

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

BlueMed Pilot Workshop

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Enhancement of the management of sea-based generated marine litter, in the Mediterranean



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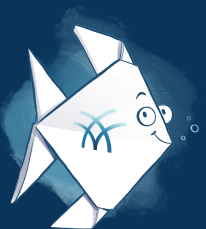
Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response
Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)

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Global and Regional Plans

- Synergies between the **Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean** and the **IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships** explored:
 - EU-Funded Marine Litter Med I & II Project (UNEP/MAP and REMPEC)
 - GloLitter Partnerships Project
- Workshop on the **G7 Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter** in Synergy with the **Regional Seas Conventions**



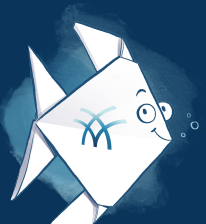
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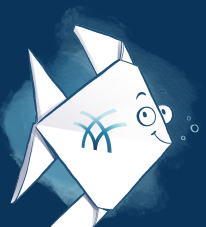
Study and Guidelines

- **Study** on existing **best practices** for the application of charges at **reasonable costs and of the No-Special-Fee system** for the use of port reception facilities,
- **Operational Guidelines on the provision of reception facilities in ports and the delivery of ship-generated wastes** in the Mediterranean, adopted by COP21
- Guidance Document to determine **the application of charges at reasonable costs** for the use of port reception facilities or, when applicable, application of the **No-Special-Fee system**, in the Mediterranean, adopted by COP21



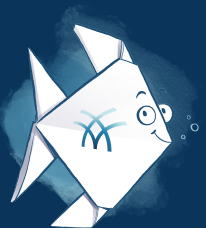
Field visit, pilots and meetings

- **Field visit** by Port Authority representatives of the Port of Antwerp,
- **14 Pilots** and **8 National Meetings:**
 - Albania
 - Algeria
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Libya
 - Montenegro
 - Morocco
 - Slovenia
 - Tunisia

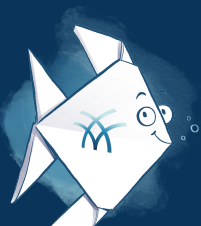


What next

- Follow-up : **EU-Funded Marine Litter Med II Project:**
 - Scale up and expand the implementation of pilot implementation of selected marine litter reduction and prevention measures at national and local level.
 - targeted diagnosis prepared for the selected ports and marinas
 - Waste Reception and Handling Plans (WRHP)
- Operationalisation of Synergies between the **Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean** and the **IMO Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships**



Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)



Pollution

CSO1

Prevent, prepare for, and respond to operational, illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships

Climate change

CSO2

Promote and support the development and implementation of innovative global solutions to mitigate and respond to climate change

Air emission

CSO3

Reduce and monitor air emissions from ships to a level that is not harmful to the marine environment, or the health of the coastal population of the Mediterranean

Plastic/Marine litter

CSO4

Prevent and reduce litter (in particular plastic) entering the marine environment from ships, in order to limit the environmental, health, and socio-economic impact of marine litter in the Mediterranean

Non-indigenous species

CSO5

Eliminate the introduction of non-indigenous species by shipping activities

Special areas

CSO6

Achieve a well-managed safe and pollution free Mediterranean, with integrated marine spatial planning and designation of special areas, where shipping activity has a limited impact upon the marine environment

Emerging issues

CSO7

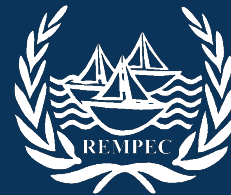
Identify and understand collectively emerging issues related to pollution from ships in the Mediterranean, and define required actions to address issues identified



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