

## INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MARINE LITTER PREVENTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

### Context

The project aims to tackle Integrated Waste Management and Marine Litter Prevention in the Western Balkans. Urban Research Institute (URI), along with the consortium partners, DEKONTA and E3 CONSULTING, brings together a blend of expertise and regional experience. The consortium leverages its team's extensive knowledge in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Kosovo. The project outlines a structured approach through five work packages, each addressing specific aspects of the project. These range from institutional support and training on the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) tool to the development of national guidelines and implementation strategies. The project's overarching goal is to enhance the assessment of plastic leakages and suggest management improvement solutions across the four Mediterranean regions, simultaneously boosting institutional and reporting capacities in line with the Barcelona Convention.

### Project Objectives

The Objective of this project is to:

- i) Assess and manage plastic leakages in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Montenegro.
- ii) Enhance institutional capacities and reporting mechanisms in accordance with the Barcelona Convention.
- iii) Implement the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) tool effectively within local waste management systems.
- iv) Foster cooperation among municipalities and national environmental agencies for integrated waste management approaches.

### Expected Deliverables

- Institutional support and training on the WFD tool, focusing on data accuracy and information systems.
- Development of guidelines and formats for the national-scale implementation of the WFD.
- Assessment and presentation of country reports for effective plastic leakage management.
- Support for partner countries to comply with the Barcelona Convention's obligations.
- Strengthening regional exchange, reporting, and knowledge sharing to prevent marine litter.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### DONORS:

- GIZ

##### PARTNERS:

- Urban Research Institute (URI)
- DEKONTA BH d.o.o
- E3 CONSULTING

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### About URI

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