

BoatDIGEST Final Conference

GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

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The **BOAT DIGEST** Project is lead by LEITAT Technological Center (Spain) together with the participation of the *Istituto di Chimica e Tecnologia dei Polimeri - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche* (Italy), the European Boating Industry (Belgium), the University Of Strathclyde (United Kingdom), the Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi (Turkey), the *FWD Servicios Profesionales de Duplicacion* (Spain), the PLATIN OHS Consulting Engineering Services Trade Limited Company (Turkey) and the *Association pour la plaisance Eco-Responsible* (France).



ADVISORY BOARD



COLLABORATORS



HIGH INTEREST

Many people and organizations have contacted BOAT DIGEST since the beginning of the project asking for further information and wanting to be involved in the project.

DISMANTLERS
PEOPLE INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUSINESS RELATED TO BOAT DISMANTLING
RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS
NAUTICAL ASSOCIATIONS
MARINAS
PRIVATE COMPANIES
JOURNALISTS
REGIONAL WASTE AGENCIES

HIGH INTEREST IN THE EU (ALSO IN CANADA)

The **aim** of the BOAT DIGEST project is **to raise the awareness of end of life responsibilities and options for recreational craft owners** while at the same time **to improve the health and safety standards of recreational craft dismantling practices and address skill gaps.**

<http://www.boatdigest.eu/>

PROJECT STARTING POINT **CONTACT WITH TARGET GROUPS**



WHAT IS THE FEEDBACK WE GOT FROM RECREATIONAL CRAFT OWNERS?



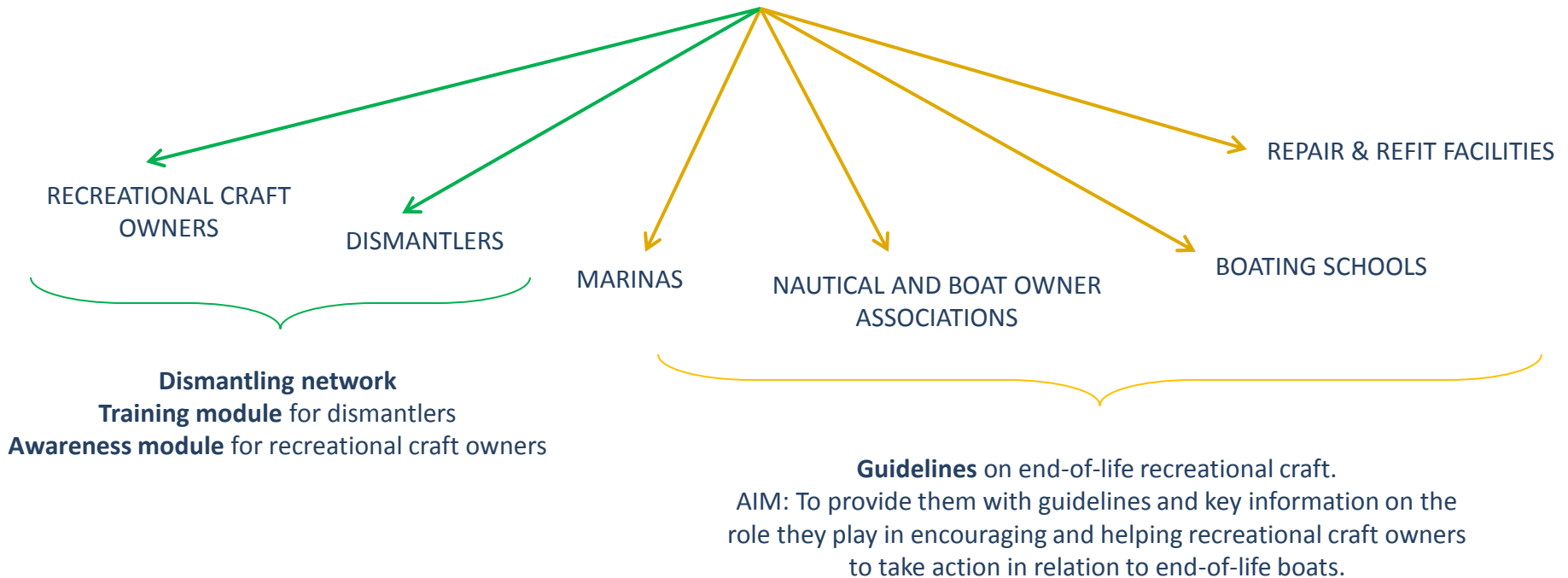
- Many are not aware that end-of-life boats is a problem in the EU and that the abandonment of boats can be a hazard to health, safety and the environment.
 - Lack of (or little) information is provided to boat owners.
 - Abandonment of recreational craft and other bad practices currently do exist.
 - Little knowledge of businesses/individuals that actively dismantle and recycle recreational craft.
- Emotional bond of recreational craft owners with their recreational craft fuels difficulty when addressing dismantling and recycling issues.

WHAT IS THE FEEDBACK WE GOT FROM **DISMANTLERS?**



- Limited recycling options for FRP.
- Lack of (or little) information is provided to recreational craft owners about dismantling practices.
 - No professional training for dismantlers on how to dismantle recreational craft.
 - Potential risks and hazards.
 - Types of accidents / near misses witnessed and/or experienced.
 - Lack of (or very little) awareness among boat builders.

CREATION OF TOOLS FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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