

CAPITALIZATION EVENT

Slashing marine plastic pollution in Mediterranean MPAs: The Plastic Busters MPAs results and achievements

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THE PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs IN A NUTSHELL

Plastic Busters MPAs is an Interreg Med funded project aiming to maintain biodiversity and preserve natural ecosystems in pelagic and coastal marine protected areas by consolidating Mediterranean efforts against marine litter. The project deploys the multidisciplinary strategy and common framework of action developed within the Plastic Busters initiative led by the University of Siena and the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Solutions Network. This initiative frames the priority actions needed to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean and was labelled under the Union for the Mediterranean in 2016, gathering the political support of 43 Euro Mediterranean countries. Plastic Busters MPAs brings together 15 implementing partners and 17 associated partners from 8 countries, namely Albania, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Italy, Greece, Slovenia and Spain.

THE EVENT'S AIM

The Plastic Busters capitalization event aims to showcase the Plastic Busters MPAs advances and achievements addressing the entire management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation. The event will bring forward the recent policy and scientific advances with regards to marine litter in the region and will provide an opportunity for creating synergies and fostering exchanges among stakeholders active on the science-policy-society interface.

THE EVENT'S ORGANIZERS



REPUBLIC of CROATIA
 Ministry of Economy and
 Sustainable Development



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THE EVENT'S ACCESS LINK

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89266206106?pwd=d1RFSIJVWmRGY3BWdVZ00FRmV1dVQTO9>

Meeting ID: 892 6620 6106

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THE PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs PARTNERSHIP



THE EVENT'S VENUE

University of Dubrovnik, Street Marka Marojice 2

THE EVENT'S PROGRAMME

TIME (CET)	CONTENT	NAME
9:15 – 9:45	Registration	
09.45-10.10	Welcome addresses & opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ E. Kos, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia ▶ M. Franković, City of Dubrovnik ▶ N. Dobroslavić, Dubrovnik-Neretva County ▶ M. Pecarević, University of Dubrovnik ▶ Th. Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE ▶ C. Fossi, UNISI ▶ F. Marcato, Interreg Med Joint Secretariat
10.10-10.30	Session 1: Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ EU policy advances on marine litter ▶ Barcelona Convention policy advances on marine litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ G. Hanke, EC & JRC, MSFD TGML representatives ▶ Ch. Ioakeimidis, UNEP/MAP representative
10.30-11.30	Session 2: The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Synthesis of the Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring and assessment outputs and results ▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ C. Fossi, UNISI ▶ C. Tsangaris, HCMR & National Marine Park of Zakynthos (Greece) ▶ C. Panti, UNISI & Tuscan Archipelago National Park (Italy) ▶ S. Deudero, IEO & Cabrera National Park (Spain) ▶ M. Smodlaka, Rudjer Boskovic Institute & National Park of Brijuni (Croatia)
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break	
11.45-12.45	Session 3: The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter prevention and mitigation actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Synthesis of the Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter prevention and mitigation outputs and results ▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on prevention and mitigation actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Th. Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE ▶ B. Knez, Strunjan Landscape Park (Slovenia) ▶ G. Garcia Hoyo, National Park of Cabo de Gata Nijar (Spain) ▶ H. Dimitriadis, National Marine Park of Zakynthos (Greece) ▶ X. Abril Ferrer, Ebro Delta National Park (Spain)
12.45-13.15	Session 4: Creating synergies & fostering exchanges with relevant initiatives and projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The MARLESS project ▶ The MARGNET project ▶ The CAPIMED-ISLANDS project ▶ The DEFISHGEAR project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A. Torresan, ARPAV ▶ J. Basta, Blue World ▶ M. Outters, SCP/RAC ▶ P. Tutman, IOF
13.15 – 14.00	Session 5: Discussion & take-home messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Interactive session
14.00.-14.15	Wrap up and closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ E. Kos, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia ▶ Th. Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE ▶ C. Fossi, UNISI
14.15 – 15.15	Lunch	