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Seville 18 - 20 May



**2021
2030** United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

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AQUARIUM OF SEVILLE - AUDITORIUM



20/05/2022



10:00-13:00

DESCRIPTION

Almost three-quarters of the world's population live within 50 km of the sea, originating multiple stressors that often have a high impact on coastal zones. One result is that relatively reduced area of the world's coastline remains ecologically pristine. The Ocean Cities Network programme endorsed by the Ocean Decade of the COI-UNESCO, proposes an open discussion on how to promote a healthy interaction between coastal communities and the coastal ocean. The round table focuses on the health Ocean Cities Network axe promoting the one global health approach underlining the interdependence of human health with the good state of the blue planet. The session addresses the need of a coordination for the future global agreement approved at the UNEA 5.2, the legally binding instrument toward the reduction of marine litter pollution by means of policy, science and knowledge transfer. The open discussion goes deep into the potentialities and challenges of the future global agreement by the perspective of cities. Therefore, the workshop would like to set up recommendations for coastal areas and cities, considering the predominant inland origin of marine litter, reaching the global agreement for the 2024. This conclusion will be presented at the UN Ocean Conference of Lisbon, June 2022.

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PROGRAMME

(See the available presentations of this session by clicking on the presentation title)

10:00 - 10:05 h - Opening of the session.

Vanessa Sarah Salvo - ICM CSIC - Posidonia Green Project

10:05 - 10:15 h - Ocean Cities towards 2030 sustainable cities

Josep Lluís Pelegrí - Director ICM-CSIC

10:15 - 10:25 h - End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument (meaning and future steps)

Andrés del Castillo - CIEL Senior Attorney for CIEL's Environmental Health Program

10:25 - 10:35 h - From the global to Regional: considerations for the Mediterranean scale

Magali Outters - Policy Area Team Leader. MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP

10:35 - 10:45 h - UNEA Resolution the industry perspective

Juan Ruiz - Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager. Plastics Europe

11:45 a 11:10 h - Q&A

11:10 - 11:35 h - Coffee

SPEAKERS

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11:35 - 11:40h - Opening section

Vanessa Sarah Salvo - Institutional & International Relations and Knowledge Transfer Unit ICM
CSIC – Scientific director Posidonia Green Project

11:40-11:50 h - The Mediterranean cities actions

Josep Canals Molina - General Secretary Medcities

11:50- 12:20h - Showcase Best practices and cases of study in the Mediterranean cities; finding solutions against marine litter

Anna Llopart-Mascaró Bassols - Barcelona Cicle de l'Aigua - Barcelona Local Council
Stefania Gorbi - Marche Polytechnic University (IT) – Ancona Local Council (IT)
Jelka Tepšić - Deputy Mayor City of Dubrovnik

12:20-12:55 h - Discussion about potential final document

12:55- 13:00h - Wrap-up

SPEAKERS

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Meeting objective - Expected output

Manifesto recommendations-oriented aligned with the legally binding agreement about the end of plastic approved at UNEA by the ocean cities perspective “Ocean Cities towards the Global Treaty on Plastic”

PROCESS:

1. 1^o draft will be discussed in the Marlice Forum with participants to the workshop
2. 2^o version of the draft set up after Marlice (online consensus meeting) due date 29th of May first meeting of the Intergovernmental committee
3. revision and feedback from the OC-NET members and the Medcities members
4. 3^o draft will be presented in the side event of Spain member state at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon (27/06-1/07)
5. “Ocean Cities towards the Global Treaty on Plastic” manifesto debate with experts of the Ocean Clean Goal of the Ocean Decade.

Main questions

Local authorities are an essential bridge between international institutions, national governments, communities and citizens. Research is crucial to support the decision-makers in the current critical Decade to achieve the 2030 goals.

- How could all sectors contribute to the global treaty process?
- In your experience, what are the top 3 barriers and opportunities you experienced in the dialogue between international and local governance?

Short list of the main topics discussed

Considering the main questions prepared for the open discussion the points considered in the discussion were:

- The participations of stakeholders is crucial to a inclusive and exhaustive global treaty
- The inclusion of the local administration is important as key players in the waste management
- The relation with plastic production and pollution and climate change should be included in the manifesto proposed
- The research community and local councils asking for underline prevention more than curative actions at the end of the value chain.
- A showcase of best practices and experiences of different administrations and of industry in the Mediterranean were shared



Conclusions

The session consisted of several talks with experts about the programme Ocean cities, the meaning of the Ocean Decade as knowledge generator promotor to find solution in the current environmental crisis, and about the international lobbying and the role of the different stakeholders in the United Nations decision and global policy. During the forum the need of global vision with an effective local implementation was underlined identifying the coastal cities as laboratories of innovation in which the synergies should converge to identify solutions. Concerning issue that should be included in the potential global agreement to promote an effective change in the use of plastic tacking marine litter the follow main points were established:

- reinforcing all actions related with prevention,
- strengthen the link between climate change and plastic to promote measures capable to act against these two critical issue
- considering a regulatory flexibility to allow a pregressive adaptation of the economic ecosystems in the different countries, regions, etc.

Action items

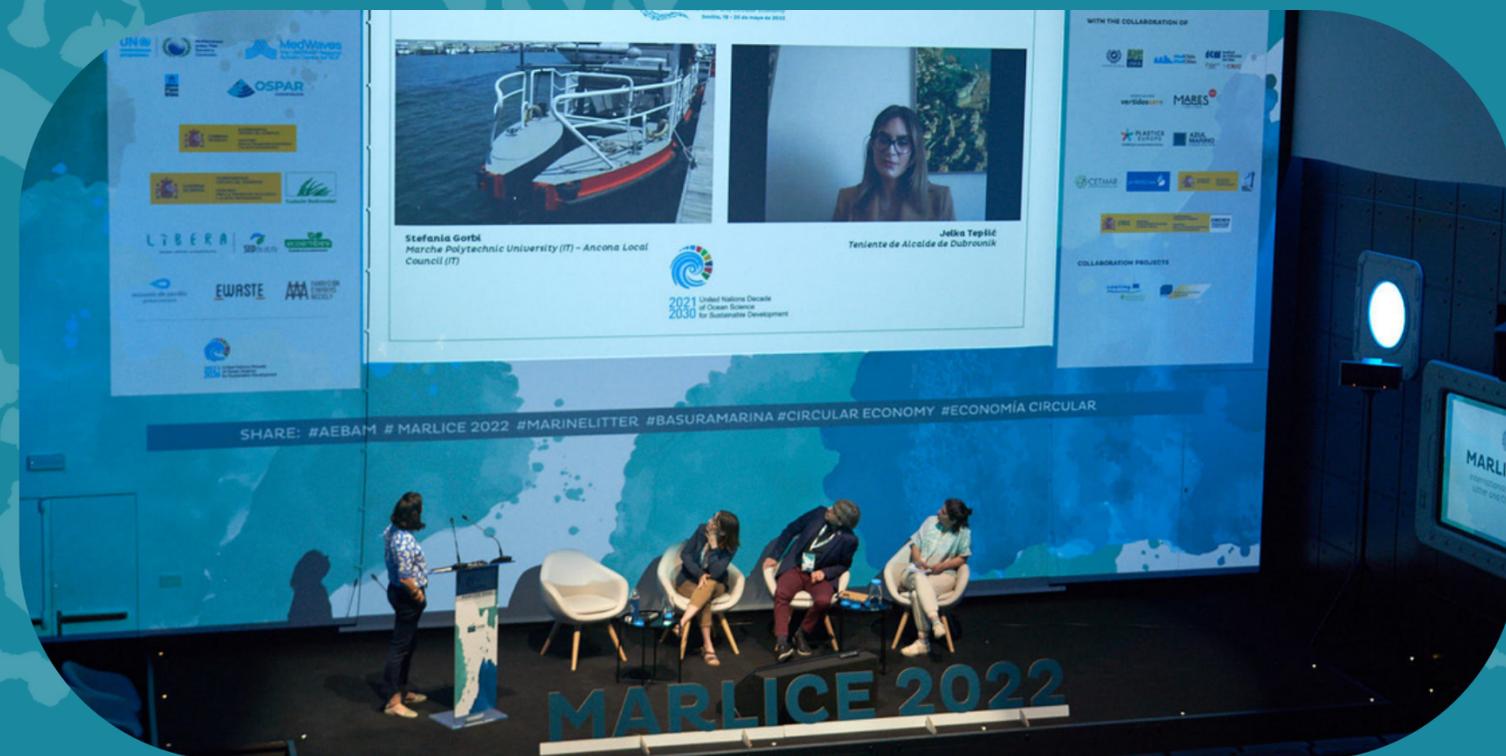
Preparation of an official draft of the manifesto called Ocean Cities towards the Global Treaty on Plastic for the Ocean Conference of Lisbon 2022. The manifesto will be included in the interactive dialogue “addressing marine Pollution” and during a specific side-event coordinated by the Spanish delegation.

In the framework of the manifesto participants pointed up the need of a dictionary to avoid confusions or misconceptions with the real meaning of preventive concept

The follow up of the processes presented will be maintained by the ocean cities coordination to support the inclusion of representatives of Ocean cities network in the ad-hoc open-ended working group meeting and the intergovernmental negotiating committee







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