

Regional Meeting to further the implementation of the Marine Litter regional Plan in the Mediterranean



A General Overview of the EU FUNDED Marine Litter Project

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Objectives

- Support UNEP-MAP/Barcelona Convention Contracting Parties to prevent and manage ML through MLRP implementation
- Progress achieving ML GES targets
- Synergies: UNEP/GPA GMLP, EU MSFD, UfM H2020, SwitchMed
- Coordination with the other European RS



Focus of Action: Southern Mediterranean



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Three major outputs aiming at:

- a) implementing concrete measures (LBS and Sea Based) by the southern Med countries (ongoing efforts to undertake same actions in the Adriatic countries)
- b) preparation/updating ML guidelines
- c) enhancing bilateral and multi stakeholders coordination on ML
- d) establish a Med coordination group with all major ML actors to coordinate the implementation of the MLRP



Output 1: Assisting the implementation of the Marine Litter Regional Plan at sub-regional levels with a particular focus on up to five most common ML measures provided in the updated NAPs

Selected measures from the PoM/NAPs



- Develop a risk assessment tool for identifying where in the Mediterranean accumulations of ghost nets pose a threat and should be removed (*in collaboration with OSPAR, HELCOM and Black Sea Commissions*)
- Pilots on Fishing for litter in 3 areas
- Up to 10 pilots on Adopt a beach system
- Better management of sea-based litter in ports (PRF and no special fee system)
- Regulatory framework related to non-single use of plastic bags and promote EPR (Ecodesign and packaging)
- Reducing impacts of marine litter and micro litter in Biota with a particular focus on endangered species.

Output 2: Strengthening the implementation of harmonized approaches at regional and sub-regional level to reduce and prevent ML generation from land-based and sea-based sources including pilot intervention

- Guidance document to determine the application of charges at reasonable costs or, when applicable, application of No-Special-Fee system;
- Operational Guidelines, on the provision of reception facilities in ports and the delivery of ship-generated wastes
- Guidelines on 'Adopt a beach best practice'
- Template of legislation/regulation on the non-single use of plastic bags; Guidelines on development of measures including regulatory, fiscal, economic and others
- Specific guidelines and training material to prevent the generation of plastics and wastes ending up as marine litter
- Updated FfL Guidelines to take into account as appropriate the Mediterranean specificities



Main Output 3

Assisting the establishment of regional and bilateral cooperation mechanisms with relevant regional actors as well as European Regional Sea Conventions to enhance synergies for the implementation of the ML Action Plans, with a particular focus on the collaboration with the Black Sea Commission

1. Establish and support a Mediterranean ML regional coordination group
2. Support the establishment of an interregional ML coordination and consultation mechanism with European Regional Seas to enhance synergies and cost efficiency in the implementation of MLRP
3. Strengthen the database of existing tools, expert networks, associations and organizations addressing ML management using the extent possible the work carried out by other ML projects;
4. Establish bilateral collaboration with Black Sea Commission to support:
 - To finalize the Regional Plan on MLRAP
 - To finalize the ML Monitoring Programme



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Marine Litter-MED Project Implementation modalities

- It is a collective effort: CP, MAP with its components MED POL, REMPEC, SCP RAC, RAC SPA
- Each MAP component will lead the implementation of measures related to their mandates
- Project Steering Committee (annual meeting)
- Mediterranean ML coordination group (first meeting in September 2016) to discuss ToRs , composition and a list of ML guidelines addressing different aspects of ML management
- Time frame 4years
- Budget 1,4 Million EUR
- Most of funding allocated to country measures



Questions?

Thank you



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