

## 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 CONFERENCE'S AIM

The conference will feature and fully exploit the knowledge, know-how, experience and lessons learned obtained by the implementation of the Plastic Busters MPAs demonstration and replication actions addressing the entire management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation. The event will bring forward the most recent policy and scientific advances with regards to marine litter in the Mediterranean and will provide an opportunity for creating synergies and fostering exchanges among stakeholders active on the science-policy-society interface.

## THE PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs PARTNERSHIP



## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT



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# FINAL CONFERENCE

PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs CONSOLIDATES  
EFFORTS TO SLASH MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION  
IN MEDITERRANEAN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

12-13 April 2022

Athens, Greece

### THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS



UNIVERSITÀ  
DI SIENA 1240



### IN COOPERATION WITH:



[plasticbustersmpas.interreg-med.eu](http://plasticbustersmpas.interreg-med.eu)

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# THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

12 APRIL 2022

1ST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

Venue: Zappeion Megaron

10.30-11.00 Registration & welcoming coffee

11.00-11.30 ▶ Welcome addresses & opening remarks

- ▶ [Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou](#), Chairperson, SPECIAL PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & SUBCOMMITTEE OF WATER RESOURCES, HELLENIC PARLIAMENT
- ▶ [Petros Varelidis](#), General Secretary, SPECIAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER, HELLENIC MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
- ▶ [Moh Rejdali](#), Chairperson, COMPSUD
- ▶ [Michael Scoullou](#), Chairperson, MIO-ECSDE

## SESSION #1

11.30-12.30 ▶ **Barcelona Convention policy advances on marine litter in the Mediterranean**  
 ▶ **UfM policy advances on marine litter in the EuroMediterranean**  
 ▶ **EU policy advances on marine litter**  
 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs concerted actions to slash marine litter pollution in the Mediterranean: an overview**

- ▶ [Christos Ioakeimidis](#), UNEP/MAP
- ▶ [Alessandra Sensi](#), UfM
- ▶ [Michail Papadoyannakis](#), EC DG Environment
- ▶ [Cristina Fossi](#), UNISI
- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), MIO-ECSDE

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

## SESSION #2

13.30-15.00 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs & the overall Interreg Med framework**  
 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring results and findings at: Pelagos Sanctuary (Italy), Tuscan Archipelago National Park (Italy), Cabrera National Park (Spain), National Marine Park of Zakynthos (Greece)**

- ▶ [Francesca Marcato](#), INTERREG MED JOINT SECRETARIAT
- ▶ [Cristina Fossi](#), UNISI
- ▶ [Cristina Panti](#), UNISI
- ▶ [Salud Deudero](#), IEO
- ▶ [Catherine Tsangaris](#), HCMR

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

## SESSION #3

15.15-16.00 ▶ **Synthesis of the Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring and assessment results**  
 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring results and achievements at: Brijuni National Park (Croatia), Capo Milazzo (Italy)**  
 ▶ **Wrap up & concluding remarks**

- ▶ [Cristina Fossi](#), UNISI
- ▶ [Mirta Smodlaka](#), RUDJER BOSKOVIC INSTITUTE
- ▶ [Michela Angiolillo](#), ISPRA
- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), MIO-ECSDE

16.00-16.30 ▶ **Plastic Busters MPAs documentary**

▶ Premier of the documentary with the director, [Marco Pisapia](#), ISPRA

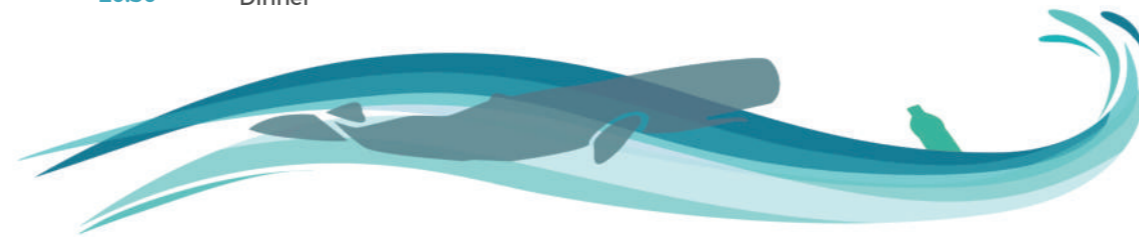
▶ [Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou](#), Chairperson, SPECIAL PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & SUBCOMMITTEE OF WATER RESOURCES, HELLENIC PARLIAMENT

17.00-18.00 ▶ **High level segment & MoU signing ceremony between UNEP and COMPSUD**

- ▶ **High level official**, HELLENIC MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY (TBC)
- ▶ [Tatjana Hema](#), Coordinator UNEP/MAP
- ▶ [Moh Rejdali](#), Chairperson, COMPSUD
- ▶ [Michael Scoullou](#), Chairperson, MIO-ECSDE
- ▶ [Cristina Fossi](#), Plastic Busters MPAs Scientific Coordinator, UNISI
- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), Senior Programme/Policy Officer MIO-ECSDE

18.00-20.00 Cultural event/activity

20.30 Dinner



13 APRIL 2022

2ND DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

Venue: Central Building of the University of Athens

10.00-10.05 ▶ **Welcome addresses & opening remarks**

- ▶ [Maria Gini](#), HELLENIC MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
- ▶ [Teresa Romeo](#), SZN/ISPRA
- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), MIO-ECSDE

## Session #4

10.05-11.30 ▶ **Synthesis of the Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter prevention and mitigation actions**  
 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on marine litter prevention and mitigation at: Platamuni MPA (Montenegro), Thermaikos Gulf Protected Areas (Greece), Landscape Park Strunjan & Debeli Rtic (Slovenia), National Marine Park of Zakynthos (Greece), Cabrera Archipelago Maritime-Terrestrial National Park (Spain)**

- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), MIO-ECSDE
- ▶ [Anastasia Charitou](#), iSea
- ▶ [Petra Skrinjar](#), LANDSCAPE PARK STRUNJAN PUBLIC INSTITUTE (SLOVENIA)
- ▶ [Konstantinos Moschopoulos](#), NATIONAL MARINE PARK OF ZAKYNTHOS (GREECE)
- ▶ [Maria Francesca Lopez](#), CABRERA ARCHIPELAGO MARITIME-TERRESTRIAL NATIONAL PARK (SPAIN)

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

## Session #5

11.45-13.30 ▶ **The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on marine litter prevention and mitigation at: Cabo de Gata-Níjar Natural Park (Spain), Miramare MPA (Italy), Ebro Delta National Park (Spain), Karaburun-Sazan MPA (Albania)**  
 ▶ **Priority actions to tackle marine litter in Mediterranean MPAs**  
 ▶ **Follow up actions: the ENI CBC Plastic Busters CAP**  
 ▶ **Concluding remarks & wrap up**

- ▶ [Ignasi Mateo](#), ARC-SCP/RAC
- ▶ [Gloria García Hoyo](#), CABO DE GATA-NÍJAR NATURAL PARK (SPAIN)
- ▶ [Carlo Franzosini](#), MIRAMARE MPA (ITALY)
- ▶ [Xavier Abril Ferrer](#), EBRO DELTA NATIONAL PARK (SPAIN)
- ▶ [Elvana Ramaj](#), MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT OF ALBANIA
- ▶ [Irene Morell Rodríguez](#), ENI CBC MED JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT
- ▶ [Thomais Vlachogianni](#), MIO-ECSDE
- ▶ [Cristina Fossi](#), UNISI

13.30-14.30 Lunch break