

Collecting material around Europe

It is estimated that each year hundreds tones of useless nets and ropes are discarded or lost in the sea, which is a serious threat to marine life and divers. That is the reason why Norwegian company Nofir decided to organize big action around Europe focused on collecting discarded equipment from fishing and farming industry. The collected material will be recycled to the plastic which can be reused.

The action of collecting material in Europe is created in response to increasing problem of marine waste treatment in Europe. More and more fishermen and fish farmers complain about disposal of useless material (such as nets and ropes) which is hard to sort and transport. In this way enormous amounts of nets are dumped to the seas what becomes serious ecological problem.

Nofir's activity in Europe includes finding companies, fishermen or fish farmers who want to get rid of material. Norwegian company will arrange transport and loading to Lithuania where material is dismantle and mostly is given for recycling.

- Europe seems to be perfect for organizing such an action. We have already got a lot of calls from people who don't have any idea what to do with useless nets. We hope to collect a lot of material and help to reduce amount of nets dumped to the



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seas. We are open for cooperation. We encourage people to contact us, we will visit them immediately and take specific action. – says Tomas Sarnacinskas, Procurement Manager of Nofir.

Nofir is a nationwide recycling system for fishing and fish farming industry. Norwegian company collects useless nets, ropes and cords coming from the marine industry ensuring safe and clean waste treatment. To be more effective Nofir implemented Eco-innovation project that that supports innovative ideas, services and processes which provide environmental protection. **The project goal includes decreasing amount of plastic waste in European seas by 2100 tons and decreasing CO2 emission by 9600 tons.**

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