



5.055M €
project
budget

4.296M €
ERDF/IPA

48 months
project
duration

PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs

PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY
FROM PLASTICS IN MEDITERRANEAN
MARINE PROTECTED AREAS



Interreg 
Mediterranean

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THE ISSUE AT STAKE

The Mediterranean is one of the seas most affected by marine litter worldwide. The threats marine litter poses to wildlife and ecosystems are increasingly documented in scientific literature, with impacts varying from entanglement and ingestion, to bio-accumulation and bio-magnification of toxics released from plastics, to damages to benthic habitats and species.

The Barcelona Convention's Regional Plan for Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean and the European Union Marine Strategy Framework Directive have helped things advance in the right direction. Yet there is still a long way ahead towards implementing policy commitments and effectively reducing marine litter and the risks it poses to Mediterranean marine wildlife.

WHO WE ARE

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.

Meet our team and the Associated Partners:

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PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs ADDRESSES THE ENTIRE MANAGEMENT CYCLE OF MARINE LITTER



WHAT WE DO

Plastic Busters MPAs provides a comprehensive, multifaceted and coordinated approach to fight marine litter in Mediterranean pelagic and coastal marine protected areas towards healthy marine ecosystems.

WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

The ultimate goal of Plastic Busters MPAs is to enhance the protection of habitats and species in pelagic and coastal marine protected areas through targeted monitoring and assessment, prevention and mitigation actions. This is achieved through knowledge transfer acceleration, networking among and between MPAs, and synergies with European and Mediterranean governance processes.



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Plastic Busters MPAs is an Interreg Med funded project aiming to maintain biodiversity and preserve natural ecosystems in coastal marine protected areas by consolidating Mediterranean efforts against marine litter.

The project entails actions addressing the whole management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment, to prevention and mitigation.

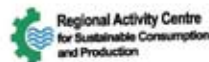
The project deploys the multidisciplinary strategy and common framework of action developed within the Plastic Busters initiative, led by the University of Siena and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. This initiative frames the priority actions needed to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean and was labelled under the Union for the Mediterranean in 2016, gathering the political support of 43 Euro-Mediterranean countries.

Project labelled by the UfM



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