is best achieved when resources become a seamless part of daily practice, rather than temporary or external interventions.



8 – Conclusion

The online platform and its collection of tested, usable materials represent a major milestone in the Sail4Sustainability project's effort to make sustainability in sailing both accessible and actionable. By bringing together diverse educational resources—from multimedia content and recommended applications to printable toolkits—into a single, user-friendly space, this deliverable empowers individuals and organisations to embed sustainable practices into their everyday sailing activities. Informed by real-world testing during the Netherlands training programme, and consecutive National piloting workshops in each partner countries, the platform ensures that its content is not only relevant but also practical and effective. We hope it will continue to serve as a dynamic, evolving hub for knowledge, inspiration, and action within the global sailing community.



9. Annexxe – Visuals from Local Activities



Local Piloting Activity at Fiumanka Regatta | Croatia | June 2025



Local Piloting Activity by JK MAXI | Croatia | April, 2025



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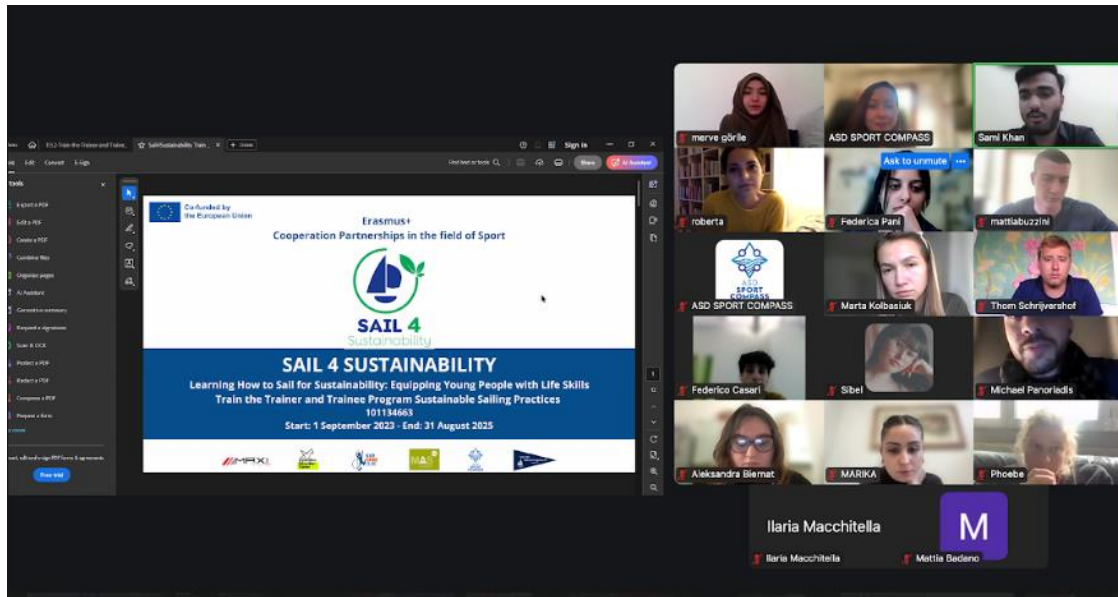


Local Piloting Workshop by Innovative Education Center | Austria | April 2025





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Local Piloting Workshop by ASD Sport Compass | Online | April 2025



Local Piloting Workshop by ASD Sport Compass | Italy | July 2025





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Local Piloting Workshop by Stichting Sailors for Sustainability | Netherlands | April 2025





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Local Piloting Activity by Kargenc Club | Turkey | April 2025

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