

# MARELITT BALTIC

Reducing the impact of marine litter in the form  
of derelict fishing gear in the Baltic Sea

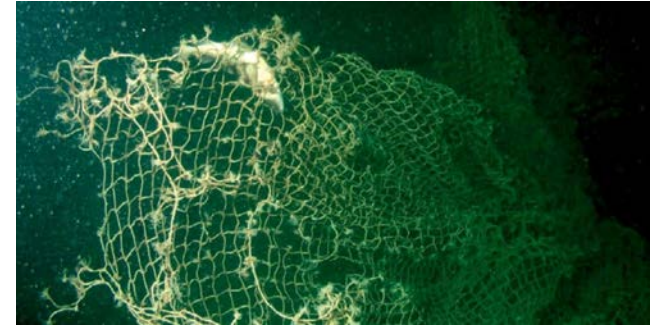
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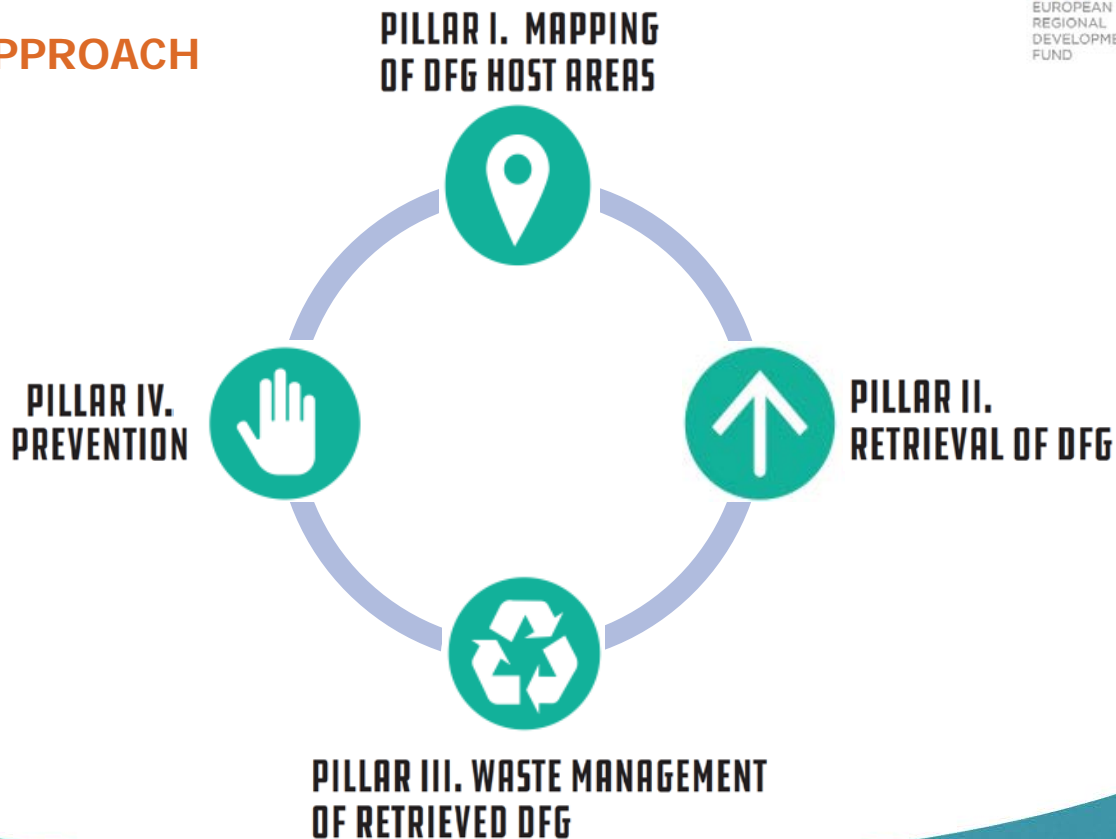
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## THE GHOST FISHING PROBLEM

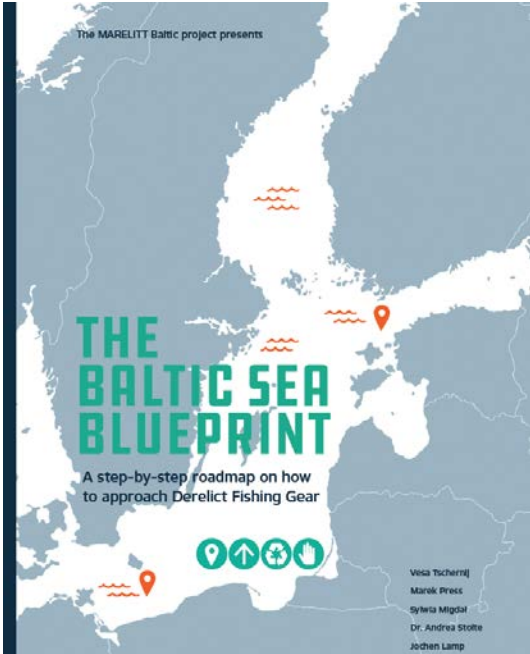


## MARELITT BALTIC APPROACH




# THE BALTIC SEA BLUEPRINT - ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The MARELITT Baltic project presents



## THE BALTIC SEA BLUEPRINT

A step-by-step roadmap on how to approach Derelict Fishing Gear



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**GOAL**

### 2. PILLAR II. RETRIEVAL OF DFG

**1. Environmental impact assessment initiated and outline of handling methods during planning of cleaning activities**

The MARELITT Baltic project has initiated initial environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the Derelict Fishing Gear (DFG) handling and cleaning activities. The EIA report will be completed before the start of the project in 2024.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate an environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the DFG handling and cleaning activities. The EIA report will be completed before the start of the project in 2024.

**2. PILLAR III. WASTE MANAGEMENT OF RETRIEVED DFG**

**1. Waste management plan for retrieved DFG**

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**3. Value inventory of potential waste in fisheries' legal and regulatory framework**

The MARELITT Baltic project will conduct a value inventory of potential waste in the fisheries' legal and regulatory framework. The inventory will focus on the identification of potential waste and the assessment of its value.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**1.2.3 Description of the fishing gear in focus**

**1. Reduce environmental impact of fishing gear**

The MARELITT Baltic project will focus on reducing the environmental impact of fishing gear. This will be achieved through the development of eco-friendly fishing gear and the promotion of sustainable fishing practices.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Develop eco-friendly fishing gear and promote sustainable fishing practices. This will be achieved through the development of eco-friendly fishing gear and the promotion of sustainable fishing practices.



### 3. PILLAR IV. PREVENTION

**1. Awareness raising among all stakeholders including fishermen**

The MARELITT Baltic project will conduct awareness raising activities among all stakeholders, including fishermen. This will be achieved through the development of educational materials and the organization of training sessions.

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## TIME TO TAKE ACTION



POLICY SUPPORT



PRACTICAL HELP

## INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DFG MITIGATION