

BIO PLASTICS EUROPE

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2nd HISCAP VIRTUAL MEETING

“Best practices for sustainable plastic waste management in Mediterranean countries”

15th December 2020

11.00-13.00 CET

Because of its short lifespan and improper management at end-of-life, packaging are those applications that most contribute to the problem of marine plastic pollution. In particular, the results figured out by six of beach clean-ups around the world show that out of almost 14 million items collected, five of the ten most 49 found items are plastic packaging. Among them, the single-use plastic packaging accounts for 50% of the marine litter. Their presence has been found in Mediterranean Sea as well: catch-sampling schemes reveal an average microplastic concentration of 147.500 particles/km². It follows that preventing the use of plastic materials and the reduction of plastic waste become a crucial point to address the problem of marine pollution. This event presents the efforts done by historic cities bordering the Mediterranean Sea that, in one hand, want to preserve the tourism and the economy of the sea and, on another, desire to minimize urban littering and unconventional practices. Best practices from BLUEMED initiative, MEDFreeSUP and CleanSeaLife projects will be shared with participants.

The event is part of the NETWORK OF HISTORIC CITIES AGAINST PLASTIC WASTE



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PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speaker
11.00-11.15	Network of Historic Cities against Plastic Waste (HISCAP)	Jelena Barbir (Hamburg University of Applied Science)
11.15-11.30	Circular economy as key strategy to sustainably manage plastic waste in Europe	Prof. Alessandra Bonoli (University of Bologna)
11.30-11.45	The commitment of the Mediterranean countries towards marine plastic pollution	Prof. Alberto Bellini (BlueMed Initiative)
11.45-12.00	Clean Sea Life Fishing For Litter: addressing a crucial gap in the legislation and promoting the implementation of a powerful tool in the fight against marine litter.	Simona Clò (MedSharks)
12.00-12.15	Sustainable plastic waste management in the Greek island as replicable example for the historic cities	Xenia Tombrou (International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy)
12.15-12.30	Zlarin island (Croatia) local community engagement in reducing single-use plastics in foodservice operators and cafes	Paula Damaška (University of Zagreb)
12.30-13.00	Panel discussion "Scenarios for improving plastic waste management and reducing marine littering in Mediterranean cities"	All presenters

Moderator: Prof. dr. Alessandra Bonoli