

# Marine Litter Management

## SMALL SCALE FUNDING AGREEMENT

### Context

The Small Scale Funding Agreement between UN Environment Programme and Urban Research Institute is part of the Cooperation Agreement between UNEP/MAP 2016-2021 and the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea. It sets out a pilot project on marine litter management in Albania, which serves the implementation of the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, developed under the LBS Protocol of the Barcelona Convention. Albania is one of the Adriatic Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Regional Action Plan.

### Purpose and objective of the project

The **overall objective** of this project is to achieve a good environmental status of the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts by the enhancement of marine litter management through:

- preventing marine litter generation;
- reducing to the minimum marine litter pollution in the Mediterranean and its impacts;
- removing to the extent possible already existent marine litter;
- managing marine litter in the Mediterranean in accordance with accepted international and regional



standards and approaches.

### Beneficiaries of the project

Main beneficiary of the project is Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

### Activities

The following activities are part of the project:

- Promote “Adopt a beach” measure, clean-up activities, data collection and assessment for waste collected in two beaches:
  - Delta of Buna River and Cape of Rodon
- Preparation of a state of play analysis of the national regulatory framework on the non-single use of plastics.
- Improve the collection and recycling of plastic PET bottles.
- Enhance local and national capacities and raise awareness of stakeholder on the impact of marine litter in the coastal zone.

### Sustainability

The project will have a direct impact on raising awareness among national and local authorities as well as citizens about the impact that have marine litter on the

coastal zone. The project will also help improve waste management of plastic packaging and will propose efficient alternatives for capturing plastic material especially focused on PET bottles.

### MAIN FACTS

#### PARTNERS

- United Nations Environment Programme
- Ministry of Tourism and Environment

#### DURATION

- May 2018 - June 2019

#### COLLABORATORS

- EcoVolis
- Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- Municipalities of Shkodra and Durrës

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### About URI

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