



NETTAG

preventing marine litter from fisheries

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MAIN OUTPUTS



TECHNOLOGY

New technology to track fishing gears



ACCOUSTIC SYSTEMS



ROBOTIC RECOVERY SYSTEM



AWARENESS

Awareness actions developed by fishers for fishers



WORKSHOPS



BEST-PRACTICES GUIDE



CLEAN OCEAN DAY



IMPACT

Assess marine litter impact



ENVIRONMENTAL HARMFULNESS



SOCIAL-ECONOMIC IMPACT

MAIN CHALLENGES



Technological developments – which fishing gear should be considered

Needs fishers and relevant stakeholders inputs

Identification of hotspots

Combined different approaches to obtain information from fish industry stakeholders

Covid-19 pandemic – need of personal contacts for awareness activities
– delays due to lockdown of Institutions

Combined different approaches

Fishers are willing to cooperate and participate in marine litter solutions, they must be involved in all decision making legislation, tackling actions and changing behaviors

They are already volunteers in the fight to tackle marine litter, collecting litter



MAIN CONTRIBUTION TO EU POLICIES

- **EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive**
- **New Directive (EU) 2019/883 – on Port Reception Facilities for the delivery of waste from ships**
- **European Commission's Circular Economy Package**
- **EU Strategy for Plastics in the Circular Economy**
- **UN 2030 Sustainable Goals**

Assessment of **environmental harmfulness** of fishing nets contributes for EU MSFD (Descriptor 10 – Marine Litter)

Fishers perception about GREEN-SHIP rebate - fishing vessels should be encouraged to undertake certain measures (waste prevention and on-board waste management) to be eligible for a green-ship rebate

New technology developed (acoustic tags, localisation system and retrieving vehicles) will help **reducing the number of fishing gears** that remain in our oceans, in open waters and/or coastal areas as well as actively **contribute** to the European Commission's Circular Economy Package aspirational target **for reducing beach litter and lost fishing gear by 30% by 2020**

Environmental sustainability
for the Sustainable Development
Goals in the 2030 Agenda





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