



Waste Issue in the Adriatic Sea

According to the statistics, **75% of waste comes primarily from land into the sea**. It is a global problem, especially with the **plastic waste**. The **microplastics** accumulate in the seafood chain and cause **severe damage to the environment and the ecosystem**.



About the WASTEREDUCE project

The **WASTEREDUCE** project (Integrated strategies and solutions for waste reduction in protected areas and Natura 2000 areas) is funded as a part of the cross-border cooperation Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme.

The objective of the project is to improve waste management in protected and Natura 2000 areas through monitoring, prevention and mitigation of waste impact.

Planned activities in the implementation of our project are the organization of:

- ecological and information days,
- educational workshops,
- clean-up actions and
- interviews.

Partners in this project are:

Institute of Agriculture and Tourism as the lead partner

Region of Istria

Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce

Public Institution Natura Histrica,

University of Trieste

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Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of

Veneto ARPAV

ETIFOR Srl Società Benefit and Natura-Jadera Public institution as an associated partner

The project's total budget is 1.657.742 EUR, in a duration of 30 months, starting on February 1st 2024, and ending on July 31st 2026.

Ecology days of learning and fun will be held soon!



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