

Healthy Mediterranean Sea - Unlocking the potential of Ports and Harbours in preventing and reducing the effects of Marine Litter

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CLAIM project: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO REDEFINE THE WAYS IN WHICH WE TACKLE MARINE LITTER

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blue**med** Research and Innovation
for blue jobs and growth
in the Mediterranean Area

CLAIM: 2 Seas, 16 Countries, 21 partners, 48+6 months



Sea litter / plastic pollution: A growing problem



Project Information



CLAIM

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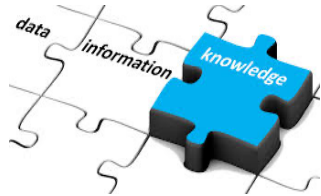
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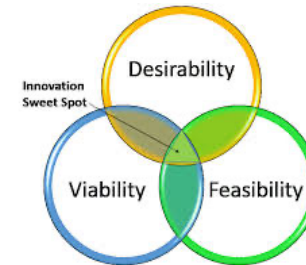
Advance our knowledge on the current status of marine plastic pollution



Fostering ecosystems: interventions to tackle marine litter issues and produce impact on human well being



Provide innovative technologies to reduce the amount and impact of plastic pollution



Economic feasibility, social acceptance, institutional framework enabling



Set the basis for **operational forecasting** of the impacts of marine plastic litter pollution

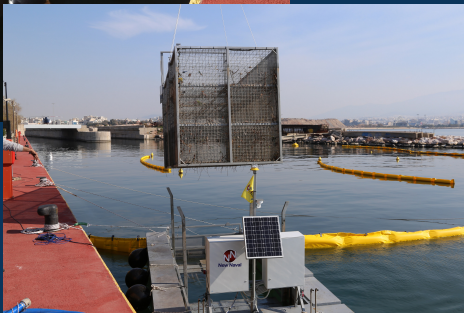
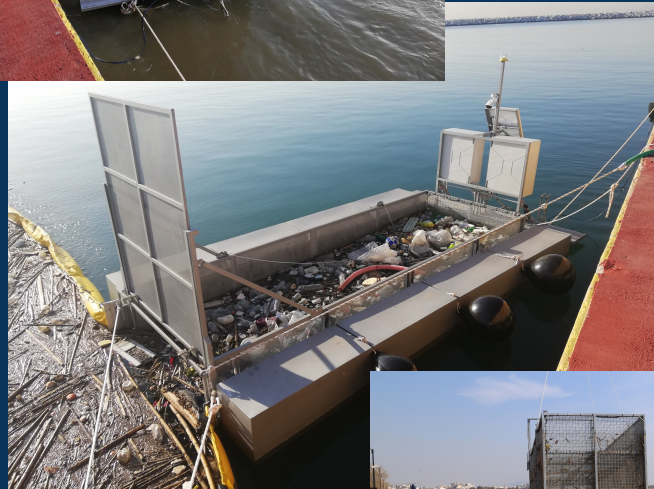


Change policy and public perceptions and **provide advice** for management decision making

CLEAN TRASH SYSTEM



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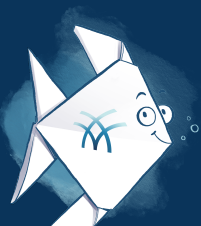
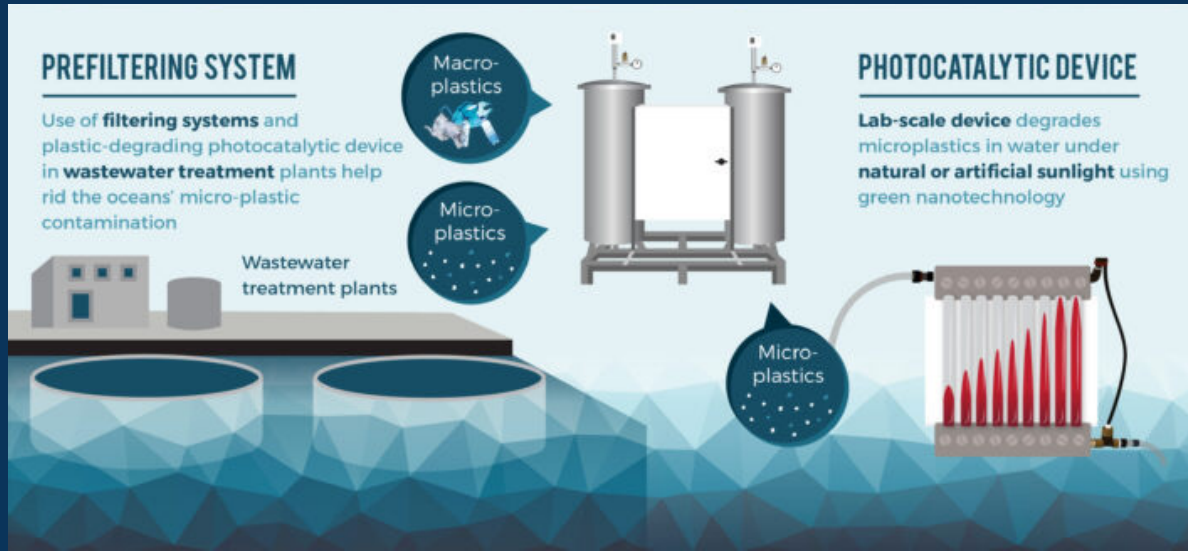


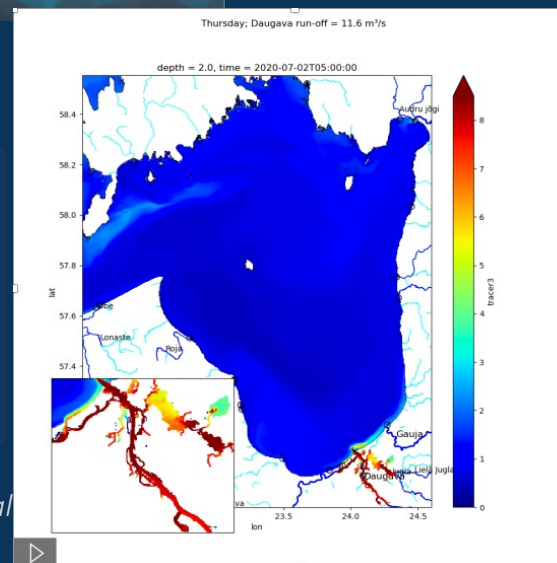
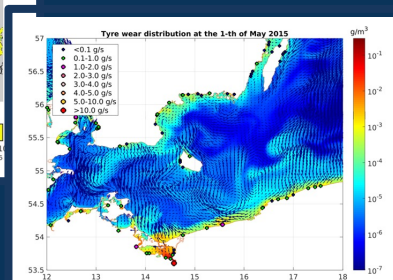
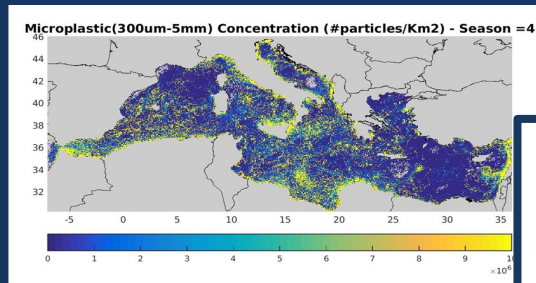
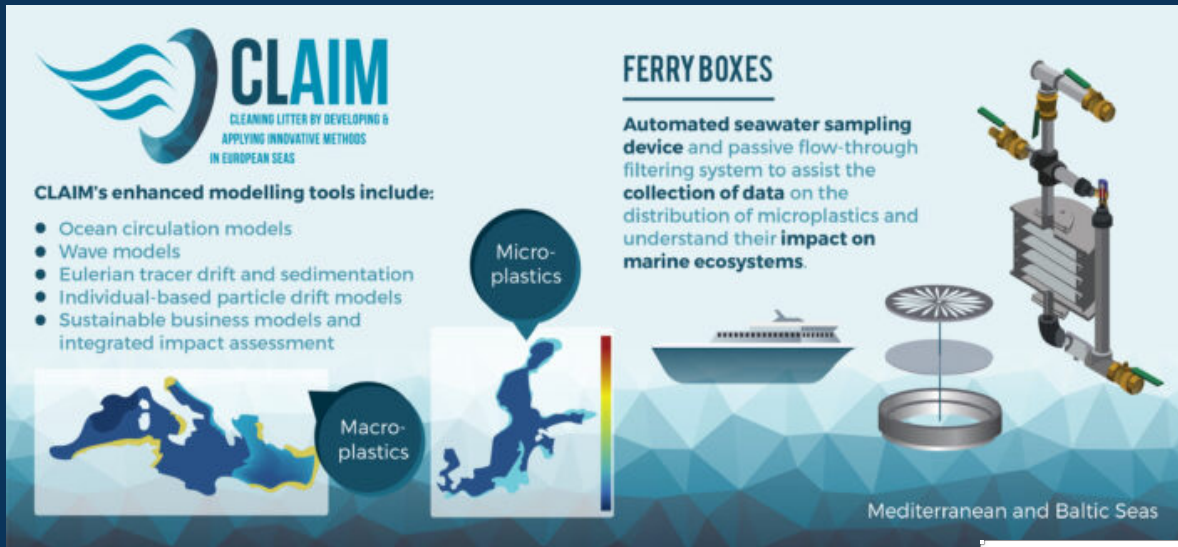
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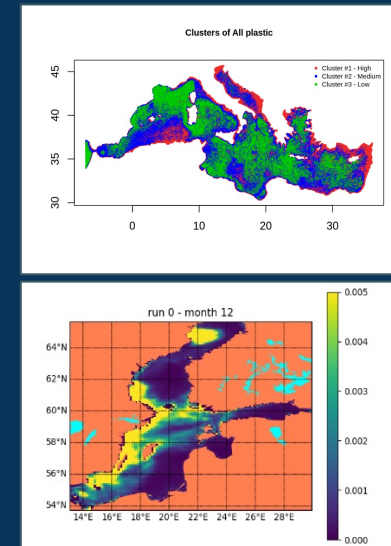
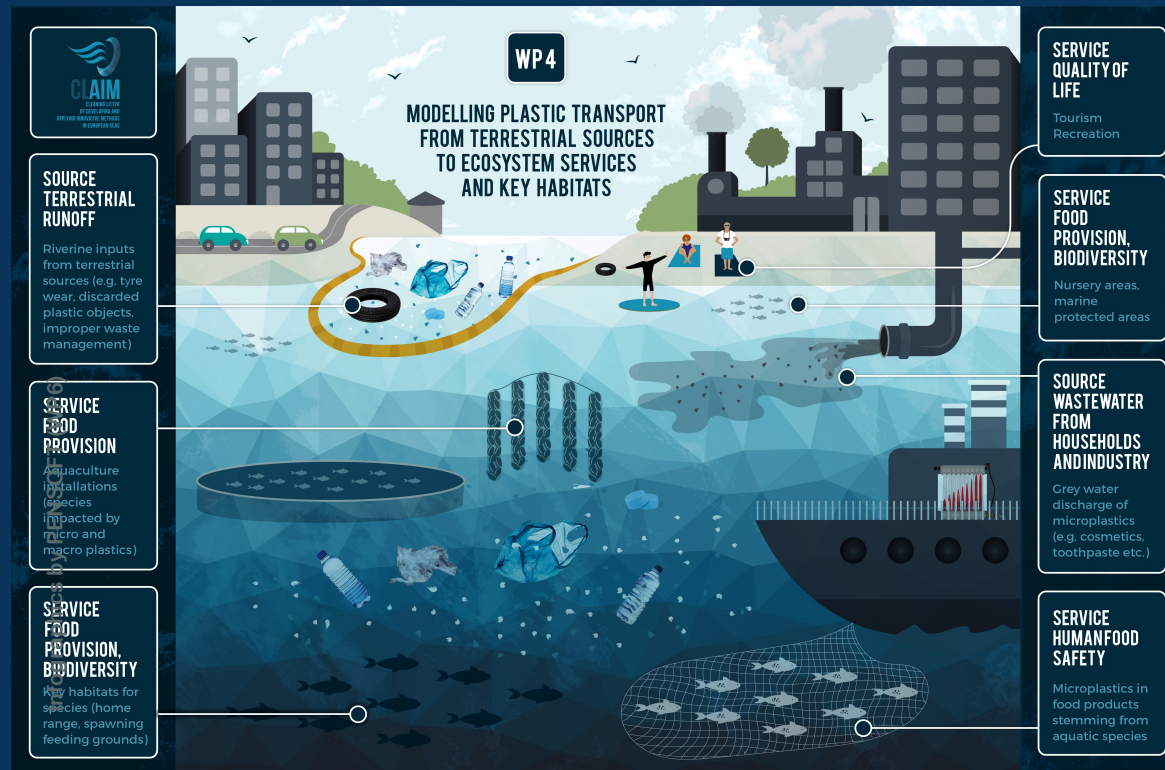
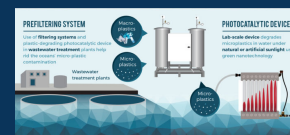
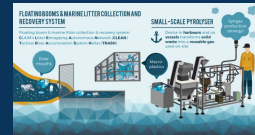
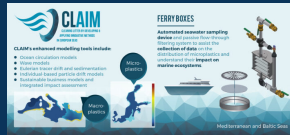
Waste Water Service FRANCE

PHOTOCATALYTIC DEVICE  KTH SWEDEN  LU LEBANON  SWEDEN

SAMPLES ANALYSIS  DTU DENMARK  CNR-IAS ITALY

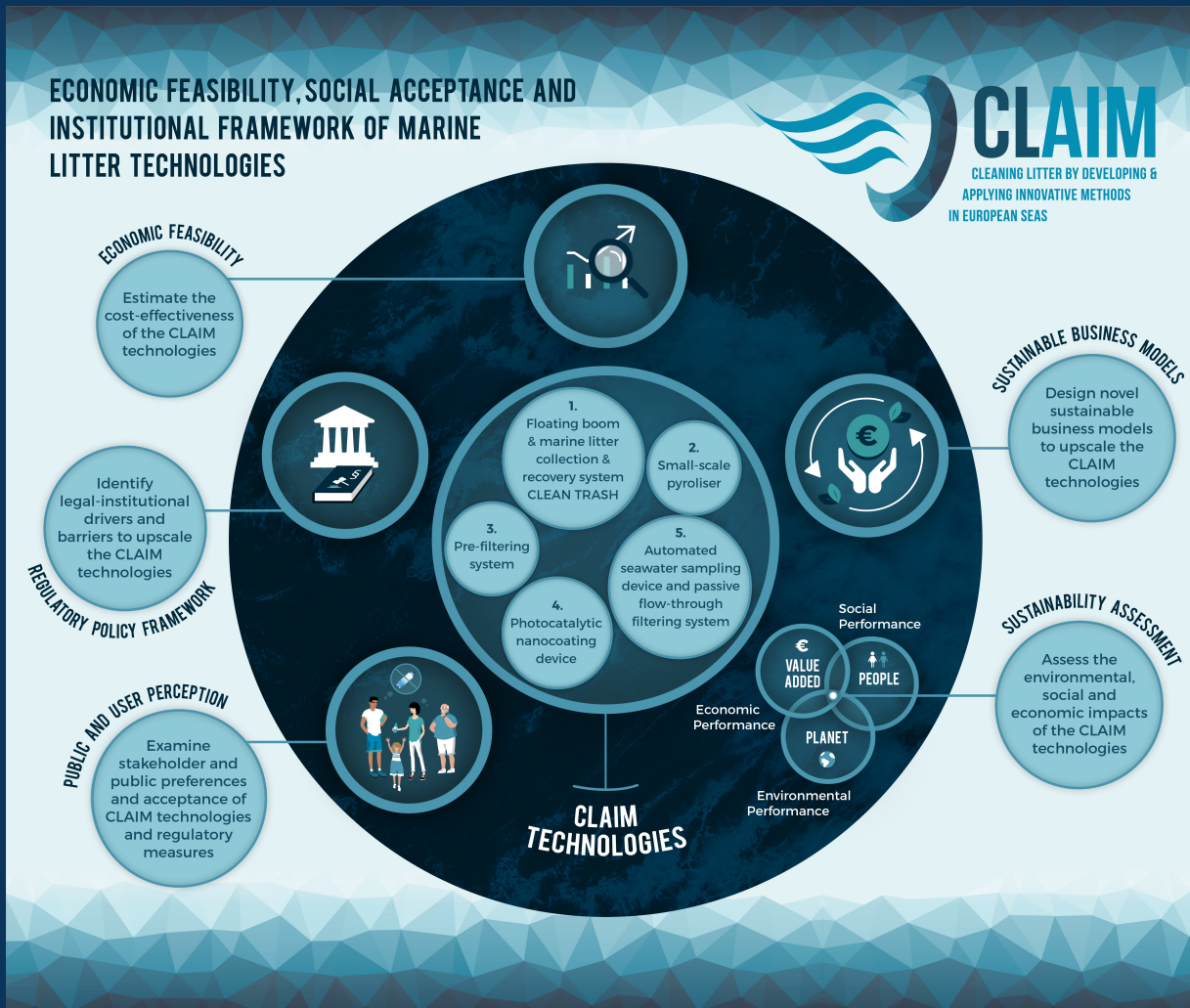






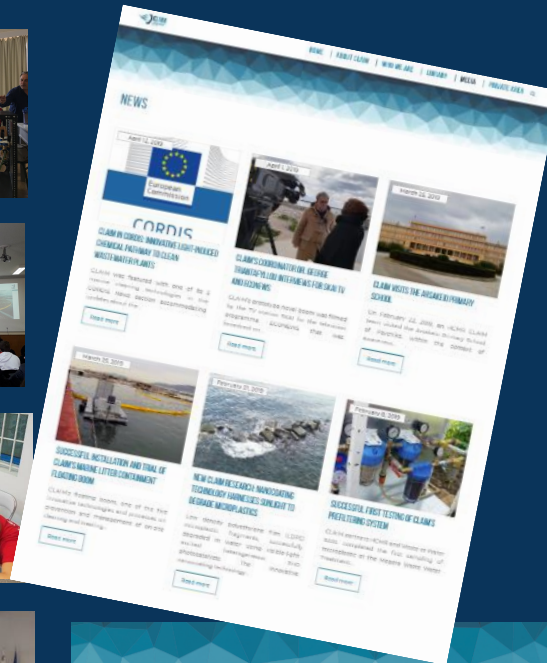
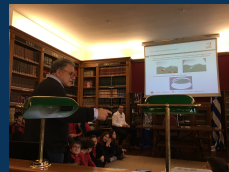
Maps of potential impacts of macro/ micro plastics on ecosystem services

Distributions overlapped with areas of high ecological and commercial importance, thereby identify services under threat from micro and macro plastics

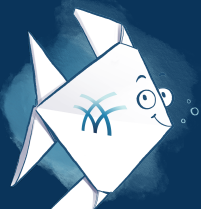


Recommendations

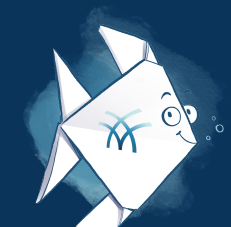
- Enhance coordinated efforts to reduce MPL by regional sea conventions and by Directorate Generals
- Stimulate public engagement and responsibility
- Develop and deploy education programs to increase public understanding
- Strengthen extended producer responsibility



- CLAIM peer-review publications 17 + 9 in special issue in Frontiers
- Events, Stakeholder workshops, Conferences (BlueMed, UfM, OPL, Microplastics Pollution, Ocean Plastic Pollution, ...)
- Local events (Schools, Reseracher's nights,...)
- TV and Radio interviews
- Attracting venture capital (Blue Invest Forum)
- Policy Briefs
- Press releases
- CLAIM website (updated constantly)



- Non-standard methods were available to sample and analyse microplastics when initiated the project. Nowadays there is progress and more homogeneous procedures (e.g., GESAMP). Need to be adopted.
- COVID-19 restrictions delayed implementation of devices and sampling/validation (limit access to labs, embarkation, work in sensitive areas-WWTPs, stakeholder surveys). Extension of the program is required to achieve all the objectives. Unforeseen until now, need to adopt measures.
- Shortage of data sets for initialization and validation of models (to describe the dynamics and pathways of MPL in the Med). Used all available data from rivers and WWTPs, surveys for data sampling in case study areas. Need for more surveys.
Improvement: New models for macro and microplastics have been developed taking into account ecosystem processes that affect microplastics, like biofouling and degradation.
Next step: Numerical modelling of microplastics embedded in fish and mussels.
- General knowledge about plastics / recyclability is rather low. Views on who is responsible to reduce and manage MPL vary significantly. Legislation should be updated. Prevention and management should be clear.





CLAIM contribution

Useful tools developed to address the impacts on key economy drivers in the Med;

Dynamic models that allow identification of hotspot areas and how they may affect ecosystem services (fisheries, aquaculture, coastal tourism, Marine Protected Areas)

Attracting Venture Capital



Joint collaboration (HCMR + NNL) to promote the CLEAN TRASH system

Take home message

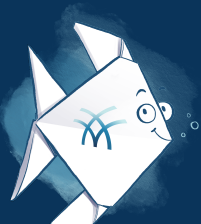


Prevent MPL at its source (Rivers, WWTPs)

New policy targets – legislation

Use technological & governance solutions, distinct for macro & micro plastic litter (MPL)

Create platforms for active engagement of key public and private sector stakeholders



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QUESTIONS?



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