

PRESS RELEASE

TeamUp, Eurobank Cyprus' team of volunteers, collected 822kg of waste from Karnagio beach and seabed in Limassol

Around 70 members of **Eurobank Cyprus' TeamUp volunteering team**, along with their families, as well as members of NGO 'AKTI' and Blue Thunder Diving collected 822 kg of waste from the beach and seabed at Limassol's Karnagio area, during a cleanup organised by Eurobank Cyprus. Of the 822 kg, 588 was mixed waste and 190 was recyclable PMD, while 44 kg of waste was retrieved from the seabed by divers.

In statements Eurobank Cyprus' General Manager Achilleas Malliotis stated: "I would like to thank Eurobank Cyprus's TeamUp volunteers, AKTI and Blue Thunder Diving Centre for their contribution to our effort to clean the beach and the seabed. Karnagio is one of the most polluted beaches in Cyprus, which is why the Bank chose to hold the clean-up there. Protecting the environment is a strategic priority for Eurobank Cyprus, and our objective is to implement actions that make a difference towards a better, sustainable future". Mr Malliotis concluded by saying that "we are particularly happy to see that people of all ages took part in the clean-up, as we believe that these initiatives will help raise awareness about marine pollution and the protection of our beaches and coasts".

The President of the AKTI Board of Directors, Dr Xenia Loizidou stated that "the Mediterranean is the sea with the highest contamination by plastics in the world. It is vital that the public is informed and takes action. Such initiatives constitute a step in the right direction. I would like to congratulate Eurobank's active TeamUp group of volunteers who, along with AKTI's SeaTechHub project and the Blue Thunder Diving Centre collected 822 kg of waste from the Karnagio beach and seabed".

On his part, the Director of Blue Thunder Diving Centre, Michalis Tsrponouris noted that "we gladly responded to Eurobank Cyprus' call to carry out a clean-up at Karnagio beach. The results of this campaign were impressive. We are aware that most of the seabed waste comes from the beach. This issue was made clear to everyone participating today. Such important actions are crucial for our country, as our seabed attracts divers from all over the world, and it is our duty to keep it clean. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Eurobank's TeamUp volunteers who participated in the clean-up".

Through its Corporate Social Responsibility Program, Eurobank Cyprus continues to develop and implement important actions to support society, the environment and people in need. The Bank's TeamUp volunteering team is aligned with the Bank's philosophy and culture of actively participating in actions which benefit society.