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OBJECTIVES

The **BLUEISLANDS** project aims to **properly identify, address and mitigate the effects of the seasonal variation of waste generation on Mediterranean islands as an effect of tourism**. The ultimate goal of the project is to establish the necessary conditions so that the **waste generated** on each island **will serve as a resource bank which will be used to fuel local loops of circular economy**.

ACTIVITIES

BLUEISLANDS will measure the **quantity and composition of waste** generated over a twelve-month period on nine Mediterranean islands, examining the correlation between the **quantified waste generated** and both the **number of tourists and the presence of litter** in the coastal environment. At the same time, the existing waste management structure and followed respective practices will be assessed.

On the basis of a report prepared from the results derived from all nine islands involved, BLUEISLANDS project will formulate a multidimensional tool, in order to allow potential stakeholders to address effectively the problematic phenomenon. Over a following twelve-month period the tool will be implemented with **selected action plans for each participating island**, while the efficacy of each action plan will be evaluated.

PARTNERS

BLUEISLANDS project's leader is **Cyprus Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment**. The project brings together partners from 8 countries:

- ACR+
- Autonomous University of Barcelona
- Balearic islands Government
- CoNISMa - National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences
- Council of Mallorca Environment department
- EA Eco-Entreprises
- Sardinia Region
- Taormina Etna Consortium
- INSULEUR - Network of the Insular CCI of the European Union
- Municipality of Mykonos
- Primorje and Gorski Kotar county
- Region of Crete
- Rhodes Municipality
- Wasteserv Malta*

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