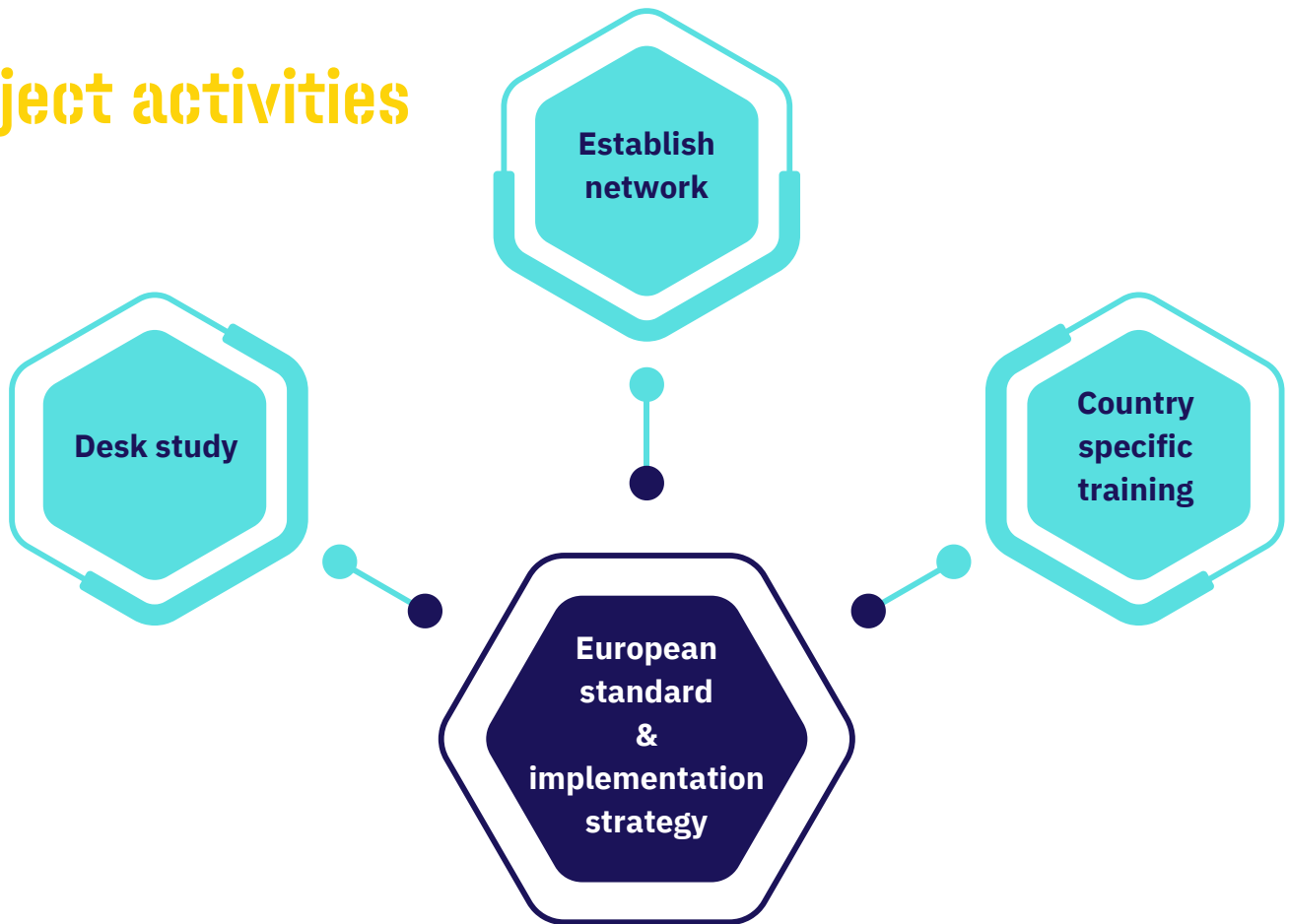


Catching THE Potential

Setting the standard for sustainable fisheries training

Project activities



Project results & achievements



9 countries



16 pilots



218 participants



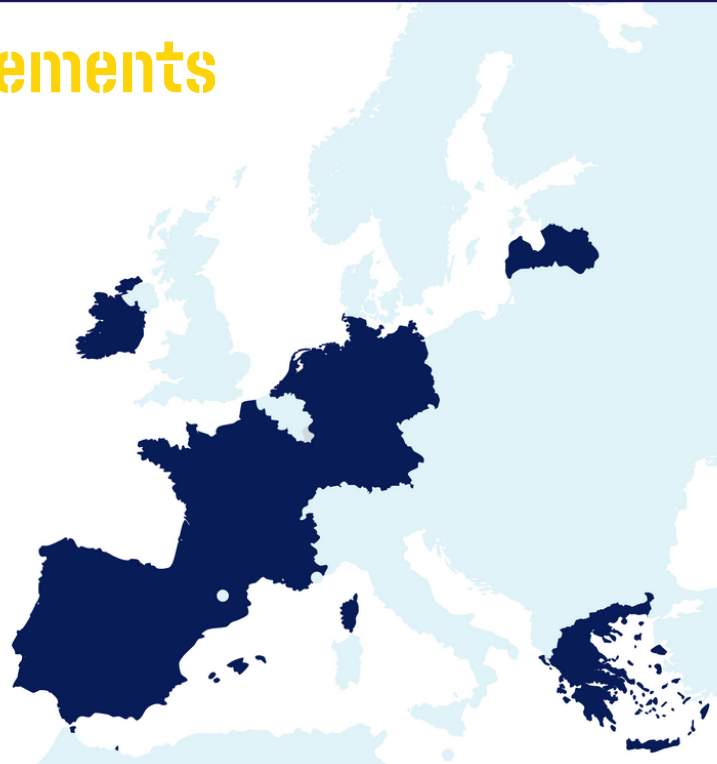
21 trainers trained



21 institutes in Fisheries Educators Network



Standard for sustainable fisheries training



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Project summary

Catching the Potential successfully established a **European standard** for sustainable fishing training, in collaboration with the **fishing sector** and **key training institutions**. Partners were chosen to cover various EU sea basins. Through research and collaboration, the project identified best practices and created a network for sharing knowledge and experiences. Country-specific training pilots were arranged to make it fit to the local context and address the diversity within each nation. The project has a long-term impact on the training of current and future fishers across Europe. The training topics have been included in the international standard on the training and certification of fishers (STCW-F), marking a significant milestone in promoting sustainable fishing practices worldwide.

Key lessons

- The content and approach of the training are relevant for all **fishers** once adapted to the local context
- It is essential to **customize** the training to the local context (e.g. culture, fishing areas, fishing techniques) and target group (reflect the reality of the local situation and to fit with target group (e.g. active fishers, fishing students, level of education)
- **Local networks** can provide valuable input to the training content and are able to support and facilitate structural implementation
- Be clear about **objectives** of training and create the right **expectations**



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What's next?

- The **revised STCW-F Convention** of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) contains topics on sustainable fisheries training thereby making it part of the training and certification requirements of all fishing vessel personnel
- The CTP-partners **remain committed** to advancing sustainable fisheries training and will carry on using the materials and approach
- Although **structural implementation** has not been achieved in all participating countries, partners are dedicated to continue the work
- A **resolution** was drafted addressing the importance of new skills and knowledge needed for maritime professionals in a changing Blue Economy
- All CTP partners are committed to maintain, enhance and potentially expand the **Fisheries Educators Network**

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