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Regional Workshop on Managing Marine Litter

– Sources, policy responses and cost of actions of minimizing the level of plastics and microplastics in the marine and coastal area –

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Online

Beneficiaries:

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

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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of the workshop is to provide advice so as to strengthen the national capacities of EPPA beneficiaries to effectively address the major challenges relating to the increasing amounts of litter accumulating in the marine environment and to reduce land-based sources of pollution. Guidance on preventing and reducing the level of microplastics in the marine area, in the context of achieving circular economy, and in line with the objectives of the Single Use Plastic Strategy (SUP), the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), the Water Framework Directive (WFD), and the international goals of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, will also be provided.

The EU EPPA Project assistance will continue to provide support in addressing the urgent environmental needs in the EU enlargement context according to the 2020 Enlargement Package and the annual assessment of the implementation of fundamental reforms.

EU MS Speakers:

- Mr. Gheorghe **Constantin**, Director Ministry for Environment, Water and Forests, Romania and Romanian Water and Marine Director
- Ms. Anita Pokrovac **Patekar**, Senior environmental protection inspector, Sector for international cooperation, State inspectorate, Republic of Croatia.
- Dr. Cecilia **Silvestri**, Researcher at the Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), Italy

Local Speakers:

- Mr. Admir **Aladžuz**, Environment Department at Hydro-Engineering Institute Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Ms. Hacer Selamoglu **Çaglayan**, Expert, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Laboratory, Measurement and Monitoring Department, Turkey
 - Ms Sabina **Hadziahmetovic**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Hydrotechnics, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Ms. Klodiana **Marika**, Director Department of Development Programmes on Environment, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania
 - Ms. Ana **Mazneva**, Head of the waste department, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Republic of North Macedonia
 - Ms. Özlem **Özer**, Expert, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Marine and Coastal Management Department, Turkey
 - Mr. Zoran **Stojanovic**, Head of National Laboratory Department, EPA Serbian (SEPA)
 - Ms. Asli **Topalak**, Expert, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Marine and Coastal Management Department, Turkey
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- Dr. Tanay Sidki **Uyar**, Professor, Turkey

Other Speakers:

- Mr. Pedro Fernandez **Bautista**, Project Manager, UNEP/MAP SCP/RAC
- Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**, EPPA Team Leader
- Ms. Tatjana **Hema**, Deputy Coordinator, UNEP/MAP
- Ms. Marina **Markovic**, Expert, UNEP/MAP MED POL
- Dr. Vangelis **Papathanassiou**, former Director at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece
- Dr. Mihaela **Popovici**, EPPA Coordinator, Water Management Working Group

Legislation to be covered

EU Water policies and legislation, i.e the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), Water Framework Directive (WFD), European Green Deal, EU Green Deal for Western Balkans, the Single Use Plastic Directive, the EU Plastic Strategy, the Circular Economy Action Plan, Barcelona Convention and its Protocols, and the relevant transposed national legislation in the EPPA beneficiary countries.

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Day 1: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Chair: 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 Ms. Veronica Manfredi , Director Quality of Life Directorate, DG ENV, European Commission Mr. Lawrence Meredith , Director Neighbourhood East and Institution Building DG NEAR, European Commission
09:20 – 09:30	Introduction - EPPA tasks regarding the assistance on Marine litter (Activity 3.2) and Micro-plastics (Activity 3.5) Dr. Mihaela Popovici
09:30 – 10:10	KEY UNEP/MAP PRESENTATIONS UNEP/MAP response for a litter-free Mediterranean Ms. Tatjana Hema Assessing the costs and benefits of marine litter management measures in the Mediterranean Ms. Marina Markovic
10:10 – 11:10	KNOWLEDGE-SHARING Impact of Marine Litter in the Mediterranean Sea: Can actions and projects change the policy options and society thinking? Dr. Vangelis Papathanassiou Aiming for a coherent approach in the MSFD enforcement in Croatia Ms. Anita Pokrovac Patekar International, regional and national actions in dealing with marine litter pollution-Romanian perspective Mr. Gheorghe Constantin
	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
	<i>5 min break</i>
11:20 – 12:20	ISSUES FACED ON MARINE LITTER, PLANNED EFFORTS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVES IN THE EPPA COUNTRIES Marine litter management in Albania Ms. Klodiana Marika MSFD and Regional Sea Conventions-relevant projects on marine litter in Turkey Ms. Asli Topalak “Zero waste blue” and marine litter management in Turkey Ms. Özlem Özer Prevention and control of macrolitter pollution in Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Admir Aladžuz Integrated marine pollution monitoring program of Turkey Ms. Hacer Selamoglu Çağlayan Pollution coming from land base sources – Turkey approach Dr. Tanay Sıdkı Uyar
12:20 – 12:30	Summary and end of day 1 Ms. Mihaela Popovici

Day 2: Thursday, 17 June 2021

Chair: Ms. Mihaela **Popovici**

08:30 – 09:00	Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants' issues 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction Day 2 Task 3.5 Microplastic – Addendum Ms. Mihaela Popovici
09:10 – 09:30	KEY UNEP/MAP PRESENTATION Prevention of plastic litter and microplastics in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro: showcase of policies and actions Mr. Pedro Fernandez Bautista
09:30 – 10:00	ISSUES FACED ON MICRO PLASTICS, PLANNED EFFORTS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVES IN THE EPPA COUNTRIES Pollution with microplastic in North Macedonia Ms. Ana Mazneva Prevention and control of microplastics pollution in Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Admir Aladžuz SEPA findings of DTP620-Tid(y)Up Interreg Danube Transnational Project dealing with micro and macro plastics, Serbia Mr. Zoran Stojanovic Microplastic Pollution in Seafood – Turkey approach Dr. Tanay Sıdkı Uyar
	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
	<i>5 min break</i>
10:20 – 11:30	CONTINUING KNOWLEDGE-SHARING Pollution with microplastic an emerging issue for the implementation of the MSFD in Italy Ms. Cecilia Silvestri Connecting inspection activities with policy to support reduction of pollution with plastics and microplastics in Croatia Ms. Anita Pokrovac Patekar Pollution with plastics and microplastic an emerging issue for the implementation of the WFD and MSFD - Romanian approach Mr. Gheorghe Constantin

11:30 – 12:00	<p>The Way Forward Conclusions and recommendations for actions and regional cooperation</p> <p>New Activity/Action 3.5: Delivering knowledge-based solutions, environmental practices, and capacity building to reduce land-based sources of pollution and prevent the increase and minimize the level of microplastics in the marine area</p> <p>Outline of the Report regarding the identification of possible measures and best available techniques and environmental practices to prevent the increase and minimize the level of microplastics in the marine areas</p> <p>Mr. Mihail Dimovski Ms. Mihaela Popovici</p>
12:00 - 12:10	<p>Closing remarks Ms. Madalina Ivanica</p>
12:10	<p>End of the workshop</p>

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