



WES-BCA

Water and Environment Support -
Biodiversity and Climate Action
in the Neighbourhood South region

WES-BCA Regional Activity C1_REG-4

**Regional Webinar on the Mediterranean
monitoring and reporting programs for marine
litter prevention and mitigation**

3 February 2026

09:00-14:00 CET online



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Introduction to the WES-BCA project and activity overview

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WES-BCA in a snapshot



- WES-BCA aims to improve the protection of the environment, the restoration of biodiversity and the management of scarce water resources, while enhancing the resilience to climate change in the Mediterranean region, strengthening the formulation and enforcement of the relevant policies of the Partner Countries and the two regional political frameworks, namely the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the Barcelona Convention.
- It strives to enhance the capacity of relevant stakeholders in order to support them in formulating and or implementing policies in the issues mentioned above.
- It is meant to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve public understanding, stimulating behavioural changes needed for appropriate climate action and environmental protection.
- WES-BCA is the continuation of the WES project (2019-2024) and also capitalises on the experience of previous successful EU funded regional projects (SWIM-Horizon2020 SM, SWIM SM; Horizon 2020 CB/MEP).

WES-BCA Identity



Partner Countries: 8 Countries in North Africa and the Middle East



Duration: November 2024 - November 2027



Budget: 7.000.000 Euros



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WES-BCA Consortium



LDK CONSULTANTS S.A. (Leader)



Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)



Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+)



Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari)

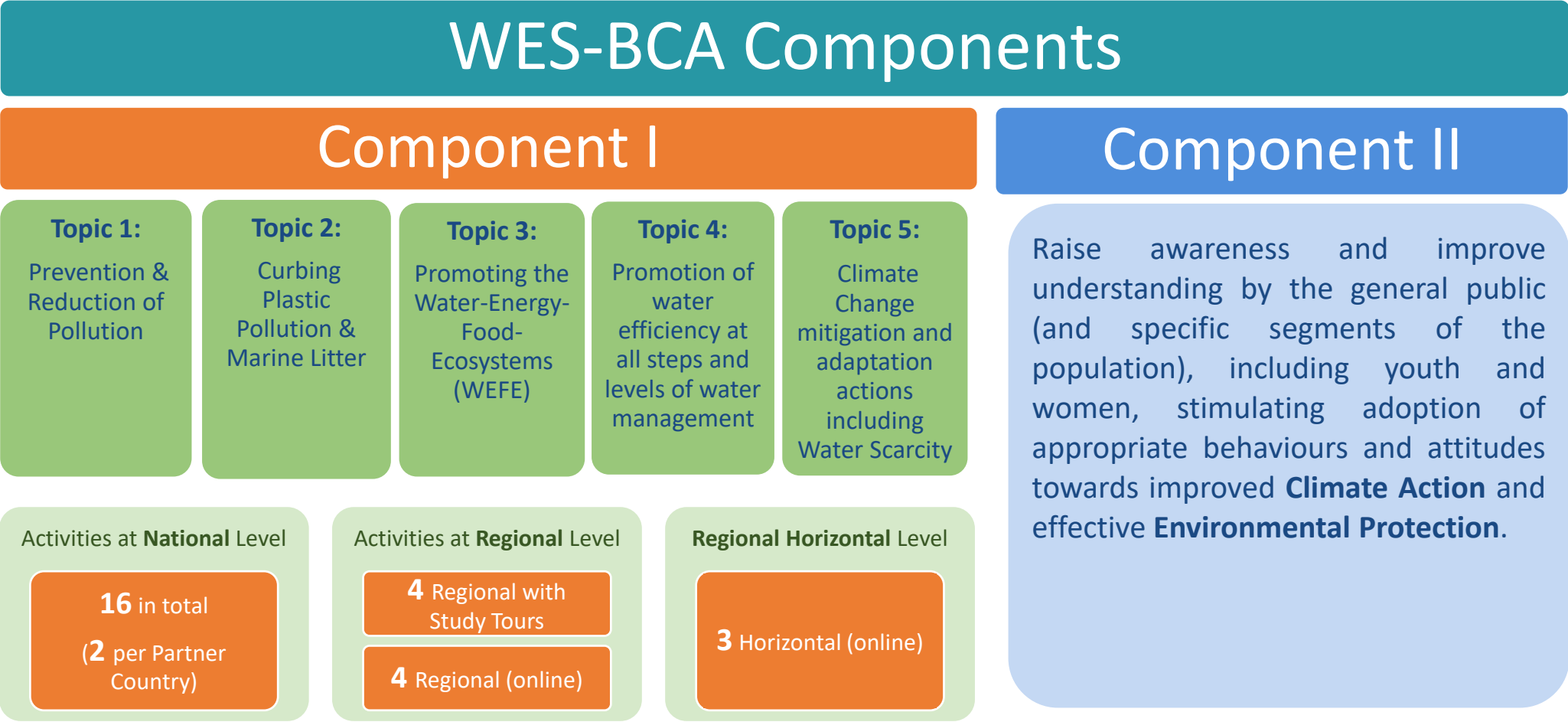


Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)



MedWaves, the Regional Activity Centre of UNEP/MAP for Sustainable Consumption and Production

WES-BCA Components and Outputs



Workplan for activities under Topics 1 and 2

Regional and Horizontal Activities



Country	Code	Topic	Activity	Tentative timeline
Regional (online)	C1_REG-1	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Strengthening regional regulatory frameworks for plastics and Circular Economy alignment	Apr 2026
Regional (Study tour)	C1_REG/ST-2	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Regional event on advancing Green, Blue, and Circular Economies in the Mediterranean through multi-sector collaboration (Sustainable Tourism)	Nov 2026
Regional (Study tour)	C1_REG/ST-3	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Fostering regional collaboration and circular economy solutions to address land-based plastic pollution and marine litter in the mediterranean: policy guidance on tackling riverine plastic pollution.	Apr 2027
Regional (online)	C1_REG-4	Topic 2: Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter	Contribution to the Mediterranean monitoring and reporting programs for marine litter prevention and mitigation	Dec 2025 April 2026
Horizontal (online)	C1_HOR-3	Topic 5: Climate Change mitigation and adaptation actions	Support for WES-BCA PCs in preparing their 7th National Biodiversity Reports under the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)	Dec 2025 to Feb 2026

Objectives of the WES-BCA regional activity on monitoring and reporting for marine litter prevention and mitigation (C1-REG 4)



Support Mediterranean Partner Countries in enhancing the implementation of marine litter monitoring and reporting Programmes and to contribute to more effective reporting and mitigation measures aligned with the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management under the Barcelona Convention.

Specific Objectives:

- Promote the wide uptake and implementation of the marine litter monitoring methodologies (for all marine matrixes) that have been adopted by the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention;
- Facilitate, through the webinar, regional exchange of national experiences, case studies, and best practices related to marine litter monitoring and reporting as well as on mitigation strategies;
- Support the implementation of regional and national marine litter monitoring and reporting programmes, enhancing informed decision-making and policy development.

Activity processing

1. Kick-off Meeting

12 November 2025

Online

- Introduce the activity to national focal points and country representatives, and present the proposed workplan and methodology.
- Discuss logistical arrangements and identify key stakeholders.
- Agree on the timing and format of the regional webinar.

2. Preparation of a Background Document / Concept Note

- Presents practical recommendations, templates, examples, and case studies for marine litter monitoring and reporting in the region within the Barcelona Convention context.
- Aligns national efforts with regional reporting and contributes to the Regional Assessment Report.

3. Organization of the Webinar

3 February 2026

Online

- Brings together key Mediterranean stakeholders to exchange knowledge, showcase initiatives, and share experiences on regional and national marine litter monitoring and reporting.
- Supports effective prevention and management and alignment with the Barcelona Convention's IMAP.

4. Preparation of the Assessment Report on Marine Litter Monitoring and reporting

- Provides an updated overview of marine litter monitoring and reporting, including country profiles.
- Incorporates action-oriented recommendations to strengthen implementation, coordination, and capacity-building.
- Outlines potential areas for regional cooperation, serving as a strategic reference to guide decision-making.

Stakeholders' Engagement

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important impacts

Target group

- National focal points for marine litter and pollution prevention from Ministries of Environment and other relevant departments.
- Regional organisations and national FPs (e.g. UfM, UNEP/MAP, MEDPOL, SPARAC, INFORAC, WB, etc.)
- Representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs), NGOs, and youth networks
- Academia and research institutions.
- Local and coastal authorities involved in waste and beach management
- Media and environmental communicators

Representatives from the region and from each country have been jointly identified with the WES-BCA Focal Points and partners.



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