



# **Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean**

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## Drivers and Background

### Global level

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

### Mediterranean legal and policy context

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

### Other Regional Developments

- EU MSFD, NOWPAP, OSPAR and HELCOM



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## Objectives

- **Prevent** Marine Litter Generation
- **Reduce** to the minimum Marine Litter and its impacts
- **Remove** to the extent possible existing Marine Litter
- **Manage** Marine Litter in line with accepted standards
- **Enhance** knowledge on sources' impacts
- **Final result: to achieve GES**



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## Key Measures

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



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## Package of Innovative Measures

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



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## Enhanced Integrated Solid Waste Management Measures

### By 2020:

- Close illegal land dumpsites
- Prevent Marine Litter from dredging activities
- Ensure adequate urban sewer and wastewater treatment plants
- Take enforcement measures to combat:
  - littering on the beach
  - illegal sewage disposal in the sea, coastal zone and rivers

### By 2025:

- Integrated Solid Waste Managements for agglomerations of 20,000 or more inhabitants



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## ML Assessment, Monitoring, and Research

### Every 6 years:

- Assess status of Marine Litter

### By 2014:

- Regional Monitoring Programme

### By 2016:

- Marine Litter Regional Data bank
- National Marine Litter Monitoring Programme

### 11 Research topics identified to:

- Improve knowledge gap
- Support the implementation of measures



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## Implementation Actions 2014-2015

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





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