



Final Hybrid Conference

Marine Litter: Causes, Impacts, and Solutions - Insights from Plastic Busters CAP

8 November 2023, Aqaba, Jordan & Siena, Italy

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Concept Note

THE PLASTIC BUSTERS CAP IN A NUTSHELL

The Plastic Busters CAP is an ENI CBC MED funded project aiming to facilitate decision-makers and stakeholders in effectively tackling the problem of marine litter by integrating EbM (Ecosystem-Based Management Approach) into ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management) planning towards good environmental status. The project entails actions that address the entire management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation actions. Plastic Busters CAP is a 24 month -long project, with a total budget of €1.109.976,27 million and is co-funded by the European Union under the ENI CBC MED Programme 2014- 2020. It brings together partners from 7 countries of the Mediterranean region, namely Egypt, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain and Tunisia.

The backbone of Plastic Busters CAP is the Interreg Med Plastic Busters MPAs; both projects deploy 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 Mediterranean. This initiative frames the priority actions needed to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean and was labelled under the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) in 2016, capturing the political support of 43 Euro-Mediterranean countries.

THE AIM OF THE PLASTIC BUSTERS CAP FINAL HYBRID CONFERENCE

The conference will feature and fully exploit the knowledge, know-how, experience and lessons learned obtained by the implementation of the Plastic Busters CAP and the Plastic Busters Initiative demonstration and replication actions addressing the entire management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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In Jordanian time (GMT+3)

GMT+1 (CET time): Italy, Spain, Tunisia

GMT+ 2 (EET): Egypt, Lebanon, Greece

GMT + 3 (EST): Jordan

8 November	
TIME	CONTENT & SPEAKERS
10.30- 11.00	Registration & welcoming coffee
11.00- 11.30	Session I: Welcome addresses & opening remarks <i>Rector of the University of Jordan-Aqaba</i> <i>Rector of the University of Siena</i> <i>Alessandra Sensi, Head of Sector for Environment, Green and Blue Economy Union for Mediterranean</i> <i>Michael Scoullou, Chairman of MIO-ECSDE/Team Leader of WES</i>
11.30- 12.00	Session II: Setting the scene. Overview of the ENI CBC framework <i>Representative of the JTS</i> The Plastic Busters Initiative in a nutshell <i>Maria Cristina Fossi, UNISI</i> Q & A <i>Session moderator: Fuad Al-Horani, University of Jordan-Aqaba</i>
12:00- 12.30	Coffee break
12.30-14.00	Session III: Advancing research and knowledge to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean - the Plastic Busters showcase The Plastic Busters marine litter monitoring results and findings: an overview <i>Maria Cristina Fossi, UNISI</i>

	<p>The Plastic Busters CAP marine litter research results and findings in Egypt <i>Essam Nada, El Ramis Society for Local Community Development of Barrany</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP marine litter research results and findings in Jordan <i>Tariq Al-Najjar, University of Jordan-Aqaba</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP marine litter research results and findings in Lebanon <i>Ali Badreddine, TCNR</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP marine litter research results and findings in Tunisia <i>Sana Ben Ismail, INSTM</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP marine litter research results and findings: a comparative analysis <i>Dario Giani, UNISI</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP participatory science campaign on marine litter: results and findings <i>Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE</i></p> <p>Q & A <i>Session moderator: Maria Cristina Fossi, UNISI</i></p>
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00- 16.30	<p>Session IV: Thinking globally & acting locally: sharing local experiences on how to curb marine litter</p> <p>The Plastic Busters prevention and mitigation actions: an overview <i>Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP local experiences on marine litter mitigation in Egypt <i>Essam Nada, El Ramis Society for Local Community Development of Barrany</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP local experiences on marine litter mitigation in Jordan <i>Fuad Al-Horani, University of Jordan-Aqaba</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP local experiences on marine litter mitigation in Lebanon <i>Ali Badreddine, TCNR</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP local experiences on marine litter mitigation in Tunisia <i>Sana Ben Ismail, INSTM</i></p> <p>The Plastic Busters CAP awareness raising campaign <i>LEGAMBIENTE</i></p> <p><i>Session moderator: Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE</i></p>

16.30- 17.00	Coffee break
17.00- 17.30	<p>Session V: Working together at all levels to combat marine litter The WES “Mediterranean Champions of plastic pollution prevention” initiative <i>Anastasia Roniotes, WES/MIO-ECSDE</i></p> <p>The Green Economy Initiative and the role of ASEZA in confronting the plastic pollution in the Gulf of Aqaba <i>Hutaf Yaseen, ASEZA</i></p> <p>Green Fins: Standards for protecting the Marine Environment <i>Dominik Wyszogrodzki, Green Fins-GIZ & Thelma Redwan, Green Fins, ASEZA</i> <i>Session moderator: Fuad Al-Horani, University of Jordan</i></p>
17.30 – 17.45	<p>Session VI: Outlook, perspectives & closing remarks <i>Fuad Al-Horani, University of Jordan-Aqaba</i> <i>Cristina Fossi, UNISI</i> <i>Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE</i> <i>All participants</i></p>



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