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Surfrider Coastal Defenders: when citizens mobilize for ocean and coastlines protection

Since 1990, Surfrider Foundation Europe has served as a reference in the fight for the protection of the ocean and its users, with the passion and commitment of its community on the ground. With Surfrider Coastal Defenders, the NGO aims to go even further; offering citizens a platform to respond directly to local issues with local solutions.

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SURFRIDER COASTAL DEFENDERS: A PROGRAMME FOR CITIZEN ACTION TO PROTECT THE OCEAN

Citizen mobilization has always been at the heart of Surfrider Europe's core mission. Surfrider Coastal Defenders (previously known as *Guardians of the Coast*) supports this by providing citizens who wish to tackle large scale environmental issues in their communities with global support ranging from technical expertise and legal advice to communication support. The program supplies citizens with all the resources necessary to take leadership actions in the field.

The Surfrider Coastal Defenders community gathers passionate citizens, environmental and legal experts, and activist volunteers who share knowledge and experiences. By utilizing the strengths of this diverse community, the program generates the site-specific methods of defense for oceanic and environmental challenges.



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CURRENT ACTIONS

There are currently 13 actions in progress in 4 European countries. For each one, a local 'Defender' is leading the charge on the ground while receiving regular support from a vast international network. Since the launch of the program in 1995, nearly 70 actions have led to environmental victories thanks to the work and motivation of the Surfrider Coastal Defenders community.

THE OCEAN, THE GLOBAL CLIMATE REGULATOR IS IN DANGER !

Every day the ocean suffers the direct and indirect consequences of human activity: plastic waste, climate change, chemical and bacteriological pollution, etc. There are so many aggressions that endanger its fragile balance and health. But the ocean plays a major role in maintaining the global ecosystem. As the main regulator of the climate machine, it is also responsible for half of the world's oxygen production. Everyone's commitment is therefore indispensable. That's why for nearly 30 years, Surfrider Foundation Europe has been working at all levels to protect it, with the determination and strength of our activist network.

To know more about Surfrider Coastal Defenders: www.surfriderdefenders.org

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Surfrider Foundation Europe is a non-profit environmental organization (under the French law of 1901), which was created in 1990 in France (Biarritz). During its existence, it has acquired real expertise in the areas of research and local action, as well as in the creation and distribution of educational tools. It now consists of a network of 700 volunteers, 10,500 members and 120,000 supporters in approximately forty local chapters, which are active in twelve European countries. Find out more: www.surfrider.eu