

## PLASTIC BUSTERS CAP IN A NUTSHELL

The Mediterranean is one of the most affected seas by marine litter worldwide and urgent action is needed.

Plastic Busters CAP aims to facilitate decision-makers and stakeholders in effectively tackling the problem of marine litter by integrating the Ecosystem-Based Management Approach into Integrated Coastal Zone Management planning towards good environmental status.

The project will ensure a fruitful, constructive interaction among and between northern and southern Mediterranean partners and countries, towards effective capitalization and operationalization of state-of-the-art approaches for monitoring and mitigating marine litter. actions.

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.

### Plastic Busters CAP

Fostering knowledge transfer to tackle marine litter in the Med by integrating Ecosystem-Based Management Approach (EBA) into Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)

[www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/plastic-busters-cap](http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/plastic-busters-cap)



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Lead Beneficiary



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**FOR A LITTER FREE MEDITERRANEAN**



## GOAL

Plastic Busters CAP project capitalizes the results of relevant projects, enhancing and transferring knowledge, experience and best practice tools that address the entire management cycle of marine litter from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation, towards an integrated and strategic approach for local development planning - in order to support concrete actions to monitoring and mitigate Marine Litter on the science-policy-society in the entire Mediterranean basin. In the long-term, the project will contribute to enhancing ecosystem services via a reduced leakage of marine litter and marine plastic pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and reduced emissions of greenhouse gases by a wise use and sustainable disposal of plastics.



## BUDGET

**1.1 MILLION EURO**

Total budget

**0.9 MILLION EURO**

EU contribution

**10%**

Project co-financing



## DURATION

Start date - 13 November 2021

End date - 12 November 2023

## WHO WILL BENEFIT ?

- Regional authorities, municipalities & local authorities, including port authorities
- Coastal and marine industry (commercial fishing, shipping, aquaculture, coastal tourism)
- Waste management sector
- Industrial sector (including the plastics industry and their down-stream users in the supply chain)
- Environmental NGOs
- Educational community and citizens



## PARTNERSHIP

Plastic Busters CAP brings together partners from 7 countries of the Mediterranean region: **Egypt, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain and Tunisia.**

**University Of Siena**  
Department of Physical Sciences,  
Earth and Environment  
Italy

**Mediterranean Information Office**  
For Environment, Culture And Sustainable  
Development  
Greece

**Legambiente Onlus**  
Italy

**Higher Council for Scientific Research Institute**  
of Marine Sciences  
Spain

**El Ramis Society for Local Community**  
Development of Barrany  
Egypt

**National Institute of Marine Sciences and**  
Technologies - Department of Marine  
environment  
Tunisia

**Tyre Coast Nature Reserve**  
Lebanon

**The University of Jordan - Aqaba Branch.**  
Faculty of Basic and Marine Sciences,  
Department of Marine Biology  
Jordan



## ACTIVITIES

### Marine Litter Monitoring

- 4 national hands-on training activities on marine litter monitoring and assessment
- 1 e-course on marine litter monitoring and assessment
- 4 pilot marine litter monitoring and assessment campaigns
- 1 coastal cities network for a litter-free Mediterranean

### Marine Litter Mitigation

- 4 national hands-on training activities on marine litter prevention and mitigation measures
- 1 e-course on marine litter prevention and mitigation measures
- 4 demos showcasing marine litter prevention and mitigation measures
- 1 roadmap on marine litter policy priorities