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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** measures 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 formulates a multidimensional tool, in order to allow potential stakeholders to address effectively the problematic phenomenon. Over a following twelve-month period the tool is implemented with **selected action plans for each participating island**, while the efficacy of each action plan is evaluated.

## PARTNERS

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

- **ACR+**, Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (BE)
- **UAB**, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ES)
- **Balearic Islands Government** (ES)
- **CoNISMa**, National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences (IT)
- **Council of Mallorca** Environment department (ES)
- **Rhodes Municipality** (GR)
- **EA Eco-Enterprises** (FR)
- **Sardinia Region** (IT)
- **Taormina Etna Consortium** (IT)
- **INSULEUR**, Network of the Insular CCI of the European Union (GR)
- **Municipality of Mykonos** (GR)
- **Primorje - Gorski Kotar county** (HR)
- **Region of Crete** (GR)
- **Wasteserv Malta\*** (MT)

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