

## Activity: WES N-E-MO-2

Training workshop on marine litter monitoring & mitigation

## Overview of the WES activities on plastic pollution and circular economy in the Mediterranean

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# WES objectives



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WES aims at protecting the environment and improving the management of scarce water resources in the Mediterranean.



It strives to address the country needs for creating the enabling environment and enhancing the capacities of stakeholders in the Partner Countries (PCs) to tackle problems related to pollution prevention and water use efficiency.





# WES at a glance



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



**Duration :** May 2019 – November 2024



**Budget:** 9.5 Million Euros



**Activities:** Technical Assistance, Capacity Building, Enhancement of Enabling conditions



# The policy framework for WES marine litter and plastics related actions



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EU Green Deal

New Agenda for the Mediterranean

Marine Strategy Framework Directive

EU Strategy for Plastics in the Circular Economy

Single-Use Plastics Directive

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UfM Ministerial Meetings on Environment and Climate Action

The UfM's 2030 GreenerMed Agenda

UfM Blue Economy Ministerial process

*WES linked to Axis 1 and 2: Green and Circular Economy/ Pollution Prevention, Management, Removal*



COPs and 2-year Programmes of Work (PoW)

Ecosystem Approach & IMAP

Regional Plan for Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean (revised)

International legally binding instrument on plastic pollution

*Direct contribution of WES to e.g. the Regional Guidelines on measures to phase out Single-Use Plastic items*





## Component 1: Pollution prevention topics

- Reduce plastic pollution and marine litter
- Promotion of mechanisms, tools and conditions for the transition to a circular economy
- Prevent and reduce Pollution reaching the Mediterranean from specific industrial sectors
- Support for the implementation of integrated environmental management

### Specific activities on the reduction of plastic pollution:

- Successful approaches on **EPR**
- Policy guidance to **ban plastic polymers** that disrupt the sorting and recycling of plastics
- Separate **collection and plastic waste recycling based on good practices**
- Regulatory and technical measures for the **reduction and gradual elimination of SUPs**
- **Public awareness campaigns**



# Overview of the activities on **Marine Litter Monitoring** in **ALGERIA** and **MOROCCO**



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Macrolitter surveys on the **sea surface & the seafloor**

Assessment of the **amounts, types, composition and sources** of marine litter

Identification of management options to feed into a **marine litter action plan**

Capacity building for targeted professionals and for **informed decision-makers on how to properly monitor marine macrolitter** (particularly SUPs) (and also microlitter) and **on operationalizing best practice marine litter measures**

**June 2024:** National 2-day workshops contributing to the operationalization of marine litter measures addressing the whole management cycle from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation.



Synergy ensured with the UfM-labelled and other EU funded projects: Plastic Busters, TouMaLi, Med4Waste, Med WEFE Nexus S2S approach...

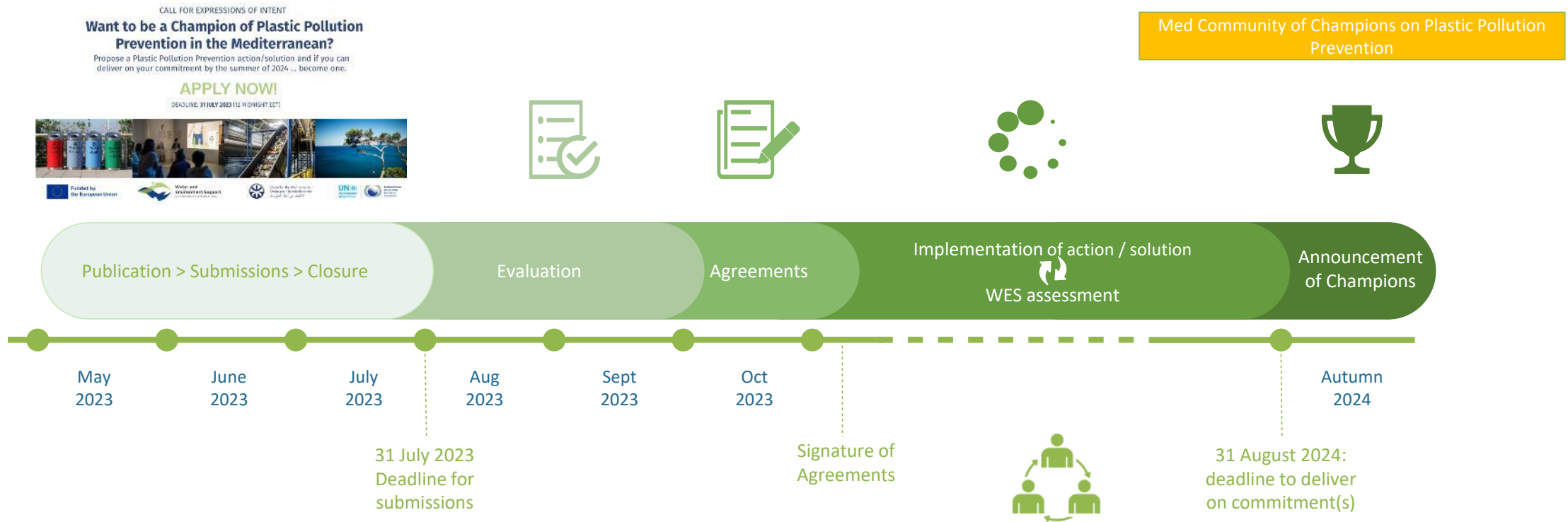


# “Champions of Plastic Pollution Prevention in the Mediterranean”



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## THE TIMELINE: FROM APPLICANT, TO CANDIDATE, TO CHAMPION



109 applications

87 eligible

50+ Cooperation Agreements to date



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## The geographic distribution:

- **MENA countries:** 42 agreements (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia)
- **Other initiatives implemented in the Mediterranean Basin:** 8 agreements (Albania, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Turkey)

## The thematic areas:

- **Governance related:** 3
- **Innovative product/method/technology:** 18
- **Improved waste collection:** 16
- **Education and public awareness:** 10
- **Mobilization of synergies between different stakeholders:** 3





# Relevant WES videos on youtube



The WES video “Construction and demolition waste”



The WES video on “Circular Economy”



The WES video on “plastic pollution and single use plastics”

<https://www.wes-med.eu/library/videos/>

# WES Social Pages



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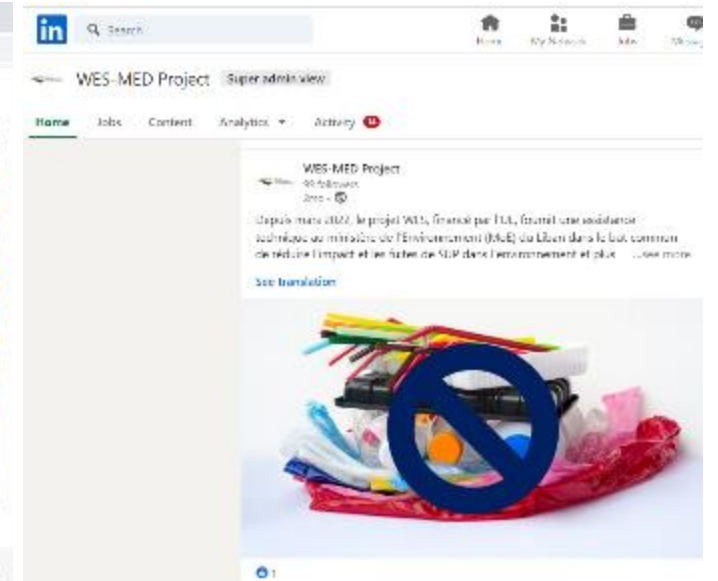
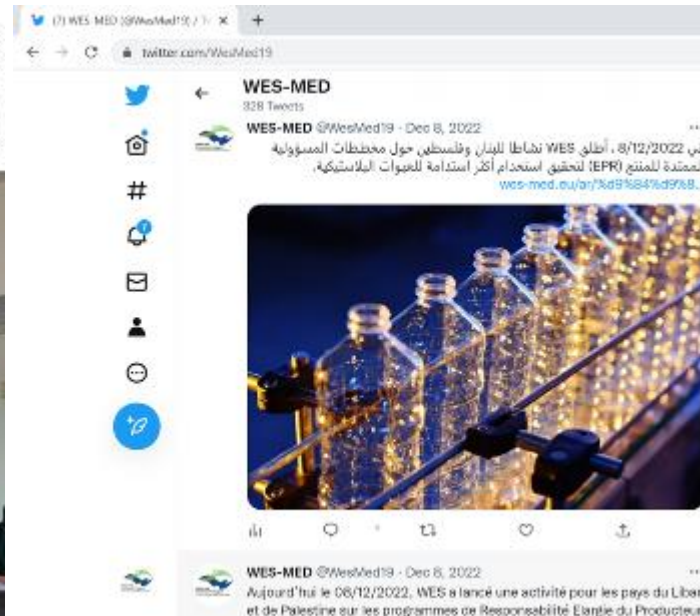
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