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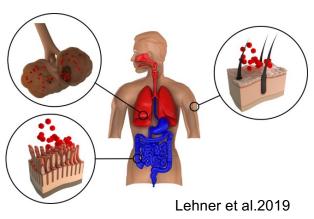
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Emergence of Nanoplastic in the Environment and Possible Impact on Human Health

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Monitoring microplastics of < 200 micron within the Mediterranean Sea

Aim:

We would like to collect (for the very first time) microplastics < 200 μm around and within the Mediterranean Sea.

Objectives:

- To assess the <u>concentration</u>, <u>characteristics</u> and <u>size distribution</u> of smaller sized <u>microplastics</u> (<200µm) in the Mediterranean Sea
- Empowering and activate citizens to take action against plastic litter

Expected results:

- Assessment of the quantity, shape, material type and size distribution of plastics below <200µm
- Contribution to an increasing understanding about the effectiveness of citizen science for participatory research, on citizens' behaviour and knowledge and their relation with the ocean and waters







Consortium - required partners

Expertise	Country	Role in the project
Micro/Nanoplastic Analytics	All EU	 Sample processing including filtration and digestion Sample characterisation including microscopy, spectroscopy
Nanoplastic detection	All EU	 Testing of nanoplastic detection in aquatic environments
Scientific vessels	All EU	Offering scientific vessels to collect water samples









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