



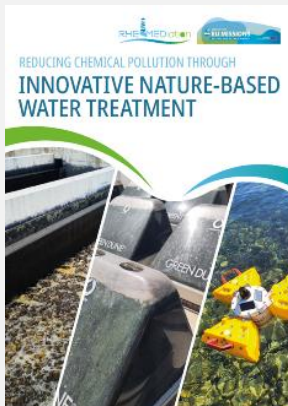
Responsive hub for long term governance to destress the Mediterranean Sea from chemical pollution



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Newsletter RHE-MEDIation project

Policy Brief Highlights Solutions for Mediterranean Water Pollution



The RHE-MEDIation Policy Brief, published on 23 April 2026 and developed by the European Marine Board, addresses key challenges related to pollution in the Mediterranean Sea, highlighting gaps in current policy frameworks and the need for stronger prevention measures, improved wastewater treatment, and enhanced regional coordination.

It presents innovative nature-based solutions, including microalgae-based photobioreactors, capable of reducing nutrients, heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, and other emerging pollutants in a sustainable way. Results from the demonstration sites show strong potential for wider application and water reuse.

The Policy Brief is available in English, Italian, Turkish, and Greek to support knowledge sharing and uptake across the region.

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Five RHE-MEDIation Replication Sites ongoing across The Mediterranean



All five Associated Regions were selected through the RHE-MEDIation Open Call to test the feasibility, replicability, and scalability of the project's solutions for chemical pollution prevention and remediation.

In **Moldova (Ișnovăț River Basin)**, the GISmart project evaluates the GREEN DUNE® microalgae system combined with geospatial tools to improve water quality and support data-driven decision-making.

In **Egypt (Port Said)**, Clean Port Said develops a scientific evidence base and feasibility study to guide future coastal remediation and strengthen environmental governance.

In **Morocco (Tangier)**, REMEDTAR deploys a real-time monitoring system for priority pollutants and promotes co-creation with local stakeholders to support long-term water management.

In **Egypt (North Sinai)**, SINAQUA assesses microalgae-based treatment for highly polluted agricultural drainage water, aiming to define a national scaling roadmap.

In **Bulgaria (Sozopol)**, SCoNiC explores the adaptability of RHE-MEDIation technologies through feasibility analysis, stakeholder engagement, and a Living Lab approach.

RHE-MEDIation concludes third series of stakeholder workshops across Europe



The third series of stakeholder workshops has now successfully concluded, with events held on 5 May in Greece, 7 May in Türkiye, and 12 May in Italy. The workshops focused on innovative solutions for removing PFAS and micro-pollutants such as metals and pesticides from freshwater and wastewater systems before they reach our seas. They provided an important platform for knowledge exchange and discussion among stakeholders on emerging technologies for water treatment and pollution

reduction. Highlights from the series included the presentation of the final results of the project's microalgae-based photobioreactor pilot plant, which has established a strong foundation for the wider adoption of this innovative technology.

Science and Innovation for the Ocean: EMB Showcases RHE-MEDIation Policy Briefs in Cyprus



The European Marine Board participated in the conference "Riding the Wave: Advancing the EU Ocean Pact through Science, Innovation and Cooperation", held under the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Ammochostos, Cyprus (11–12 May 2026).

At the event, EMB hosted a booth showcasing the RHE-MEDIation Policy Briefs and delivered a short presentation on the project's objectives and contributions to marine restoration and innovation. The conference provided a valuable platform to engage with stakeholders and support the implementation of the EU Ocean Pact through science-based collaboration.

REMEDTAR Visit to the RHE-MEDIation Demo Site in Greece



On 7 April 2026, the RHE-MEDIation Greek demo site hosted a visit from the REMEDTAR project (Tangier, Morocco), creating a valuable opportunity for exchange on sustainable water management. Teams shared progress and experiences from their pilot activities, while the site visit enabled participants to observe technologies in action and engage in technical discussions, strengthening collaboration.

RHE-MEDIation at the EU Mission Ocean and Waters Forum



On 5 March 2026, RHE-MEDIation participated as an exhibitor at the EU Mission Ocean and Waters Forum in Brussels, held during European Ocean Days 2026. Sharing a joint booth with sister projects iMERMAID EU and EFFECTIVE, the team showcased complementary solutions and engaged with a wide range of stakeholders. The event provided a valuable platform for networking, exchanging best practices, and discussing key policies shaping the future of oceans and waters, reinforcing RHE-MEDIation's commitment to reducing chemical pollution and protecting aquatic ecosystems.



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