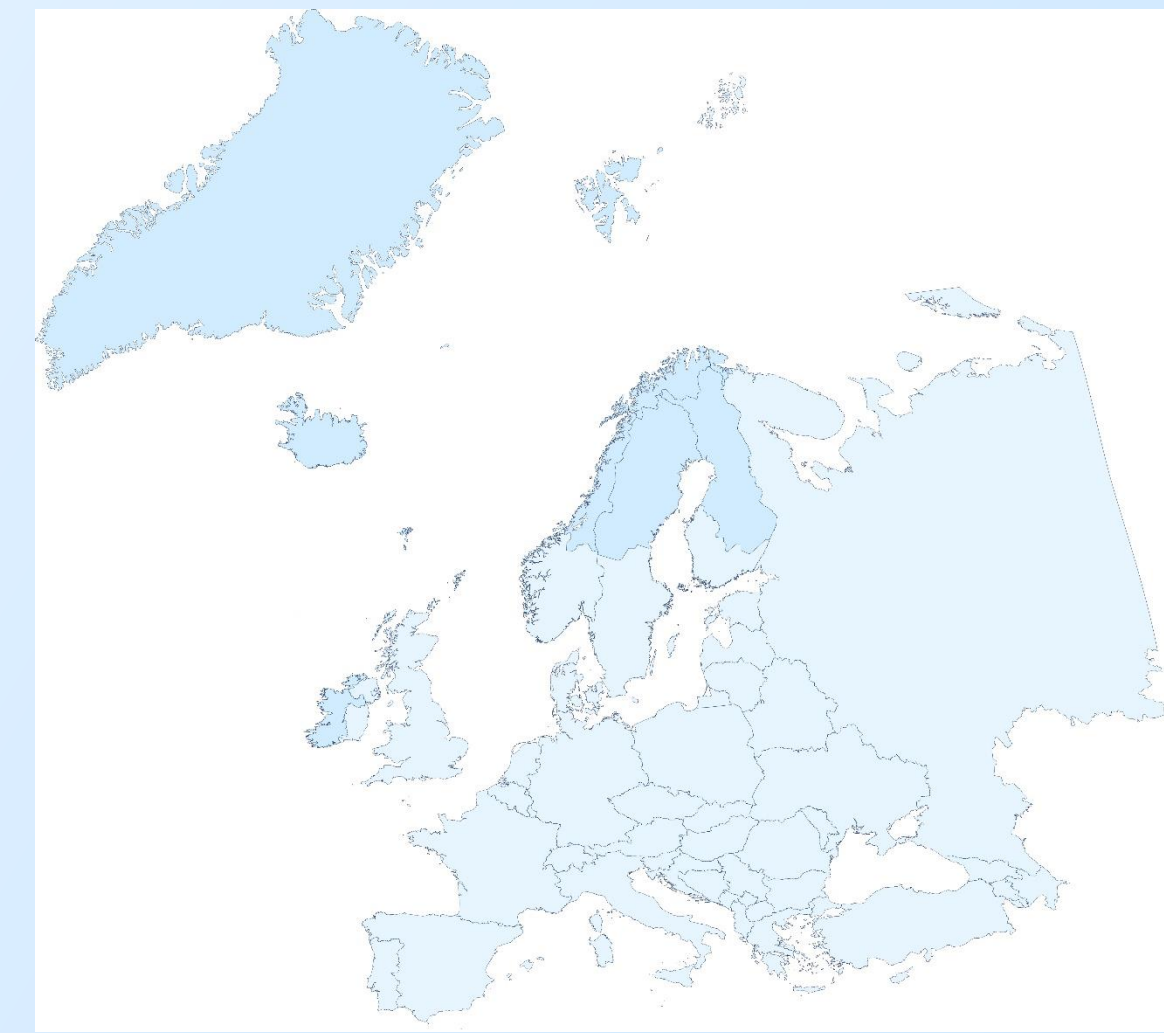


Blue Circular Nets (CIRCNETS)

Promoting collection and recycling of end-of-life fishing gear



- Funded by Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme 2021 - 2027
- Programme priority 2.3 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy
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Why do we need CIRCNETS?

Background of the project

- SUP directive by the EU – aim is to decrease marine litter in Europe
- Not just “Single Use Plastics”, also fishing gear is targeted => the most significant sources of marine litter
- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) to be applied to plastics containing fishing gear => Producers and importers have to organise separate collection of end-of-life fishing gear
- How this can be done in northern, sparsely populated regions with long distances?
- Can we learn from the work done in other NPA regions and in other EPR schemes?
- Can this create also business opportunities?

Workpackages of CIRCNETS

WP1. Analysis of fishing gear volumes and collection responsibilities & practices in NPA ports

WP2. NPA Marine plastic mitigation model (collection, treatment, reuse)

WP3. Implementation of EPR for EOL fishing gear in NPA countries

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