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# CLEAN HARBOURS CERTIFICATION

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# Overall presentation



- Region located in the south east of France
- Surrounded by the Mediterranean sea
- 147 marinas → Large capacity for boating



# Introduction to the Clean Harbours certification





Initiated in 2001 by the regional authority (+ local partners: UPACA, ADEME, Water agency...)



Aims to valorise the ecological practices in the harbours management



A certification promoting concrete commitments to engage the harbour in the preservation of aquatic environment an sustainable development of coastal and marine activities.



French norm since 2009 and a European certification since 2012 for marinas, seaports, river and lake ports, dry ports, fishing ports, commercial ports and mixed ports

# What does it consist in?



## 5 steps approach, prior obtaining the certification



1/ ENVIRONMENTAL DIAGNOSIS



2/ TACKLING CHRONIC POLLUTION, BY DEVELOPPING THE INFRASTRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENTS



3/ IMPLEMENTING THE MEANS TO FIGHT ACCIDENTAL POLLUTION AND TO SAVE WATER AND ENERGY



4/TRAINING OF PORT STAFF



5/RAISING AWARENESS OF PORT USERS BY COMMUNICATING

→ Financial support by the regional authority and the partners

# What does it consist in?



Once the clean harbours guidelines have been implemented:

- Application for the European Clean Harbours certification
- Audit (in France by AFNOR)
- → The harbour is certified for 3 years with annual audit



#### **Certified marinas**



In 2023, 67 marinas located in the region SUD are certified



# What's next?

#### RÉGION SUD PROVENCE ALPES CÔTE D'AZUR

#### Another certification

- 2018: New complementary certification « Ports propres actifs en biodiversité », which consists in a 4 steps process:
  - Biodiversity diagnosis + actions plan
  - Improvement of the biodiversity equipment and environmental practices
  - Training of the port staff
  - Communication plan
  - → Certification issued for 3 years



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### International recognition

- Submission of an application to the International Standards Committee for the Tourism Industry
- Results expected in June 2024
- → Objective: converting the Clean Harbour certification into ISO standards



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#### RÉGION SUD PROVENCE ALPES CÔTE D'AZUR

#### Charter for harbours created in 2015

- Voluntary based charter
- Ports= heart of regional development → economic, social and environmental aspects for a sustainable development
- One of the aspect is to get involved in the « Clean harbours » process and the « Ports actifs pour la biodiversité » process
- → 114 harbours have signed the charter



# **More information**



#### Please visit the website!

Ports Propres – Ports Propres & Ports Propres actifs en biodiversité (ports-propres.org)



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