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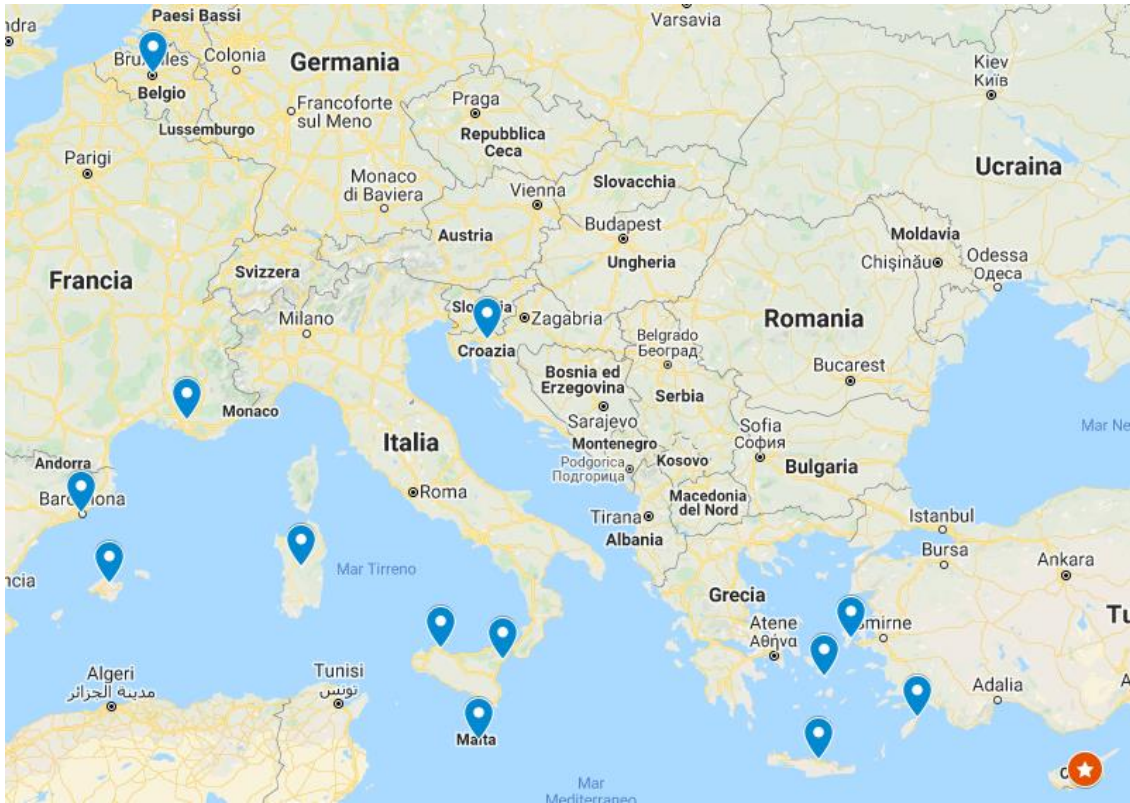


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Minimising the hidden costs of tourism in Mediterranean islands

Waste prevention actions and circular economy perspectives

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Key takeaway messages



- **Data collection** is the pillar of punctual policy making. Especially when it comes to waste prevention
- **End-users engagement** is the key. **Decentralized authorities** have a key role in community engagement
- **Tourists produce on average more waste** than local beachgoers. **Targeted awareness campaigns** can make them feel an integral part of local communities
- Marine litter is mostly the result of **consumption and production models** and **waste management systems**
- **Smaller local waste treatment plants** (e.g. composters, reverse vending machines) can **increase community engagement** and **improve resiliency of waste management systems**

Agenda 1/2



- **Panel discussion**, moderated by Francesco Lembo, ACR+ Managing Director
 - Towards sustainable use of natural resources within the Mediterranean insular context - Gaetano Armao Vice-President and Regional Minister for economy of the Region of Sicily, Chair of the CoR Interregional group on insular regions
 - Present and future of the Interreg MED program, fostering sustainable policies through cooperation - Curzio Cervelli, Interreg MED Joint Secretariat Coordinator
 - Regional challenges and global solutions for ecosystems resiliency - MEP Catherine Chabaud
 - The invisible burden of tourism - Jeremy Sampson, CEO at the Travel Foundation
- **Q&A Session**

Agenda 2/2



- **Panel discussion**, moderated by MEP Petros Kokkalis
 - Regional perspectives:
 - Sebastià Sansó i Jaume, Director general Environmental Department, Balearic Islands Regional government
 - George Alexakis, Crete Vice Governor on European & International Affairs and CPMR Vice President on Maritime Affairs
 - Calling the EU tourism sector for a behavioural change towards sustainability -
Cristina Nunez Cuesta, NECSTouR Managing Director
- **Q&A Session**
- **Take-away messages and conclusions** – MEP Maria Spyraiki