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Dissemination Level		
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RE	Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services)	
CO	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	

The fourth “EDIT Summer School of Modern Taxonomy and Field Work” will be held after the end of the EDIT project and is estimated to take place in late spring (May) 2012 under the auspices of the Distributed European School of Taxonomy. Henceforth the EDIT Summer School will therefore be referred to as the DEST Summer School. As the fourth EDIT Summer School will be the first under the DEST banner, it will be called the first DEST Summer School for Modern Taxonomy and Field Work.

In January 2011 a Marie Curie Initial Training Network proposal was submitted under the 7th Framework Programme. If this proposal is successful the DEST Summer School will be an integrated part of this training network. If the proposal is not successful, the Summer School will take place on the same topic and at the same location as outlined in the proposal. Depending on the availability of funds at the start of the Summer School, (a limited number of) grants will be provided to cover participation costs for the student participants.

The first DEST Summer School will be organised on the topic of marine meiofauna of the Mediterranean at the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls in France (<http://www.obs-banyuls.fr/fr/index.html>).



Above: Banyuls sur mer, shown in Google maps (red flag, SE France); Below: Map of Banyuls-sur-mer and the Observatoire Océanologique (red building to the right)

Specifically courses will be held which explore best practice in the following topics: sampling, sorting and extracting techniques for the study of marine meiofauna, the taxonomy of specific meiofauna groups, the problems and tools used by researchers dealing with other groups of meiofauna. The laboratory is fully equipped with excellent microscopes, space for sorting and availability to sample in the surroundings. All taxonomic groups of marine meiofauna will be covered during the workshop. This workshop will be open to participants (early career researchers) within the context of the Marie-Curie Initial Training Network and other participants, following selection criteria as in previous EDIT Summer Schools. The experience of DEST will provide the necessary organisational support, and will advertise the course using the Summer School website and disseminate it through our usual channels. The associated partner UGot-ASSEMBLE (in the Marie-Curie ITN) will also help in the organisation of this workshop. The Observatoire Océanologique is also fully equipped to house larger groups of students in full board during the duration of the workshop. Access is facilitated by a railroad in Banyuls and the airports of Perpignan (France) and Barcelona (Spain).