

Valenciaport Joins “Upcycling the Oceans” Marine Waste Initiative

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The Port Authority of Valencia (APV) has officially joined the “Upcycling the Oceans” project, a significant initiative aimed at recovering marine waste and integrating it into the recycling cycle. The APV Board of Directors approved its adhesion to the project, which is spearheaded by the Ecoalf Foundation and Ecoembes, in collaboration with the fishing sector.

This agreement, spanning an initial four years and renewable for up to eight, underscores Valenciaport’s commitment to sustainable practices. It promotes enhanced traceability, custody, and responsible management of marine waste, while boosting public awareness and engagement from the port community.

By joining, the ports of Valencia, Sagunto, and Gandia will become part of a network of 72 Mediterranean ports dedicated to combating marine pollution. This aligns directly with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 14, focused on protecting underwater life. The project also contributes to the characterization of marine debris, with a particular emphasis on the harmful impact of microplastics on marine ecosystems and human health.

The collaboration between Valenciaport, the Ecoalf Foundation, and Ecoembes exemplifies a robust public-private partnership. Its core mission is to transform marine waste into valuable resources through advanced recycling processes, giving garbage a crucial second life. Beyond its operational goals, “Upcycling the Oceans” is dedicated to educating both the fishing sector and the general public, fostering greater awareness of marine waste’s impact and encouraging active societal participation in its reduction.