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Beneficiaries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey

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Aim of the Workshop:

Wider Objective: is to provide advice and guidance so as to strengthen national capacities of EPPA countries for effectively addressing the large number of implementation challenges regarding preventive, mitigating and remedial measures regarding marine litter. These will be explained in the context of achieving circular economy in synergy with the process of reaching the objectives of Single Use Plastic Strategy (SUP), Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), Water Framework Directive (WFD), and the 2020 international goals of the Barcelona Convention for Biological Diversity.

Specific Objectives:

- To examine the content and implications in terms of national strategic documents of the requirements of implementing EU Directives, such as the SUP and MSFD
- To present and discuss various tools – such as new policy instruments and action plans - required for implementing the EU directives and strategies and Circular Economy Action Plan
- To present the latest developments connected with the EC Green Deal
- To be better informed about the latest marine litter funded projects relevant for Adriatic and Ionic Seas
- To present and discuss a set of proposed recommendations by participants welcoming regional actions and cooperation in tackling marine litter and transboundary management of the Adriatic and Ionic Sea.
- To brainstorm any national obstacles (involvement and commitment, data and methodologies, coordination and cooperation, capacity building needs) towards the implementation of the EC policies, strategies and directives
- To discuss the needs of the countries and possible options of support through the activities of EPPA project, including training needs

- Facilitate dialogue among the countries on specific concepts, initiatives and regional actions that are needed to ensure transboundary cooperation.

EU MS Speakers:

- Mr. Gheorghe **Constantin**, Director, Water Resources Management Directorate, Romanian Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests
- Dr. Manca **Kovac Virsek**, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
- Dr. Vangelis **Papathanassiou**, former Director at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece
- Ms. Anita **Pokrovac Patekar**, Environmental Expert, State Inspectorate, Republic of Croatia, Central Office Zagreb'
- Ms. Lidija **Runko Luttenberger**, Associate Professor, School of Polytechnics at University of Rijeka

Other Speakers

- Mr. Mustafa **Aydin**, Expert, European Environment Agency
- Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**, EPPA Team Leader
- Mr. Dusan **Dobricic**, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbia
- Ms. Manduha **Gojani**, Ministry of Economics and Environment, Kosovo
- Ms. Sabina **Hadziahmetovic**, Hydro Engineering Institute Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Igor **Jovanovic**, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro
- Ms. Ana **Karanfilova Maznevsk**a, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia
- Ms. Mariana **Mata Lara**, Project Manager and Ocean Advocate Geonardo Environmental Technologies Ltd.
- Ms. Özlem **Özer**, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkey
- Mr. Michail **Papadoyannakis**, Senior Expert, Marine Environment & Water Industry Unit, EC DG Environment
- Dr. Mihaela **Popovici**, EPPA Coordinator, Water Management Working Group
- Ms. Gordana **Spegar**, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbia
- Mr. Wim **Van Breusegem**, EPPA Senior Non Key Expert, Brussels, Belgium
- Ms. Nazlı **Yenal**, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkey

Day 1: Tuesday, 29 September 2020

Chair: Dr. Mihaela **Popovici**

08:30 – 09:00	Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants' issues 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:20	OPENING REMARKS Mr. Mihail Dimovski
09:20 – 09:40	Introduction of the participants Introduction of the workshop Introduction of EPPA tasks regarding the assistance on Marine litter, EU Circular Economy Action Plan, and outcome of the previous workshop (Split, 2019) Dr. Mihaela Popovici
09:40 – 10:00	UPDATES EUROPEAN COMMISSION Intervention on marine litter Mr. Michail Papadoyannakis
10:00 – 10:25	Marine Litter Thematic Assessment Report Mr. Mustafa Aydin
	SETTING THE SCENE
10:25– 10:50	Key components of an integrated waste management system Mr. Wim Van Breusegem 5-10 min Q&A
	<i>5 min break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	ISSUES FACED ON MARINE LITTER, PLANNED EFFORTS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVES IN THE EPPA COUNTRIES Representatives of EPPA countries: See based countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sabina Hadziahmetovic: status of alignment with Single Use Plastic Directive in Bosnia and Herzegovina • Mr. Igor Jovanovic: status of alignment with Single Use Plastic Directive in Montenegro • Ms. Özlem Özer: Summary of issues regarding marine litter management in Turkey • Ms. Nazlı Yenal : Status of Single Use Plastic Directive application in Turkey
11:30 – 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:00	TACKLING MARINE LITTER AND PLASTIC POLLUTION - MS EXPERIENCES 1) Croatian recent developments on Marine Litter and Single Use Plastic issues, and examples of cooperation with the neighbouring Mediterranean countries in the region Ms. Anita Pokrovac Patekar

12:00 – 12:20	2) Marine litter and Single Use Plastic Directive - Current developments, best practices in Danube Black Sea Region Mr. Gheorghe Constantin 5-10 min Q&A
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break at home office</i>
13:30 – 13:50	3) Marine litter and inappropriate waste management solutions Ms. Lidija Runko Luttenberger 5-10 min Q&A
14:00 – 14:20	4) MSFD implementation on marine litters in Slovenia Dr. Manca Kovac Virsek 5-10 min Q&A
14:20 – 14:40	5) The Impact of Marine Litter in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Mediterranean Sea Mr. Vangelis Papathanassiou
14:40 – 14:50	Summary of day 1 Ms. Mihaela Popovici
15:00	End of Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 30 September 2020

Chair: Dr. Mihaela **Popovici**

08:30 – 09:00	Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants' issues 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:05	Introduction Day 2 Ms. Mihaela Popovici
09:05 – 09:25	AQUA- LIT Project: Working with the Aquaculture sector to improve Marine Litter management". Ms. Mariana Mata Lara
09:25 – 09:45	Coordinated approach for tackling sources of litter that cause specific problems in MPAs. Recommendations based on Greece experience Mr. Vangelis Papathanassiou 5-10 min Q&A
<i>5 min break</i>	
10:00 – 10:20	Raising Awareness in Combating Marine Litter: existing policies, including the Extended Producer Responsibility provisions of the recent Single Use Plastics Directive Mr. Wim Van Breusegem 5-10 min Q&A
<i>5 min break</i>	
10:35 – 11:00	REGIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVES IN THE EPPA COUNTRIES Landlocked countries : planned initiatives for regional cooperation as a Q&A session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of Kosovo: Ms. Manduha Gojani, Ministry of Economics and Environment • Representative of North Macedonia: Ana Karanfilova Maznevska, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning • Representative Serbia: Ms. Gordana Spegar and Mr. Dusan Dobricic, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
11:00– 11:20	Transposition and alignment with Marine Strategy Framework Directive in new MS - Republic of Croatia Ms. Anita Pokrovac Patekar 5-10 min Q&A
11:30– 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 12:20	Challenges and Opportunities for SUP Directive implementation in Romania Mr. Gheorghe Constantin
12:20 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break at home office</i>
13:00 - 13:05	Introduction afternoon session Ms. Mihaela Popovici

13:05 - 13:20	Exceptional value of Adriatic karst Ms. Lidija Runko Luttenberger
13:20 – 13:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
13:30 – 14:00	The Way Forward - Conclusions and recommendations for actions and regional cooperation Mr. Mihail Dimovski Ms. Mihaela Popovici All participants
14:00 - 14:30	Closing remarks Mr. Mihail Dimovski
14:30	End of the workshop

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