



DELIVERABLE DD2.3

Network operating procedure and roadmap. Description and definition.

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I. Introduction

It is necessary an optimization of the European and territorial politics related to the collection and management of marine litter in cross-border waters. In the management of marine litter we are in a critical moment where the EU has already emphasized the weaknesses that we all together have to work:

- Lack of collaboration within the Member States and particularly within cross-border countries.
- Limitations at European political level which encourage the work between countries.
- Lack of legislative innovations.

For this purpose, Life LEMA project aims to search for common solutions for the management of marine litter in transboundary waters through groups of experts from the cross-border geographic scope of the project (France and Spain).

2. Objective

Promoting the search for common solutions for the management of marine litter in transboundary waters through groups of experts involved in dynamic sessions for the improvement and monitoring of European Directives and Territorial Policies related to LIFE LEMA project. The experts participating in those groups are professional investigators, professionals of public administration, educational institutions and NGO's who will work together to improve policies.

3. Topics

The discussion themes in the three meetings are:

- **Directive 2008/56/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (**Marine Strategy Framework Directive**): The Directive sets up that Member States must adopt measures to reach a good state of the environment for 2020. None of the Member States will reach the environmental measures required by the Directive for 2020 and the lack of cooperation managing cross-border waters between adjacent countries does not facilitate the search for solutions. This group will be focusing on cross-border cooperation policies in terms of impacts and cross-border features according to the directive in relation to the management of marine litter of transboundary waters. In order to do so it will be necessary to create a statement declaration that will be presented to the European Community.
- **Regulation (EU) No 508/2014** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**: analyzing the required regulation for the application of the articles 40 focused on fishing of marine litter. The Fund establishes in its 40th article that when it is appropriate, with the participation of the fishers, the Fisheries Fund can give aids for fishing for marine litter. There is a lack of agreement inside public administrations at different levels (between EU country members, between different territories in the same country, etc.) and between administrations and the involved agents (fishers believe that are losing their identity, administrations believe they have to do it selflessly, etc.) to be able to accomplish these proceedings.

- **Territorial policies applied to marine litter fishing.** Analysis of the needs for the optimization of the collection and management of marine litter according to territorial policies are needed. It is estimated that the cost of beach cleanings in the Member States is 630 million Euros per year. Many administrations have to clean their beaches before the summer campaign starts to attract the tourism. Thus, there is a need of a suitable plan for the gathering and management of the floating marine litter by maritime zone rather than by countries.

4. Methodology

Coordination and moderation

Surfrider Foundation is responsible of coordinating the 3 working groups. SFE will have support for the **moderation** from an expert person in the topic. These moderators have the role of leading the debate and facilitate the dialogue between the components of each working group. Moderators external to SFE will be properly trained in the dynamics.

Composition of the Working Group

Each partner will propose **6 experts**, 2 for each topic. Each partner will name an external and an internal expert to the entity for each of the 3 topics. The network will consist of **36 experts**, 12 for each topic. Experts will be from the cross-border geographical scope of the project: France and Spain. Possible exceptions will be considered according to the problems evidenced by the LEMA partners.

Dynamic

Session 0

Training for the moderators in the methodology dynamics. It will be online distance training or face- to-face depending on the available time of each person.



1st session

First meeting of the expert group will take place in Biarritz, September 2017. It will be an introductory session. It will consist in a presentation of the project and the purpose of the working groups as well as the methodology applied. The first phase of work will begin with the identification of the main issues of each topic. A question for each topic will be chosen and discussed during the other sessions.

In this session the objective is to create a climate of reflection for the participants to set out their ideal scenario in which the problem was addressed correctly and then discuss the various scenarios presented and set a utopia or reference scenario. Then, the experts will propose and limit 3 work priorities for the utopia or reference scenario we want to focus on.

2nd session

The session will take place in October 2018, and this session will be to fully address the topics through the proposed methodology for discussion and decision-making. The objective of the second workshop is to continue with the previous meeting and work to reach the creation of a declaration in each working group. These declarations will be presented to the European Community.

Final conference

The third session will be in 2019 and is going to be a closing conference where the work of the 2 previous sessions will conclude. For these purpose the groups will prepare a statement on the question raised. A spokesperson inside the groups will present this statement at the final conference of the LEMA Project.



5. Calendar

The LEMA expert groups will meet face-to-face 3 times. In addition, they can do a combination with communication at a distance in order to improve the final Statement as established by the working group and the moderator.

Periods of face-to-face meetings:

- **28th of September 2017:** session 0 and 1st session
- **4th of October 2018:** 2nd session
- **XXX 2019:** final conference