

LifeGate PlasticLess®: doValue supports the Tourist Port of Rome in the battle against plastic in the sea

With the support of doValue, LifeGate's Seabin "plastic eater" device has been installed in the Tourist Port of Rome and will capture over half a ton of waste per year from the water surface

10 July 2019 - **doValue**, formerly doBank S.p.A., has joined the **LifeGate PlasticLess®** initiative and supports the **Tourist Port of Rome**, providing a device, the Seabin, which collects plastic waste from the sea thereby helping to reduce seaside pollution.

PlasticLess® is the LifeGate project aiming to protect the Italian seas in which almost 90 tons of plastic end up every day. Thanks to LifeGate and doValue, the innovative **Seabin by LifeGate** has now been positioned in Ostia, in the Tourist Port of Rome. It can capture up to 1.5 kg of debris per day from the water surface, or more than half a ton of waste per year, including microplastics up to 2 mm in diameter and microfibrils of up to 0.3 mm.

A floating waste collection device designed by two Australians, the "sea basket" can operate 24/7 and is extraordinarily effective in areas such as ports, where wind and currents cause waste to converge. Since September 2018, the devices have collected more than two tons of floating waste, equal to the weight of nearly 140,000 plastic bottles.

*"We are happy to embark on this working relationship with doValue, our partner for some years, and a valuable ally in the first Italian attempt to clean the seas of plastic waste" - explains **Enea Roveda, CEO of LifeGate** - "After the success of our first year of activity, we aim to continue on this path to spread the presence of LifeGate PlasticLess® Seabins throughout the country and the rest of Europe, to reduce the plastic waste present in the waters of our seas, lakes and rivers and to create greater awareness of an environmental issue that is now so important".*

*"We enthusiastically accepted the proposal of the LifeGate PlasticLess® project and are proud that the first Seabin device in Lazio bears our signature" - declares **the President of doValue Ambassador Giovanni Castellaneta** - "This project reflects doValue's focus on Corporate Social Responsibility issues, certain that with everyone's contribution we can make a difference and generate value for the region".*

*"We are pleased to note that we are the first marina in Lazio to install the Seabin and join the LifeGate PlasticLess project" - says **Donato Pezzuto, Director of the company Porto Turistico di Roma (Tourist Port of Rome)** - "Our port facility began separate waste disposal with AMA a few years ago and has organised several initiatives to raise awareness among users of the port and the public on the issue of protection of the marine environment. This issue is particularly close to our hearts and the installation of the Seabin allows us to bolster our daily action to protect the sea".*

LifeGate is considered the benchmark for sustainability in Italy and has a community of 5 million people. Every day LifeGate works with passion and determination to provide information, projects and services involving an increasingly wide network of people, companies, NGOs, and institutions that want to actively engage in change for a sustainable future.

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