

First international Learning Event CAPonLitter

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Stakeholders Fuerteventura: Asociación AVANFUER.

ILE 1 Abstract

During the 3 days of the event, the partner member of the CAPONIITTER in the Canary Islands: Ricardo Haroun ECOAQUA Institute (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria) accompanied with Jorge Rapp Cabrera (EOMAR) and the stakeholder Alberto Sarabia Hierro (Asociación AVANFUER, Fuerteventura), had the opportunity to share experiences in different projects with actual development in the Canary Islands in zero wasted direct actions related to the beaches and coastal communities. In this sense, the different partners showed the preliminary results from the first workshops in the different countries, and together analyzed some of different big challenges we assume by this global problem: plastic pollution in the sea and coastal areas in particular. Some of the challenges in a Zero Waste approximation are more technical problems related to the politics assumed by the municipalities, and in other level, some of them are more related to incivism problems and the necessity to generate conscious in the citizen in general.

AVANFUER, in Fuerteventura island, have a direct positive impact on the coastal communities by different actions (beach cleanups, environmental education programs with schools, etc.) one of them, which was shared by Alberto Sarabia during the presentation of the stakeholders, is the importance to incorporate citizen science tools on the projects. This idea born in the necessity of create easy tools for people (the citizen in general) who want to do practical and real actions to act against this main problem, and at the same time, to create didactical tools for the environmental education, linked to the scientific work. The project from the NGO study the concentrations of macro and microplastic in different beaches in the coast of Fuerteventura, coordinated by two marine biologist from the island, by open calls to volunteers who want to learn and help the project to raise awareness in the society.