

## PLASTIC BUSTERS MPAs CAPITALIZATION EVENT

### Consolidating the collective fight against marine litter in Mediterranean MPAs

17 June 2021

#### THE AIM

The Plastic Busters capitalization event aims to showcase the Plastic Busters MPAs advances and achievements addressing the entire management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation. The event will bring forward the recent policy and scientific advances with regards to marine litter in the region and will provide an opportunity for creating synergies and fostering exchanges among stakeholders active on the science-policy-society interface.

#### THE TARGET AUDIENCE

- ▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs associated partners
- ▶ Other interested parties

#### THE PROGRAMME

TIME (CET)	CONTENT	NAME
11.00-11.05	<b>Welcome addresses &amp; opening remarks</b>	MIO-ECSDE & SCP/RAC & Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia & INTERREG Med JS
11.05-11.30	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ EU policy advances on marine litter</li> <li>▶ Barcelona Convention policy advances on marine litter</li> <li>▶ UfM policy advances on marine litter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Georg Hanke, JRC, MSFD TGML</li> <li>▶ UNEP/MAP representative</li> <li>▶ A. Sensi, UfM</li> </ul>
11.30-12.30	<b>The Plastic Busters MPAs results &amp; achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter monitoring and assessment results</li> <li>▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs marine litter mitigation demos</li> <li>▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on monitoring</li> <li>▶ The Plastic Busters MPAs local experiences on mitigation actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cristina Fossi, UNISI</li> <li>▶ Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE</li> <li>▶ Xaris Dimitriadis, National Marine Park of Zakynthos (Greece)</li> <li>▶ iSea, Thermaikos Gulf Protected Areas (Greece)</li> <li>▶ Strunjan Landscape Park (Slovenia)</li> </ul>
12.30-13.10	<b>Creating synergies &amp; fostering exchanges among the Plastic Busters MPAs APs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The WES project</li> <li>▶ The COMMON project</li> <li>▶ Interactive session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Anis Ismail, WES</li> <li>▶ COMMON representative</li> </ul>
13.10-13.15	<b>Wrap up and closure</b>	MIO-ECSDE & SCP/RAC & Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia