



MARINE CARE ASSOCIATION

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SHIPS WASTE

**Port Reception Facilities:
Enablers of a Cleaner, More
Sustainable Blue Economy**

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WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?



- 0 1. Oceans must remain healthy to sustain global trade and human well being.
- 0 2. Recognition relatively new — EU ready to act
- 0 3. Marine Care Association believes that port reception facilities (PRFs) are essential to building a sustainable future .

WHO WE ARE

FROM
EUROSHORE
TO MARINE
CARE
ASSOCIATION
(FROM EU TO
GLOBAL)

44 MEMBERS
21 COUNTRIES
3 CONTINENTS

CREATE
AWARENESS
&
INFORM
DECISION
MAKERS

SHARE
KNOWLEDGE &
BEST
PRACTICES



WHAT IS A PORT RECEPTION FACILITY?



WE COLLECT WASTE FROM SHIPS



Oily waste
(Marpol I)



Noxious liquid
substances
in bulk
(Marpol II)



Harmful substances
carried by sea in
packaged form
(Marpol III)



Sewage from ships
(Marpol IV)



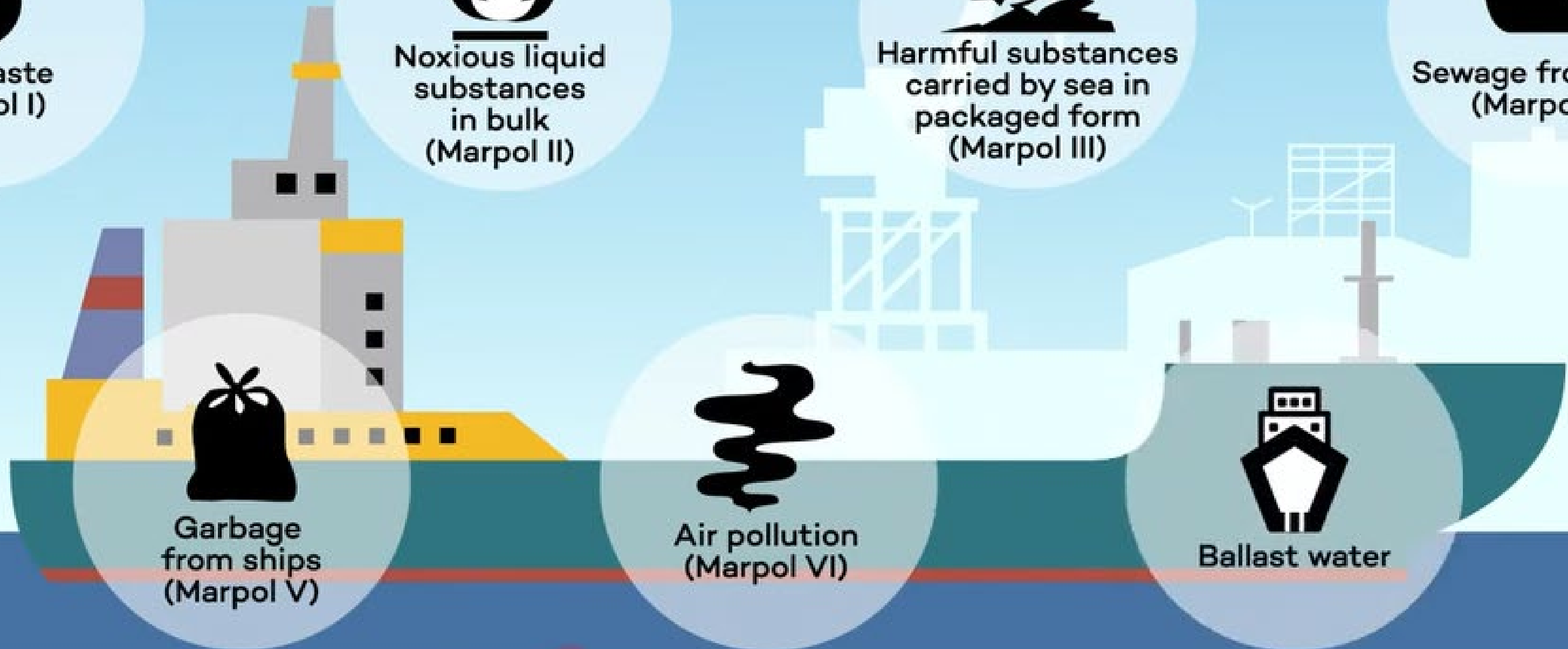
Garbage
from ships
(Marpol V)



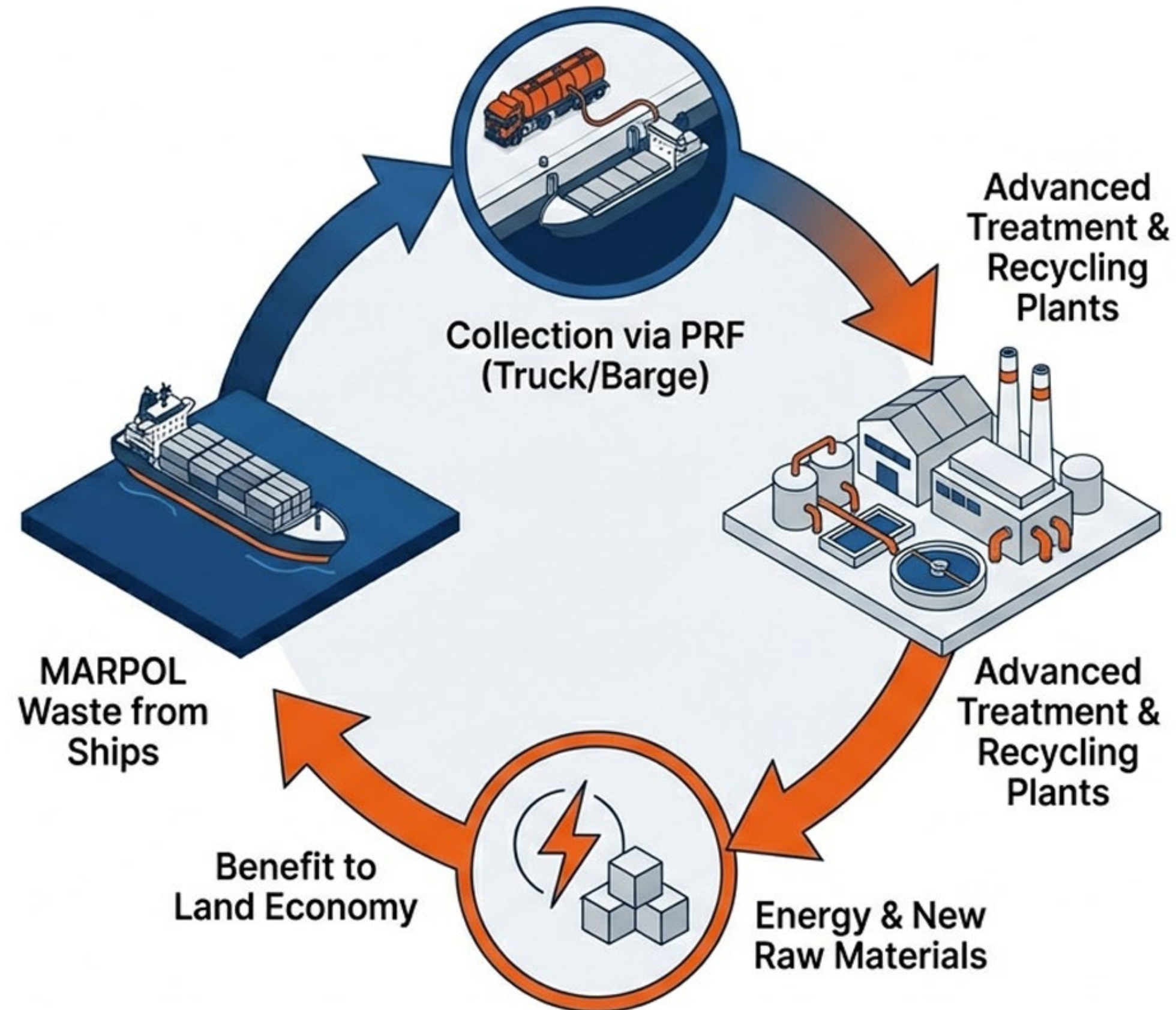
Air pollution
(Marpol VI)



Ballast water



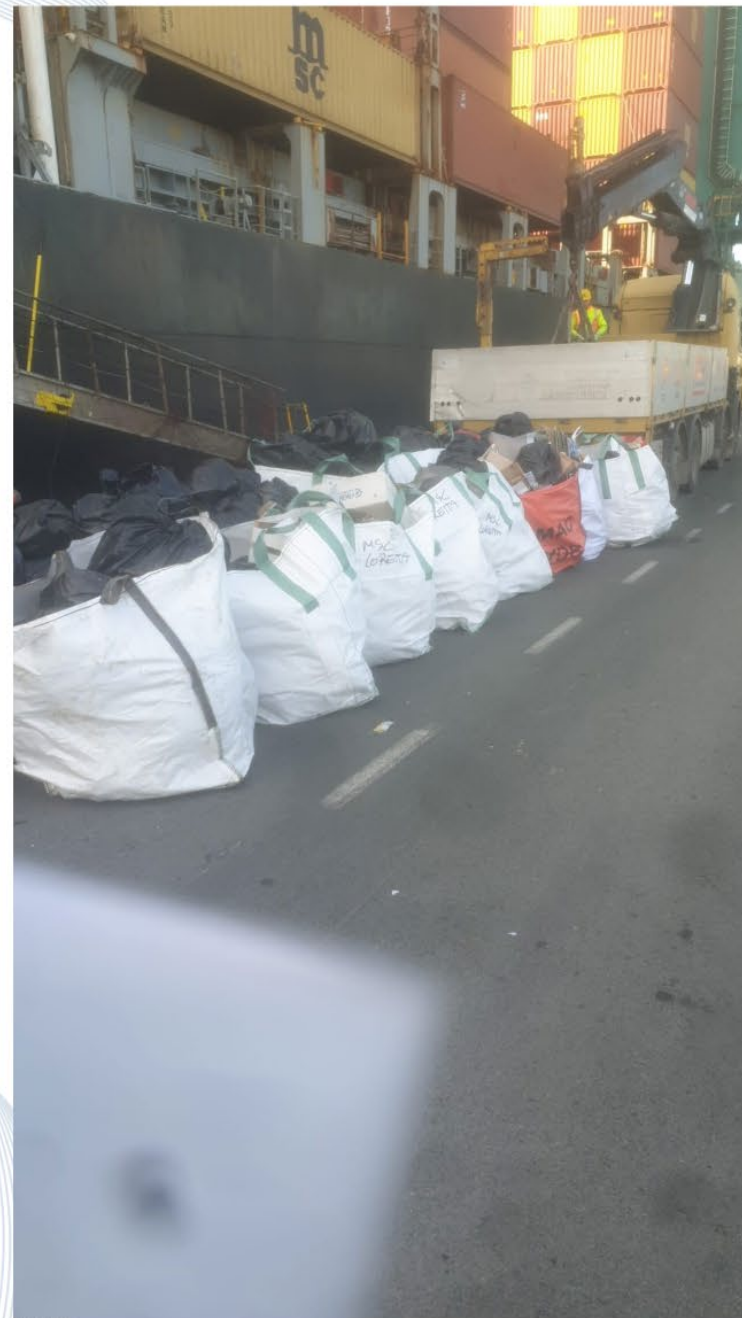
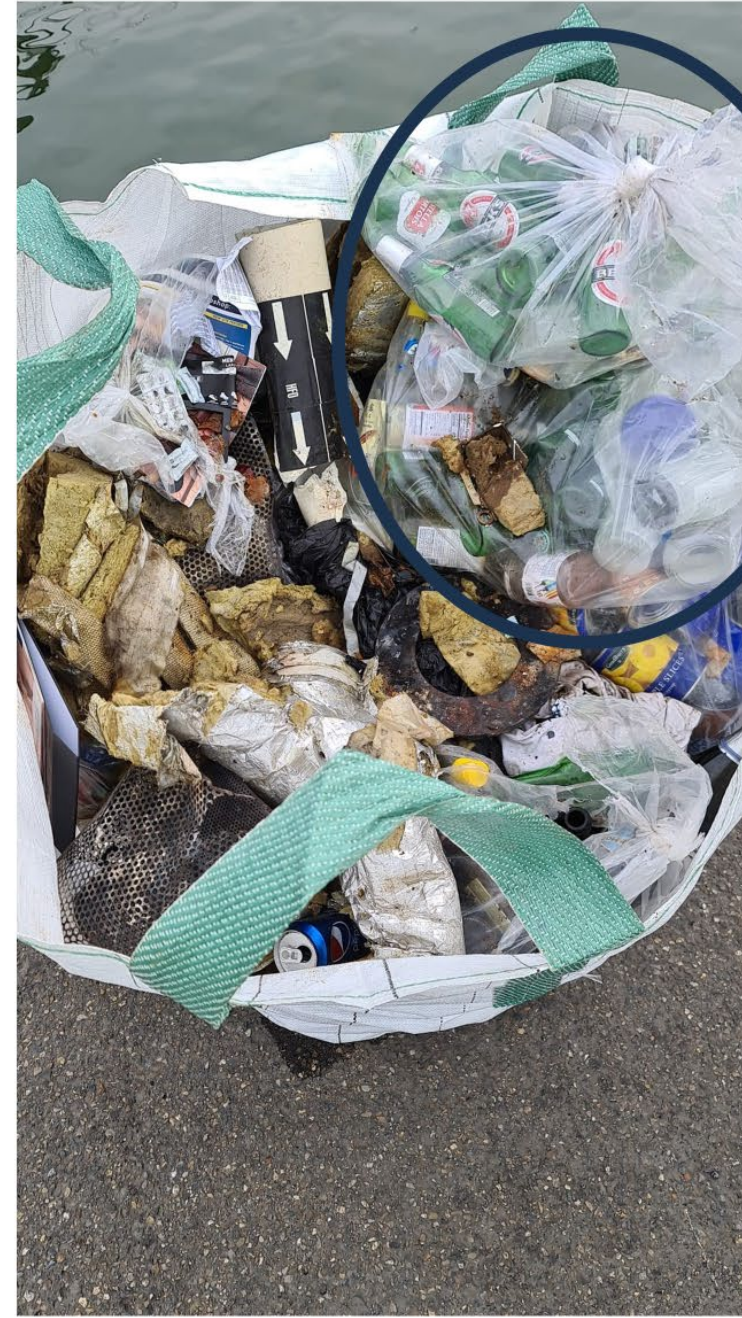
WE DO NOT JUST COLLECT WASTE, WE CREATE RESOURCES



EUROPE TO PAVE THE WAY



THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE EU LAND & MARITIME LEGISLATION



01. The “silo” problem

02. The ‘white bag reality’

03. End of waste criteria

DECARBONISATION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS



*IMMEDIATE TRANSITIONAL SOLUTIONS EXIST WHILE DEVELOPING
ALTERNATIVE FUELS*



- ☐ INFRASTRUCTURE ARE THERE
- ☐ AVAILABLE VOLUMES
- ☐ IMMEDIATE CARBON REDUCTION

**DON'T WAIT TO BE
PERFECT BEFORE DOING**

ACHIEVING MORE BY COLLABORATING MORE



PROPOSED WAY FORWARD: understand the challenges of each other – shipping, ports, waste management

OUR COMMITMENT: bring our experience and solutions

FINAL TAKEAWAY: let us link environment and competitiveness to build a future where healthy oceans support a thriving global trade economy





KEY TAKEAWAYS

01. **HEALTHY OCEANS = SUSTAINABLE TRADE** Environmental protection is an economic prerequisite for global logistics
02. **THE BRIDGE ROLE OF MCA: PRF** are an essential link between the Blue Economy & the Circular Economy
03. **HARMONISATION AS A KEY FACTOR OF SUCCESS** We must remove legislative incoherences
04. **PRAGMATISM FIRST** Recovered fuels offer an immediate path to decarbonization while mid- & long- technologies mature
05. **GLOBAL STANDARDS** IMO to ensure a level playing field – EU has a strong role to play



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