

### EVREST Science Club on Task 6.3. Dissemination to the general public

The EVREST Science Club has already started at several schools of Tavira Municipality, targeting students of the 4th grade.

Along three sessions consisting of two hands-on activities in the classroom and one fieldtrip, students will be able to better understand Ria Formosa's barrier islands system, from the sediment to the habitat concept.

The first and ongoing session, called "*Grão a Grão, enche-se a Praia do Barril!*" focus on the sediment composition of the saltmarsh and the dune system, and includes a brief characterization of the fauna and flora.

The second theoretical-practical session "*Duna à vista!*" will soon start; its main theme will be dunes formation and their role on shoreline protection (together with the saltmarsh).

In order to allow *in situ* observation, the field trip to Barril beach will cross the saltmarsh and the dune system, consolidating the topics previously focused in class.

In addition, during these sessions, students will be asked to build mind-maps and answer open questions (both pre and post activities), so as to evaluate the impact of the activities.

On April 5, the EVREST Science Club visited the UAlg Easter Camp, at Gambelas campus. A total of 24 students, from the 1st to the 6th grade, participated on the hands-on activities about the saltmarsh and dunes system sediment and also learned more about the characteristic fauna and flora of Ria Formosa. So far, the EVREST Science Club has reached 164 students and, by the end of April, it's expected to reach more than 250 students in twelve classes.

