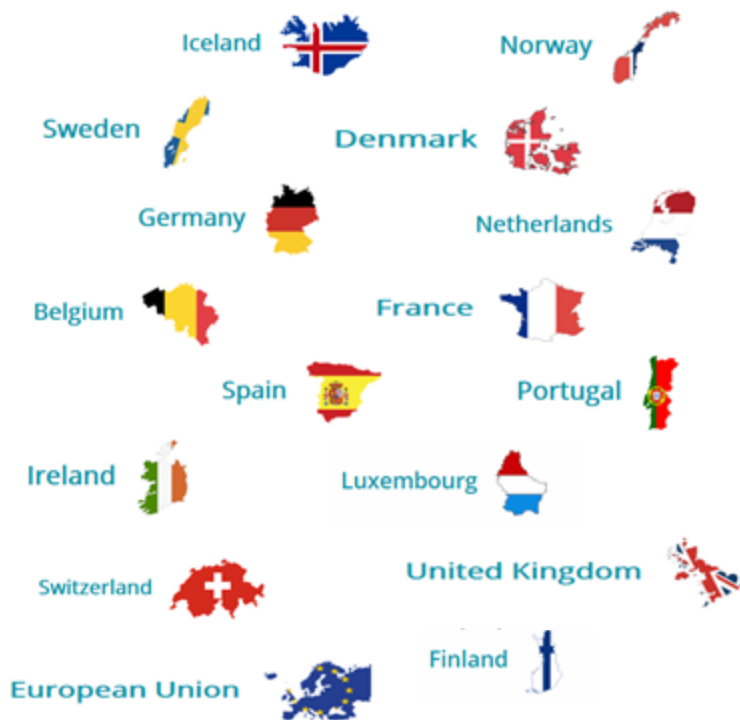


OSPAR Contracting Parties



OSPAR Maritime Area and Regions:

Region I: Arctic Waters

Region II: Greater North Sea

Region III: Celtic Seas

Region IV: Bay of Biscay / Iberian Coast

Region V: Wider Atlantic

Obligations under the OSPAR Convention

Articles 3 and 5 and Annexes I and III require Contracting Parties to take, individually and jointly, all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from land-based and from offshore sources in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;

Annex V on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area makes it a duty of the OSPAR Commission to draw up programmes and measures for the control of the human activities identified by the application of the criteria in Appendix 3;



OSPAR and questions related to fisheries management

Penultimate recital of the OSPAR Convention: *RECOGNISING* that questions relating to the management of fisheries are appropriately regulated under international and regional agreements dealing specifically with such questions;

Annex V, Article 4.1: In accordance with the penultimate recital of the Convention, no programme or measure concerning a question relating to the management of fisheries shall be adopted under this Annex. However where the Commission considers that action is desirable in relation to such a question, it shall draw that question to the attention of the authority or international body competent for that question.

Where action within the competence of the Commission is desirable to complement or support action by those authorities or bodies, the Commission shall endeavour to cooperate with them.



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Strategic Objective 4

Prevent inputs of and significantly reduce marine litter, including microplastics, in the marine environment to reach levels that do not cause adverse impacts to the marine and coastal environment with the ultimate aim of eliminating inputs of litter.

8 Operational Objectives

OSPAR's Second Regional Action Plan to Reduce Marine Litter



THE SECOND OSPAR REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON MARINE LITTER

Annex 1- Action Overview Table

Action Number	Action Title	Lead & Support	Completion status
Theme A: Actions to reduce land-based sources of marine litter			
A.3.1	Prevent and reduce plastic waste by coastal municipalities and cities	Germany	
A.3.2	Prevent the release of bio-carriers to the marine and riverine environment	Sweden and France Support from Surfrider	
A.3.3	Reduce macro litter losses in wastewater treatment systems	France	
A.3.4	Monitor, prevent and reduce marine inputs of macro litter to the marine environment and share knowledge on micro litter monitoring	France, Belgium, Netherlands Support from Germany and KIMO	
A.4.1	Define measures and strategies for the phasing out or restriction of use of single use plastics prone to become marine litter in complement to the EU SUP Directive	France and Seas at Risk Support from Denmark and Netherlands	
A.4.2	Reduce the impact of expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene (EPS / XPS) in the marine environment - development of OSPAR products	Portugal Support from Denmark	
A.5.1	Prevent inputs of microplastics from selected land-based sources in the marine environment	Germany Support from Netherlands and Seas at Risk	
A.5.2	Reduce microplastic contamination from artificial grass	KIMO and United Kingdom Support from Norway and Sweden	
Theme B: Actions to reduce sea-based sources of marine litter			
B.1.1	Harmonise practices related to the provision and use of Port Reception Facilities	Belgium Support from Netherlands, Portugal and KIMO	
B.1.2	Reduce microplastics from ship greywater discharges	Lead: UK SAR can support	
B.2.1	Manage end-of-life recreational vessels	United Kingdom Support from Belgium and Sweden	
B.3.1	Identify the need for measures to reduce the unintentional release of microplastics resulting from paint and fuelling paints and other marine coatings used by [commercial] marine vessels	Lead: UK	

