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THE PORT OF TRIESTE WELCOMES SEABIN, THE WASTE BASKET THAT VACUUMS UP MARINE TRASH

THE PORT NETWORK AUTHORITY PLACED THE FIRST SEABIN NEAR THE ROOT OF THE FRATELLI BANDIERA PIER

Trieste, 17 February 2021 – In order to contribute to solving the problem of marine pollution caused by plastic, a new technology has been introduced worldwide over the last two years: a floating wastebasket to collect floating waste. Called Seabin, this device is placed on the water surface and can collect over 500 kg of plastic marine waste each year. The Seabin is particularly effective in places such as ports, where waste accumulates. For this reason, the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea installed one at the Fratelli Bandiera pier.

By working 24 hours a day, every day of the week, Seabin will help clean up the sea near the root of the Fratelli Bandiera pier, where waste tends to accumulate and where boats struggle to operate, necessitating for the waste to be collected manually by specialized personnel.

The Seabin – the brainchild of Australian surfers Andrew Turton and Pete Ceglinski – captures everything it comes across: it sucks up plastic by constantly vacuuming sea water, collecting and holding in all floating waste and micro-waste (bits of plastic, plastic bags, cigarette butts, and fibers too small to be visible to the naked eye).

“We realize that the Seabin alone cannot solve the problem of marine pollution, - says Zeno D'Agostino, President of the Port Authority - but it can help clean up water bodies, so much so that we are considering adding an additional one in the port”.