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Discover the latest milestones in TOURAL and the activities driving the project forward. This edition brings together highlights from 2 General Assemblies, community engagement and expert discussions on the Blue Economy. Explore the TOURAL moments.

TOURAL 4th GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN TULCEA, ROMANIA

From 16 to 18 September 2026, TOURAL partners met in Tulcea, Romania, for the project's 5th and final General Assembly, hosted by the Association Local Action Group Danube Delta (GAL DD). The meeting focused on the final **implementation of the UCCST models and Action Plans, the results of the validation activities, stakeholder engagement, business model individualisation and the tourism products and services developed across the pilot sites**. Partners also reviewed the project's KPIs and discussed the final steps towards the project's closure in December 2026.

OUR 5th GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN TERAMO, ITALY

From 19 to 21 May 2026, TOURAL partners gathered in Pineto, Italy, for the project's 4th General Assembly, hosted by the Italian pilot site partners. Over three days, consortium members reviewed **progress across all Work Packages, with a particular focus on pilot implementation, business modelling, ICT tools, sustainability and stakeholder engagement.** A dedicated **transnational training workshop** further supported knowledge exchange **on business modelling & stakeholder engagement**, bringing together partners and local stakeholders.

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ENGAGING THE KUTSURUB COMMUNITY

On 12 May 2026, TOURAL partners joined a **community outreach event in Kutsurub, Ukraine, promoting environmental awareness and citizen science**. Through interactive activities on plastic pollution, sustainable consumption and environmental monitoring, young people and local residents explored how everyday actions can contribute to protecting their natural surroundings**. The event also featured a new plastic waste collection point, combining responsible waste management with community engagement through art**.

BLUE ECONOMY EXPERT FORUM

On 16-18 June 2026 TOURAL was showcased at the Blue Economy Expert Forum in Tulcea, Romania, **bringing together European and regional stakeholders to discuss sustainable development and the future of the Danube Delta**. During the Ecotourism session, the project's results and experiences from the Danube Delta pilot site were presented, **feeding discussions on sustainable tourism, innovation & cross-border cooperation**.

OUR SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Discover the research behind TOURAL.
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Explore our collection of scientific publications, conference contributions and posters showcasing TOURAL's work on **sustainable tourism and innovation in rural and remote areas**.

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