

# Mediterranean Marine Litter Management Regional Plan

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# Drivers and Background

## ***Global level***

- Manila Declaration/GPA, 2012
- Honolulu Commitment
- Rio+20 target on ML

## ***Mediterranean legal and policy context***

- Barcelona Convention & LBS Protocol
- Prevention and Emergency, Dumping, Offshore Protocols
- COP 7 1991: First measures on ML
- COP 17, 2012:
  - » *ML Strategic Framework*
  - » *Ecological Objective on ML based on ECAP*
- COP 18: Regional Plan measures and timeframes

## ***Other Regional Developments***

- EU MSFD, NOWAP, OSPAR and HELCOM

# Marine Litter Management Regional Plan Objectives

- *Prevent* ML Generation
- *Reduce* to the minimum ML and its impacts
- *Remove* to the extent possible existing ML
- *Manage* ML in line with accepted standards
- *Enhance* knowledge on sources, impacts

**Final result: to achieve GES**

# Marine Litter Management RP Key Measures

- *Pollution*
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  - *SCP tools*
  - *Existing*
  - *Targets*
  - *Cooperation*
  - *Implementation*
  - *Reporting*
- Control
  - Prevention Measures
  - Widely agreed
  - ML removal
  - Time bound
  - Partnership with Stakeholders
  - Timetables and Flexibility
  - Periodic

# Package of Innovative measures

- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Sustainable Procurement Policies
- Fiscal and economic instruments
- Deposits, Return and Restoration System
- Agreements with retailers to set ML reduction objective
- Promote plastic industry to minimize the decomposition characteristics of plastic
- No-special-fee approach where appropriate
- Fishing for Litter system/Compulsory national programmes on the removal of existing ML
- Adopt-a-Beach practices

# Enhanced Integrated Solid Waste management measures

By 2020:

- Close illegal land dumpsites
- Prevent ML from dredging activities
- Ensure Adequate urban sewer and WWTP
- Take enforcement measures to combat
  - *littering on the beach*
  - *illegal sewage disposal in the sea, coastal zone and rivers.*

By 2025:

ISWM for agglomerations of 20 000 or more inhabitants

# ML Assessment&Monitoring&Reserach

- Every 6 years:

Assess status of ML

- By 2014:

Regional Monitoring Programme

- By 2016:

ML Regional Data bank

National ML Monitoring Programme

- Over 30 Research topics identified to:

*1. Improve knowledge gap*

*2. Support the implementation of measures*

# Implementation Actions 2014-2015 (1)

- LBS NAPs update to address MLRP measures;
- ML RP implementation indicators
- ML Monitoring guidance
- National monitoring needs, 2015
- MED Hot spots list update to consider ML
- H2020 and EU Adriatic Ionian Strategy:
- 2010 ML assessment update:
  - to propose a ML baseline;
  - towards a regional ML reduction target?
- Fishing for litter best practices/guidelines in process
- State of art of existing specific guidelines related to ML



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