



## SCP/RAC: Marine Litter activities

# PLASTIC BUSTERS PROJECT: POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AND ASSOCIATED PARTNERS/PROJECTS

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# Regional Activity Center for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC)

- Body of UNEP/MAP (Mediterranean Action Plan) under the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean sea and its coastal region.
- Serves 21 riparian countries with FPs in every country.
- Also a Regional Center for capacity building of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

## **SCP/RAC Mandate**

“To promote sustainable patterns of consumption and production and sound chemicals management in the Mediterranean countries”

# Marine litter and the Waste Management Hierarchy

The basis of the Prevention measures of the Regional Plan on ML relies on the application of the waste management hierarchy, both from **legislation for the management of urban solid waste** -including fiscal and economic measures to prevent generation-, and for ***making the producers responsible for the entire life-cycle of the product (EPR) as well***, in order to encourage companies to design products less harmful for the environment, with long durability for reuse, apt for recycling and materials reduction in toxicity and weight.



# Marine litter and the Waste Management Hierarchy

The EPR requires the implementation of a combination of measures such as:

- ❖ **Regulatory instruments**, e.g. eco-design requirements for products, bans for harmful substances (health and environment) and foster toxic chemicals substitution initiatives.
- ❖ **Economic instruments**: e.g. facilitating finance, including microfinance for sustainable products; charges on products (e.g. plastic packaging and bags); tax/fee differentiation according to environmental performance of products.
- ❖ **Communication instruments**: e.g. eco-label programmes for products and services; guidelines on sustainable product design; consumer campaigns, guidelines for green purchasing
- ❖ **Capacity building for concerned stakeholders**: training programmes on eco-design and eco-innovation for businesses, universities and financial agents
- ❖ **Voluntary/Procedural instruments**: e.g. sectoral agreements and sustainability awards; environmental agreements with retailers; knowledge centers on sustainable product design; public-private partnerships and voluntary industry commitments on green corporate procurement.

# SCP/RAC' s participation in ML projects

{last stage of approval process}



- **EU-UNEP MARINE LITTER-MED Project** : Support Southern Mediterranean countries to implement the Marine Litter Regional Plan endorsed by the Barcelona Convention, ensuring complementarities with
  - UNEP/MAP Medium Term Strategies 2016-2021,
  - Union for the Mediterranean(UfM) H2020 Initiative,
  - EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) ,
  - ML and ecosystem approach (ECAP)related regional and national ongoing projects.
  - The EU SWITCHMED project

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- **ACT4LITTER** (EU INTERREG MEDITERRANEAN Programme). Design measures to preserve natural ecosystems from ML in the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).



## EU-UNEP/MAP project on ML

(project pending offinal approval)

(SCP component only) Non-single use of plastic bags and promotion of EPR

The objective is to promote at national level **the banning of the single-use plastic bags, and the reduction of plastics production and use in packaging and other main uses** (for sectors and services affecting/generating ML) **by:**

- Raising awareness of EPR measures to address prevention of ML to national, regional and local govs.
- To provide technical support to producers to introduce eco-design and eco-innovation.

## **EU-UNEP/MAP project on ML:**

### **Activities (SCP component only)**

- To undertake an assessment of national regulatory frameworks in some countries and **develop where appropriate the required legal and regulatory framework to introduce the non-single use of plastic bags and EPR for plastic bags**
- To organize **national meetings to raise awareness on prevention of ML and the need to promote EPR** with regards to plastic and microplastic production and consumption as well as circular economy
- To organize a **regional/subregional workshop to share best practices addressing EPR and non-single use of plastic bags** based on Mediterranean experiences
- Specific **Guidelines and training material to prevent the generation of plastics and wastes ending up as ML.**

## EU-UNEP/MAP Project on ML: Synergies (SCP component only)

- The activity would contribute to promote in the Mediterranean countries the links and complementarities between the EU **Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)** and the **EC Circular Economy Package**.
- The activity will be disseminated through the **SwitchMed Programme website (switchmed.eu)** , which includes the SCP action network with more than 1,000 members and multi-stakeholders events like the **SwitchMed connect**, bringing together about 400 stakeholders from Mediterranean countries.



# ACT4LITTER

(project pending of approval)

Type of project: Studying

ERDF contribution €509,572.00

National contributions €89,924.47

5 operative partners and 22 associated partners

10 countries (France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Montenegro, Slovenia, Albania, Tunisia)

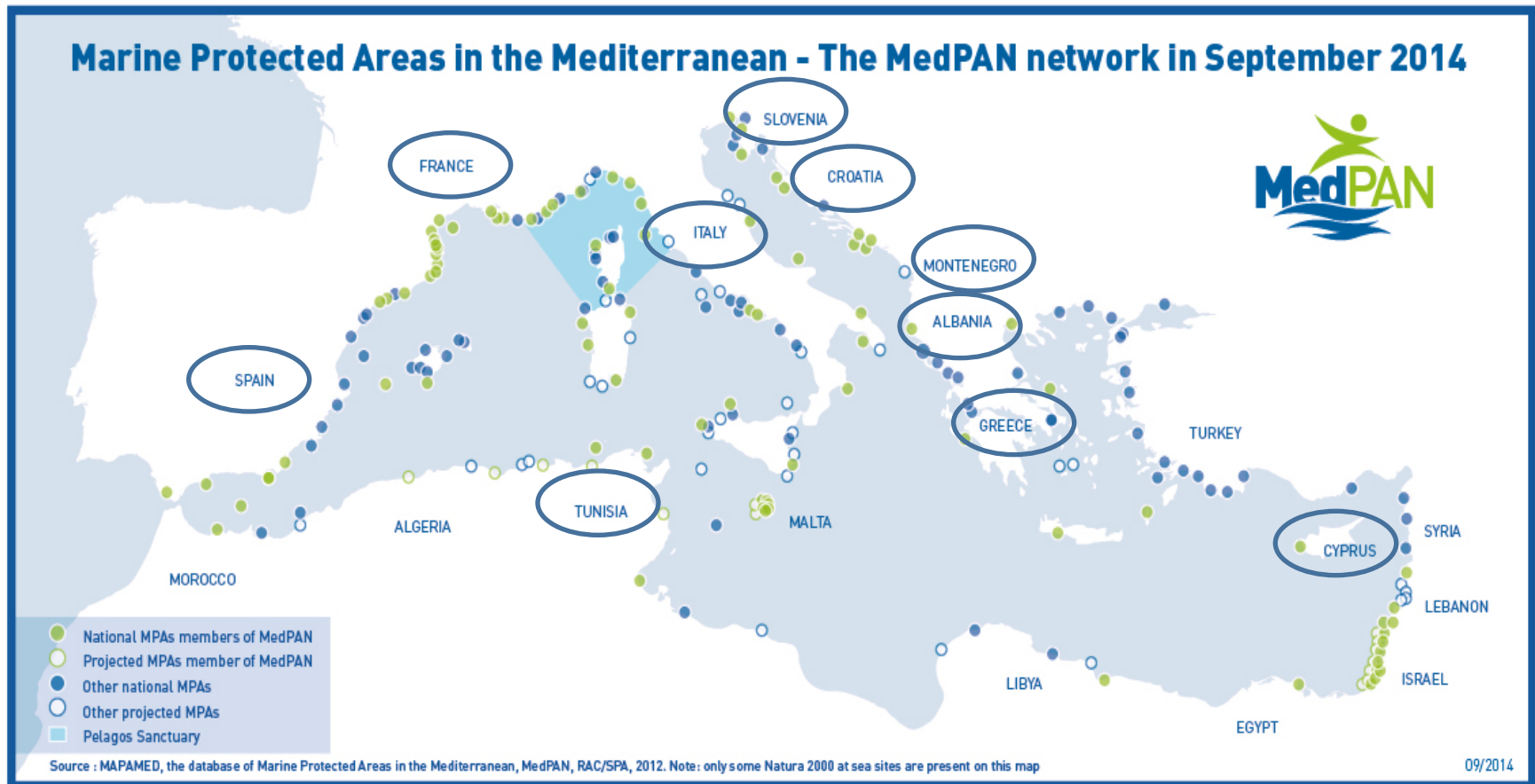
- Ministries, regions and municipalities
- Regional development agencies
- MPA management bodies
- Universities and expert organisations

Duration: 18 months 2016-2017

## Operative Partners:

# ACT4LITTER: Objectives

- ✓ Identification of **potential measures** to address the problem of **marine litter** in **MPAs**, a **Joint Governance plan** and **MPA-specific Action Plans** to address the problem of Marine Litter in the Mediterranean MPAs



*(participating countries circled)*

# ACT4LITTER : Main activities

- ✓ Development of a methodology for the feasibility assessment of the identified measures
- ✓ Feasibility assessment of the measures identified
- ✓ Design of action plans for different levels of decision and MPA related stakeholders
- ✓ Associated partners' forum
- ✓ Networking actions and events

**Grazie mille per la sua attenzione !**

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