



LEMA

Recogida y gestión inteligente
de basuras marinas para autoridades locales

NEWS LETTER #6



EDITORIAL



Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the sixth edition of the LifeLEMA newsletter.

It will introduce the final results of LifeLEMA for its official closure. The G7 2019 will also be at the forefront of the discussion as it represents a substantial stake in the LifeLEMA agenda. It enabled LifeLEMA partners to be exposed to new international stakeholders and counterparts.

It was also an opportunity to share our impressions throughout the three years and to broaden our audience considerably by meeting people from a wide spectrum (NGO sector, big companies, corporate sector, governance entities and representatives...).

Indeed, the EU Life program aims at connecting projects with each other and the G7 happens to be a great hub for LifeLEMA partners.

As the project reaches its end, it is time to share the outcomes of our work with other spokesperson in the field of environmental protection.

This newsletter will therefore address the *Ocean Call* and *Ocean Pavilion*, as both of them are a part of the NGOs' pre-work before the G7. We will analyze their prospects for LifeLEMA. Then, a special part will enable the partners to present the great work achieved during the Metz conference during *the Environmental G7* since LifeLEMA participated in this significant conference.



LIFELEMA'S INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTS



As a European project, LifeLEMA is to participate in various international conferences and meetings to enable partners to meet foreign counterparts. This is a way to better assess global goals such as plastic pollution but it also provides a wider spectrum when it comes to the monitoring of marine litter in an effort to unify national strategies toward a global, leading plan.

The aim of the European Union would be to find a global tool that could be implemented in many countries within Europe to achieve the aim of an equal footing between states for the tackling of the plastic crisis.

It is needless to say that the Sustainable Development Goals settled by the United Nations are also a key issue for LifeLEMA as they constitute a leading framework within which partners can search for efficient tools and resources. It sort of determinates the ultimate goals towards which partners have to work and to double their endeavors.

Beyond this global aspect, LifeLEMA partners are always curious to learn from other international peers for the enrichment of their methods and backgrounds. This reflects the common values of the European Union, which are the basis of their principles.

In a nutshell, it goes without saying that tremendous issues such as the plastic crisis need to be solved through the implementation of global, cohesive and comprehensive strategies and international organizations like the European Union or the United Nations are a key aspect of the way these aims can be achieved.



SDG 14 TARGETS:

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

14.1 By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds

14.2 By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts

14.3 Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

14.4 By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices

14.5 By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas

14.6 By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

14.7 By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS NEREUS PROGRAM



20/08 - 23/08



AGENDA #6

THE OCEAN PAVILION



Event with registration needed



Biarritz



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From August 20th to August 23rd, Surfrider Foundation Europe has been setting up the Ocean Pavilion for four days of meetings prior to Biarritz's G7 summit. The ultimate goal was to allow ocean preservation to be a part of the diplomatic negotiations. Throughout conferences and discussions, the Ocean Pavilion focused on four topics, among which plastic pollution in the ocean has been a key issue that have its own dedicated day (on August 22st).

THE OCEAN CALL



Open to citizens



Biarritz



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Over four days of meetings, reflections and workshops, the Ocean Pavilion has produced a collective statement, entitled "Ocean Call". This advocacy, co-signed by more than fifty organizations, aims at presenting the commitments of stakeholders present at the Ocean Pavilion, and to send concrete proposals to decision-makers. To be a part of it, you may click here: <https://www.surfrider.org/coastal-blog/entry/ocean-call-to-the-g7-a-success-in-biarritz>



24/08 - 26/08



AGENDA #6 LIFELEMA AT THE G7



4 PRIORITIES TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE



Event with registration needed



Biarritz



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The **Environment Ministers meeting** taking place in Metz on 5th and 6th May will have 4 priorities :

- Combating inequality through an inclusive ecological transition
- Supporting scientific warnings and international action on biodiversity and the climate
- Promoting tangible solutions for the climate and biodiversity
- Financing the preservation of biodiversity

LifeLEMA has been presented at the Ocean talks by Maria Ballesteros Rivas during a talk on plastic pollution. She explained how micro and macro-plastic pollution can be tackled through a cohesive strategy by using citizen science. It brought into light the way global issues can only be solved through citizens' empowering and brought up democratic issues to the debate. The French minister of the environment was, among others, present during this conference.



LIFELEMA IN METZ, CIVIL SOCIETY EVENT



On the 5th and 6th of May 2019, LifeLEMA has been a part of a special conference in the framework of the preparatory work for the G7 Summit. This civil society event focusing on Environmental Protection was open to the public who registered. Also called the *Environmental G7*, this conference was the opportunity for LifeLEMA partners to present their project in front of representatives from the United Nations. This presentation was even more important for LifeLEMA since it enabled them to meet international stakeholders and counterparts and to tell them how citizen science can help in the fight against plastic pollution.

At the end of the event, Gaetano Leone, secretary of UNEP/MAP could present to the ministers of the G7 the conclusions of the working group on Marine Litter.



ANTIDIA CITORES
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Vanessa Sarah Salvo, coordinator of the LifeLEMA project, presented it in front of UN representatives. Together with other NGOs, Surfrider Foundation took part in the settlement of negotiated report for the meeting of ministers representing the seven countries. This report aims at protecting the environment and at tackling the climate crisis. No solution can be achieved without the signature of each state during the G7. Including civil society into the process was therefore a must do, as global action also implies citizen action.

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