

# POLICY TOOLKIT

## CLEANATLANTIC CONFERENCE

*Vigo, 21st June*

*09.00 – 16.30 h  
(UTC+2h00, Madrid, Bruselas)*

CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime  
Regions) - Atlantic Arc Commission

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# 1. THE TOOLKIT'S BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

## **A policy toolkit : what for ?**

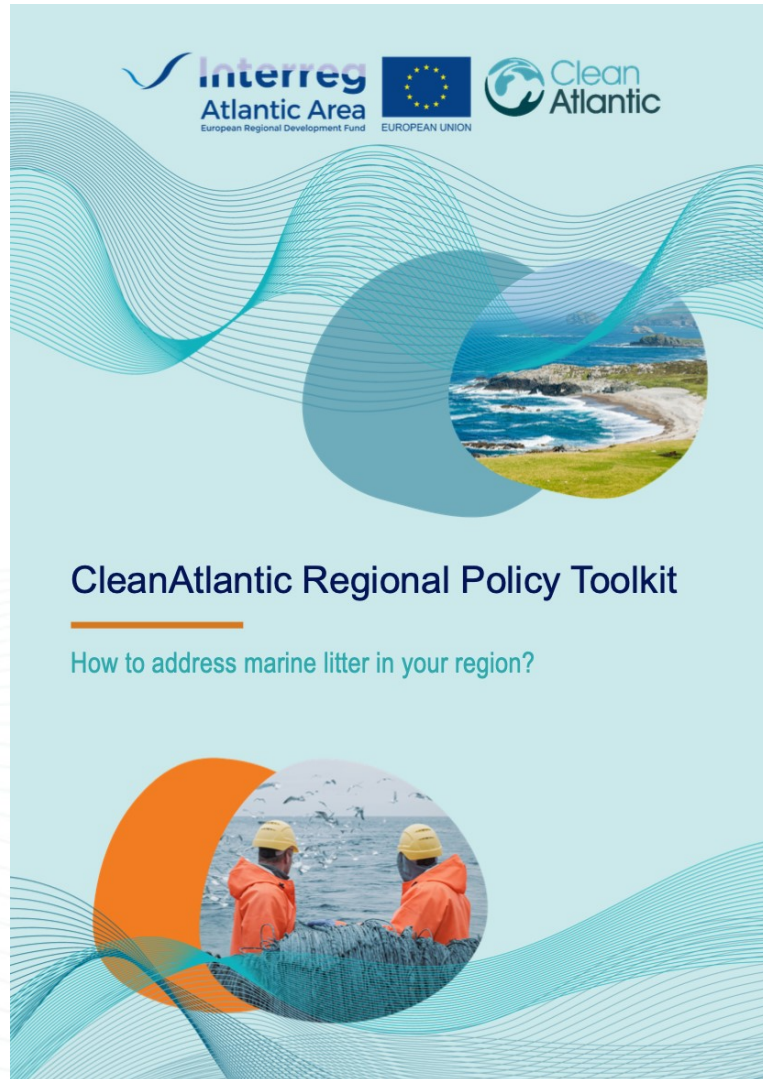
- International and European context: an increased concern for the state of marine ecosystems and a movement to reduce plastic production & waste
- Use the project's results and transform them into guidelines for local & regional governments or organisations, so they can directly apply them
- All partners of the project we involved

## **Capitalisation role the CPMR played**

- Expert of maritime policies with a strong network
- CleanAtlantic is a way to promote the Atlantic practices to tackle marine litter at a large scale, and is complementary to our work for the AAC



## 2. THE TOOLKIT'S STRUCTURE



- I. Global challenges, local actions: A toolkit to support regional authorities in the fight against marine litter
- II. About the CleanAtlantic project
- III. Meet CleanAtlantic partners
- IV. Overview of the governance on Marine litter fight and the role of regions
- V. How can regions benefit from CleanAtlantic achievements?





# 3. PRESENTATION OF THE VARIOUS POLICIES AND EXAMPLES

## i. Assessment, monitoring and databases on marine litter

**What the partners did:** Marine Litter viewer, use of ROVs (Remote Operated Vehicles), sampling campaigns, MOHID Lagrangian tool (tracer model)

**What can local actors do with those tools?**

- Detect and identify types of marine litter and improve waste collection
- Create databases about marine litter
- Set up ambitious policies to ban some substances and fight against illegal dumping



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The **Welsh government** is working on a bill which will make an offence for a person to supply or offer to supply certain commonly littered and unnecessary single-used plastic products and will enable Welsh minister to add or remove a product from the list of cited wastes.



In the region **Nouvelle Aquitaine**, the Trait Bleu programme enables the installation of tidal bins on the coastlines used to increase litter monitoring and optimize collect of marine litter.



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## ii. Marine litter removal and prevention

**What the partners did:** guidance for beach clean-ups, collaborations with coastguards and the fishing sector to retrieve marine litter

**What can local actors do with those tools?**

- Boost citizens' engagement and mobilize local stakeholders
- Develop low-cost and environmental-friendly retrieval solutions
- Promote adapted legislation to reduce the amount of marine litter



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## ii. Marine litter removal and prevention

 The **Regional Government of Galicia** developed the “Plan Marlimpo” to protect biodiversity and marine ecosystems. The plan is implemented since 2020 by launching annual calls for EMFF funded projects to be developed by fishing guilds and fishermen organizations that carry out “Fishing for Litter” and awareness raising actions in the frame of those projects.

 Created by **Norte Region (CCDR-NORTE)** early 2022 following the creation of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission Working Group on Ocean Pollution, the Regional Group of Experts is an informal network of entities, both public and private, carrying out different activities on issues related to the marine environment such as the prevention and control of ocean pollution, the management of marine litter and the fight against microplastic contaminants, among others.





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## iii. Marine litter reports and studies

**What the partners did:** analyse the impact of cigarette butts on the marine environment, analysis on the impacts of microliter on ecosystems, review the economic impact of marine litter

### **What can local actors do with those tools?**

- Support initiatives to ban on certain items or to ensure a circular economy
- Awareness campaigns
- Support change consumption
- Design tax on plastic and include economic stakeholders from the industry sector






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 In the face of growing microbeads pollution on the beaches, **Brittany** and **Pays de la Loire** regions announced filing a legal complaint in the name of the region early 2023. Brittany proposed technical support to fight against this type of pollution.

 As cigarette butts are the most found items on the beach, **Spanish autonomous regions** such as the **Pais Vasco**, **Galicia**, **Asturias** or **Andalusia** have banned smoking on their beaches as part of the Playas Sin Humo campaign.



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## iv. Educational tools

**What the partners did:** create a knowledge tool that compiles resources related to marine litter, creation of games or interactive stands for schools

**What can local actors do with those tools?**

- Raise a new generation that is aware of the marine litter impacts
- Develop youth environmental engagement



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**Asturias** region developed COGERSA, a network of around 200 schools for recycling. It offers a space for training, environmental awareness, and exchange of educational experiences on good waste management.



As part of regional educational pact on “actors in the ecological and energy transition”, **Pays de la Loire** proposed a special focus on the sea and coastline with the discovery of marine energy, coastal biodiversity, and waste at sea starting in 2018-9 school year.



# WHAT'S NEXT ?

The policy toolkit will be available on the project's website: check it out ! It will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

We will present it to the members of the Atlantic Arc Commission !

**Are you a local/regional authority or an organisation working on the sustainable development of the Atlantic Area ?**

Join us to follow the results and use the toolkit's recommendations !

<http://www.cleanatlantic.eu>





# THANK YOU !

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