

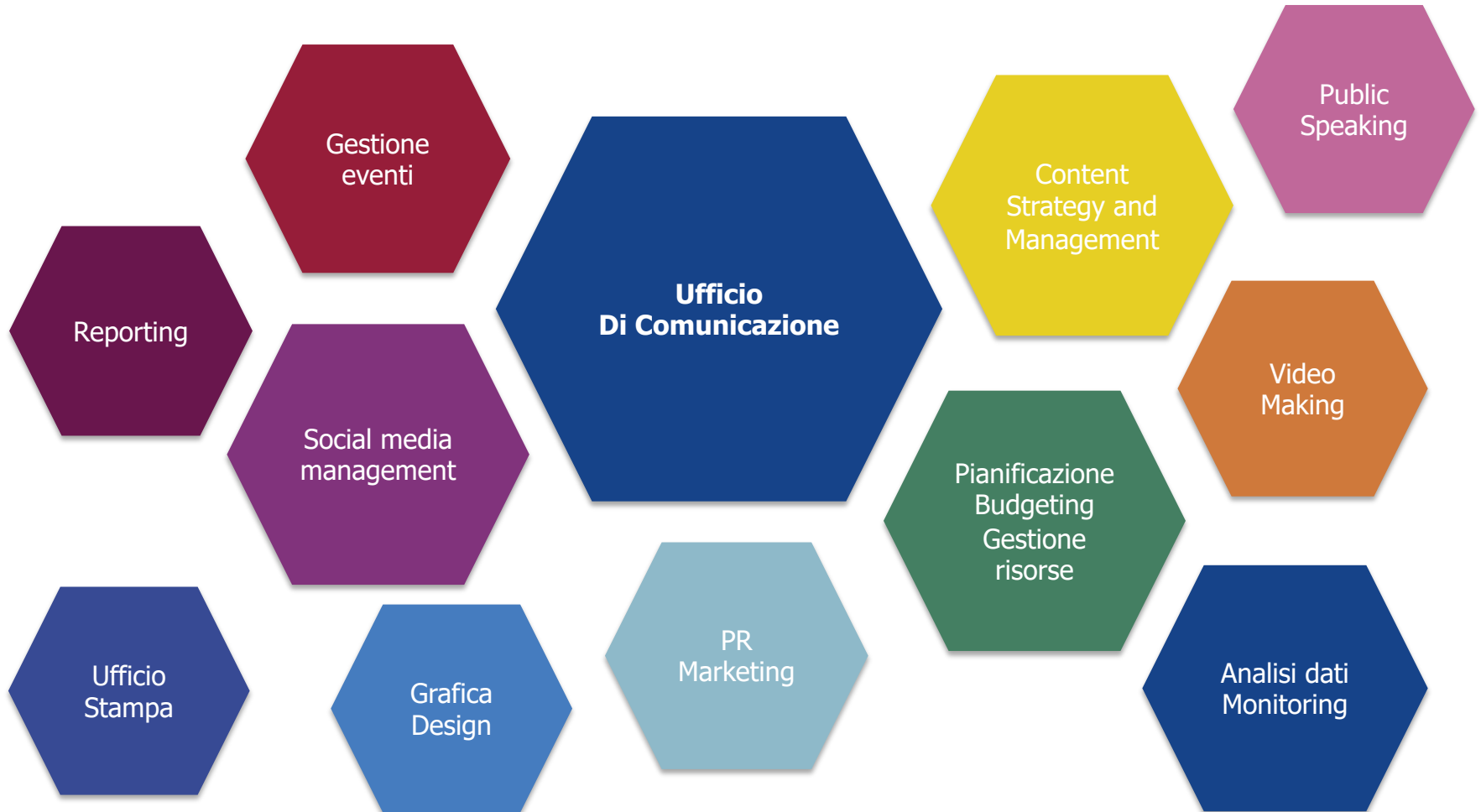
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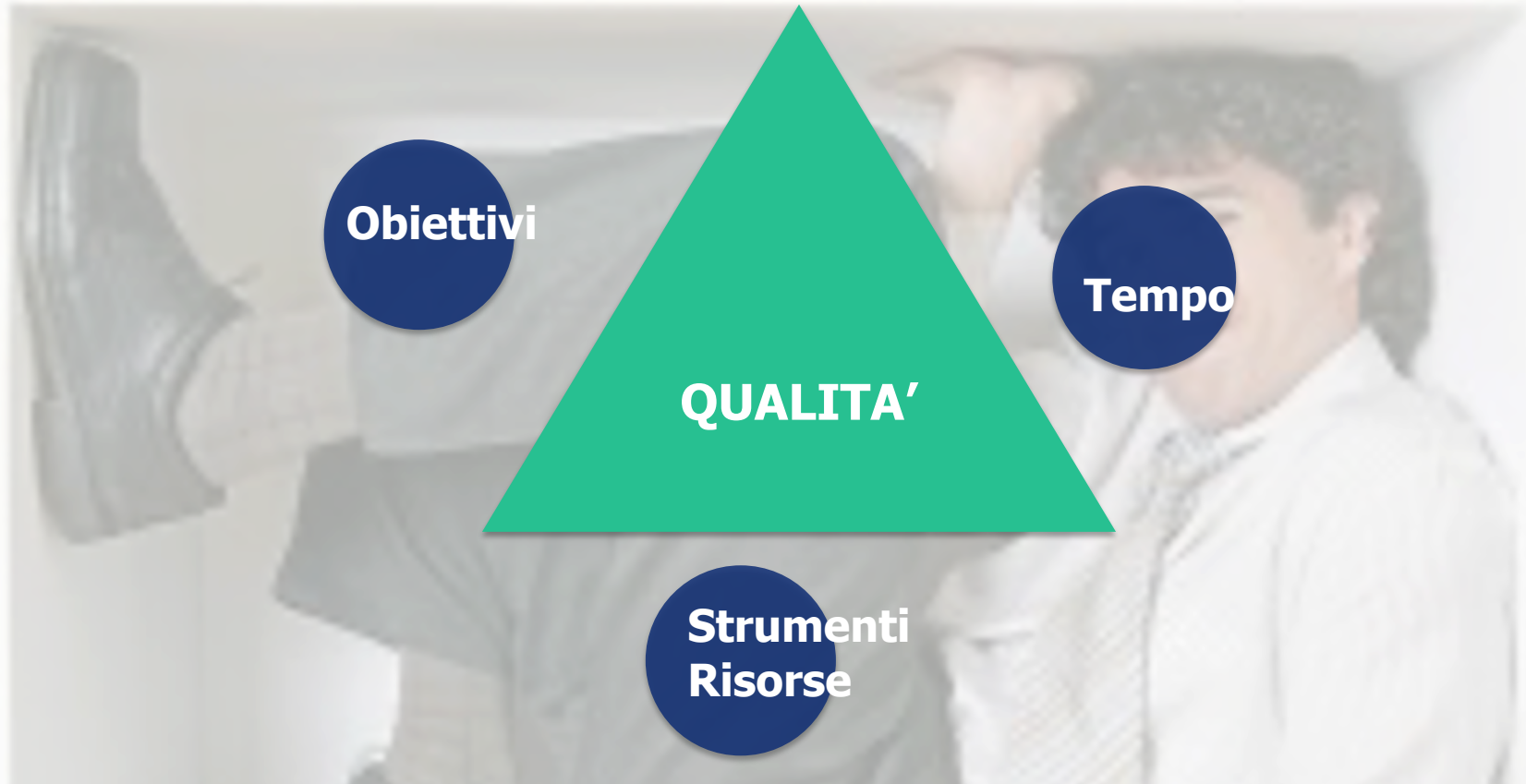
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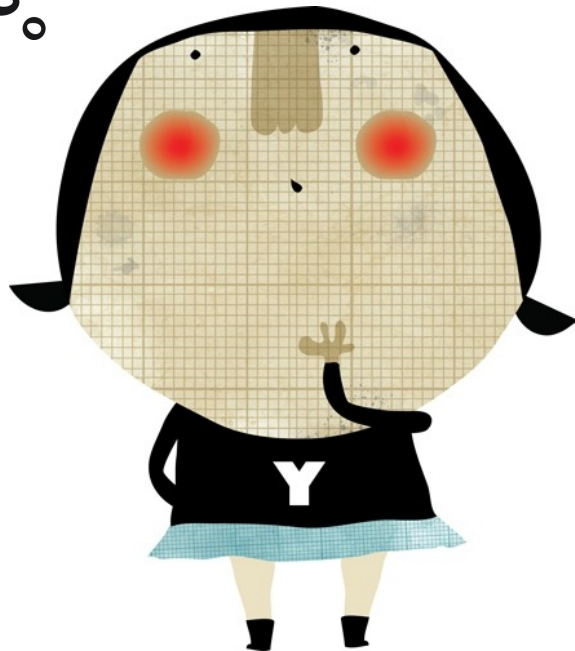




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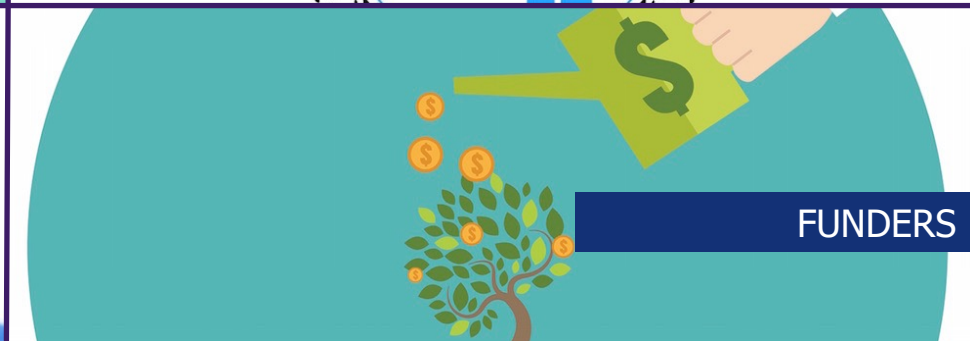
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Plastics, as well as many globally distributed pollutants, have finally reached Antarctica. Early observations of floating or stranded macroplastics (larger than 1 cm) date back to the 1980s [12], and more recently meso- and microplastics (1–100 µm and 1–1000 µm, respectively; [13]) have been found in surface waters and sediments below 60° South [14–16]. Documented impacts of plastic debris on Antarctic biota mainly include entanglement [17] and ingestion by marine mammals and seabirds at sub-Antarctic and Antarctic islands [18–20]. The spreading of multiple antibiotic resistance associated with stranded plastics in the maritime

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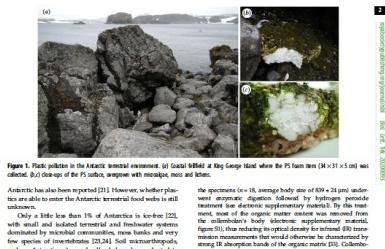


Figure 1. Peak plastic in the Antarctic terrestrial ecosystem. (i) Quartz IRMA of King George Island where the PS foam (34 × 31 × 5 mm) was collected. (ii) Trace of PS in the gut of *C. antarcticus* with average, not real-time.

Antarctic area has been reported [21] however whether plastics are able to enter the Antarctic terrestrial food webs is still unknown. Only a little less than 1% of Antarctica is ice-free [22], with small and isolated terrestrial and freshwater systems. Dominated by microbial communities, new biotic and very few species of invertebrates [23,24]. Soil microorganisms, such as Antarctic soils and collembolans, have adapted to extreme stable environmental conditions, at least since before the last Glacial Maximum, if not since a million years ago [25], and, together with microorganisms and collembolans, are the main components of the common Antarctic collembolan *Cryptopygus antarcticus* a documented for the first time the fragments originating from a large foam of PS foam found embedded on King George Island (South Shetland Islands).

### 2. Material and methods

(i) Sampling  
The study site (Figure 1) is at 62°15'35" S, 58°24'30" W is located on the Fildes Peninsula of King George Island (South Shetland Islands, Antarctica), where a large piece of PS foam (34 × 31 × 5 mm) covered by microalgae, moss, lichens, algae, diatoms and collembolans was found in February 2016 (see the electronic supplementary material for more details regarding the study site) (Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM) S1, <https://www.royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsbl>). PS foam was preserved at -20°C until for characterization.

(ii) Species identification and sample treatment  
Collembolans were identified at the species level using the taxonomic key by [26–28]. A detritus for plastic ingestion.

(iii) Spectroscopic identification  
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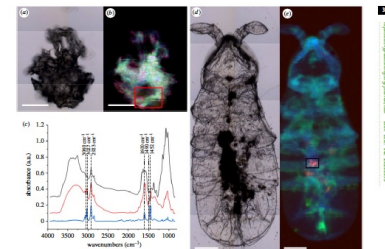


Figure 2. Detection of PS foam in Antarctic collembolan (p-FTIR). PS foam from polystyrene control (solid line) and PS foam from polystyrene control (dashed line) and PS foam from polystyrene control (dotted line). The traces show the characteristic absorption bands for polystyrene, with the C. antarcticus trace showing a slightly broader and less intense peak at approximately 3060 cm⁻¹.

The p-FTIR measurements on the sampled PS fragments (positive control) (Figure 2a) were compared with the average of the characteristic PS peaks, see spectrum in Figure 2b, and vertical dotted lines. The IR spectra in Figure 2c and d, and vertical dotted lines. The IR spectra in Figure 2c and d, and vertical dotted lines. The IR spectra in Figure 2c and d, and vertical dotted lines.

Although collembolans were previously identified, they all presented some organic residues along the digestive tract, which hindered the detection of PS using the p-FTIR method. Thus, the intensity of PS peak at 3060 cm⁻¹, which better characterizes the plastic in the collembolan, was lower than the PS peak in the PS control. By integrating this peak area, lower traces of the polystyrene were observed in the analysed specimens and in different regions of the gastrointestinal tract, mid- and hind-gut, with the areas in the mid-gut being the highest (Figure 2d) representing 15% mean. The p-FTIR signal in the mid-gut was identified as polystyrene, with the area of the sample and integrated with organic matter.

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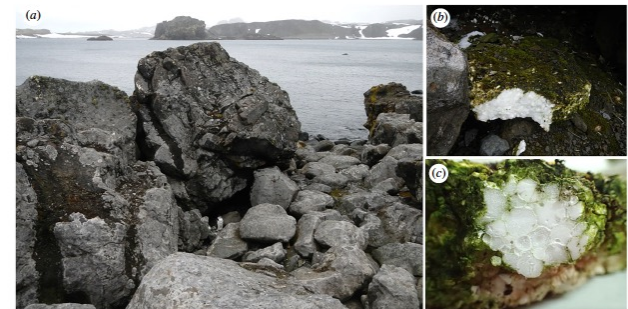


Figure 1. Plastic pollution in the Antarctic terrestrial environment. (a) Coastal fellfield at King George Island where the PS foam item (34 × 31 × 5 cm) was collected. (b,c) Close-ups of the PS surface, overgrown with microalgae, moss and lichens.

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The fact that one of the most abundant collembolans in remote Antarctic soils is ingesting microplastics implies that these anthropogenic materials have deeply entered the soil food web, will be redistributed through the soil profile and may or have already become an integral part of the biogeochemical cycles in soils. Future research should explore the ecosystem level consequences of this additional significant global change factor that humans have imposed on natural ecosystems.



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**Ethics.** The sampling of plastic debris and associated microbiota has been conducted in the framework of the 'Plastic in the Antarctic environment' project (PNRA-14\_00090), with the required authorization from the Italian National Antarctic Program.

**Data accessibility.** Further data are supplied as electronic supplemental information (one file, 'electronic supplementary material').

**Authors' contributions.** E.B. and I.C. coordinated the study and obtained financial support. E.B. conducted the sampling activities and sample treatment. E.R. and T.C. identified the collembolan species and reviewed its biology. G.B. and L.V. performed the FTIR analysis. All authors provided a significant input for the interpretation of the results obtained, drafted and revised the manuscript. All authors gave final approval for publication and agree to be held accountable for the work performed therein.

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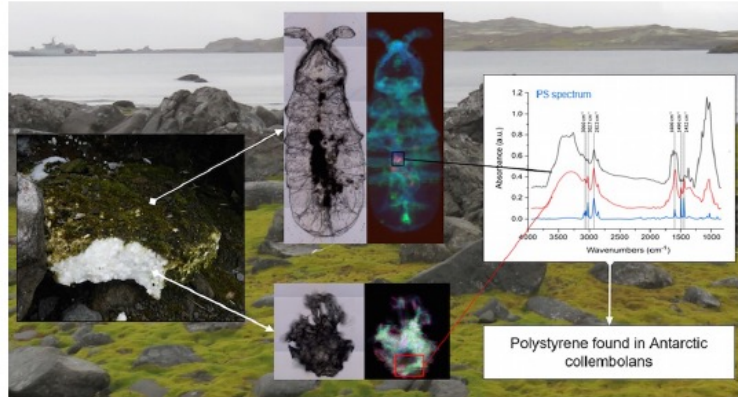


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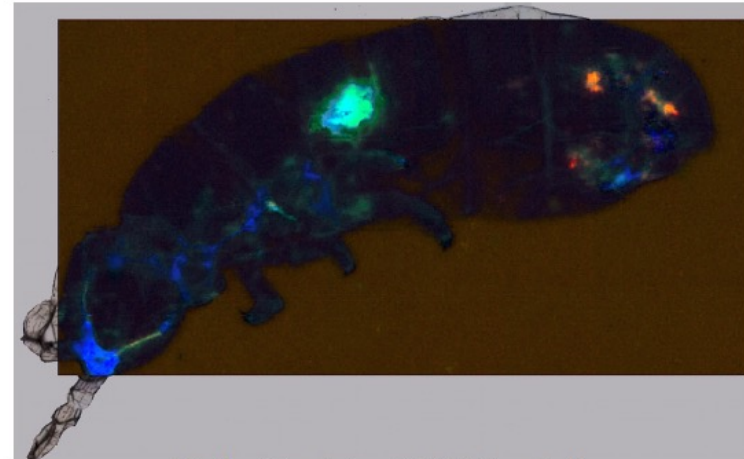
"Vi sono prove che le microplastiche abbiano raggiunto le regioni più remote del pianeta". Così si apre l'articolo pubblicato sulla rivista scientifica *Royal Society Biology Letters* del team di ricerca coordinato da Elisa Bergami e Ilaria Corsi dell'Università di Siena, che ha dato la prima evidenza di contaminazione da microplastiche in animali terrestri antartici.



Sommario grafico dello studio

Prima di questa osservazione "vi erano ancora dubbi sulla presenza della plastica nelle reti alimentari terrestri antartiche" – continuano gli autori dello studio. Per trovare una risposta, i ricercatori hanno mosso i primi passi da un pezzo di polistirolo ritrovato nel 2016 sulle coste dell'isola antartica di re Giorgio (Shetland del Sud), ricoperto di alghe, muschi e licheni. A nutrirsi di questa microflora è un piccolo invertebrato lungo un paio di millimetri, il *Cryptopygus antarcticus* (del gruppo dei Collemboli, componente centrale della catena alimentare del suolo in tutte le aree del pianeta). Le analisi sugli esemplari di Collemboli rinvenuti sul materiale plastico – effettuate con la tecnologia di imaging con spettroscopia infrarossa presso Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste, struttura partner di CERIC-ERIC – hanno permesso di identificare la presenza di tracce di polistirolo nell'intestino di questi organismi superando le limitazioni attuali per l'analisi di microinvertebrati del suolo.

Le microplastiche possono anche trasportare contaminanti e agenti patogeni, con un potenziale dannoso per organismi come i Collemboli, e di conseguenza per altre specie della relativa rete alimentare. Studi di laboratorio su specie di Collemboli che abitano altre regioni del globo suggeriscono inoltre che l'esposizione a microplastiche possa provocare alterazioni nella loro crescita e riproduzione.



Collembolo antartico analizzato con microFTIR (foto: Giovanni Birarda)

Considerata l'ampia presenza di *Cryptopygus antarcticus* nell'ambiente terrestre antartico, l'ingestione di microplastiche potrebbe contribuire alla loro diffusione lungo la catena alimentare nel polo sud, con potenziali rischi per l'intero ecosistema. Altri studi saranno necessari per meglio comprendere le possibili conseguenze ambientali dovute alla presenza di microplastiche, ormai penetrate profondamente nel terreno e nelle reti alimentari.

Lo studio è stato coordinato da Elisa Bergami e Ilaria Corsi dell'Università di Siena, con il prezioso contributo di Emilia Rota, sempre dell'Ateneo senese, Giovanni Birarda e Lisa Vaccari di ELETTRA Sincrotrone di Trieste e Tancredi Caruso dell'University College di Dublino.

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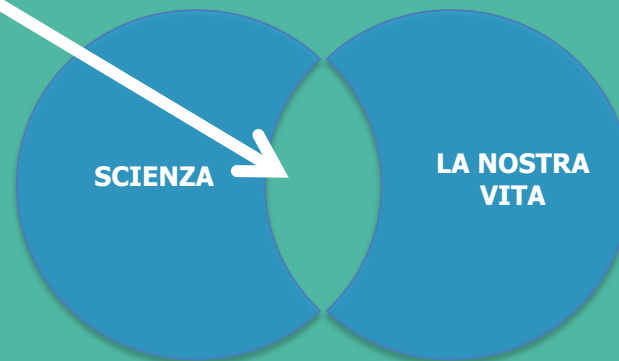
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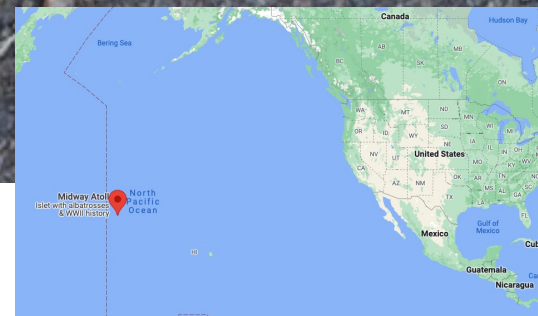


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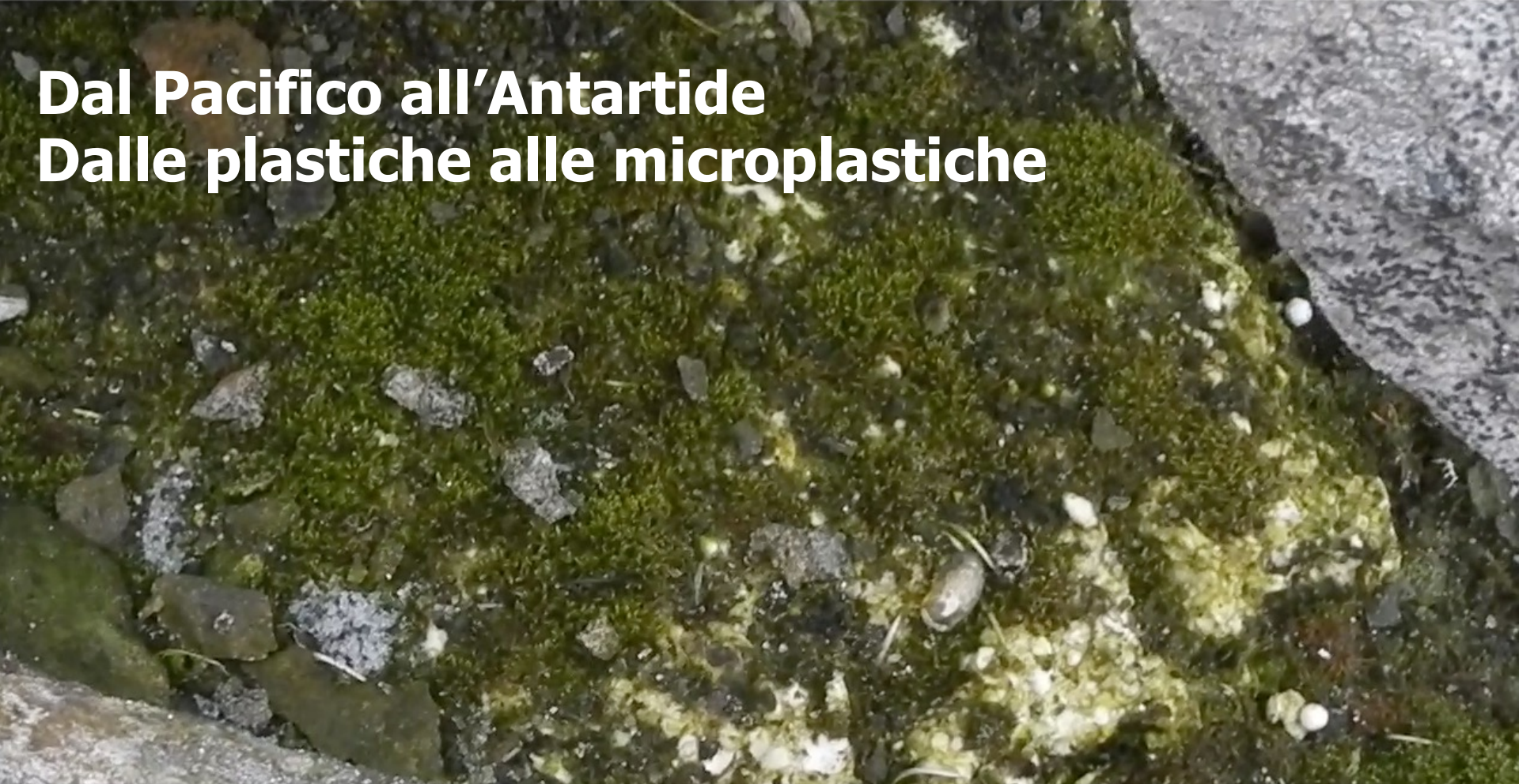
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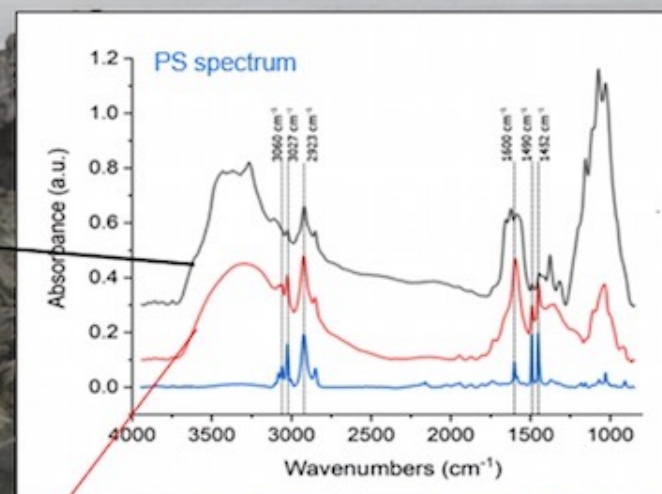
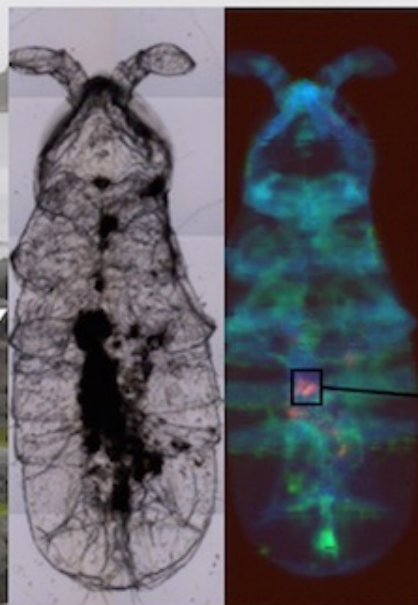
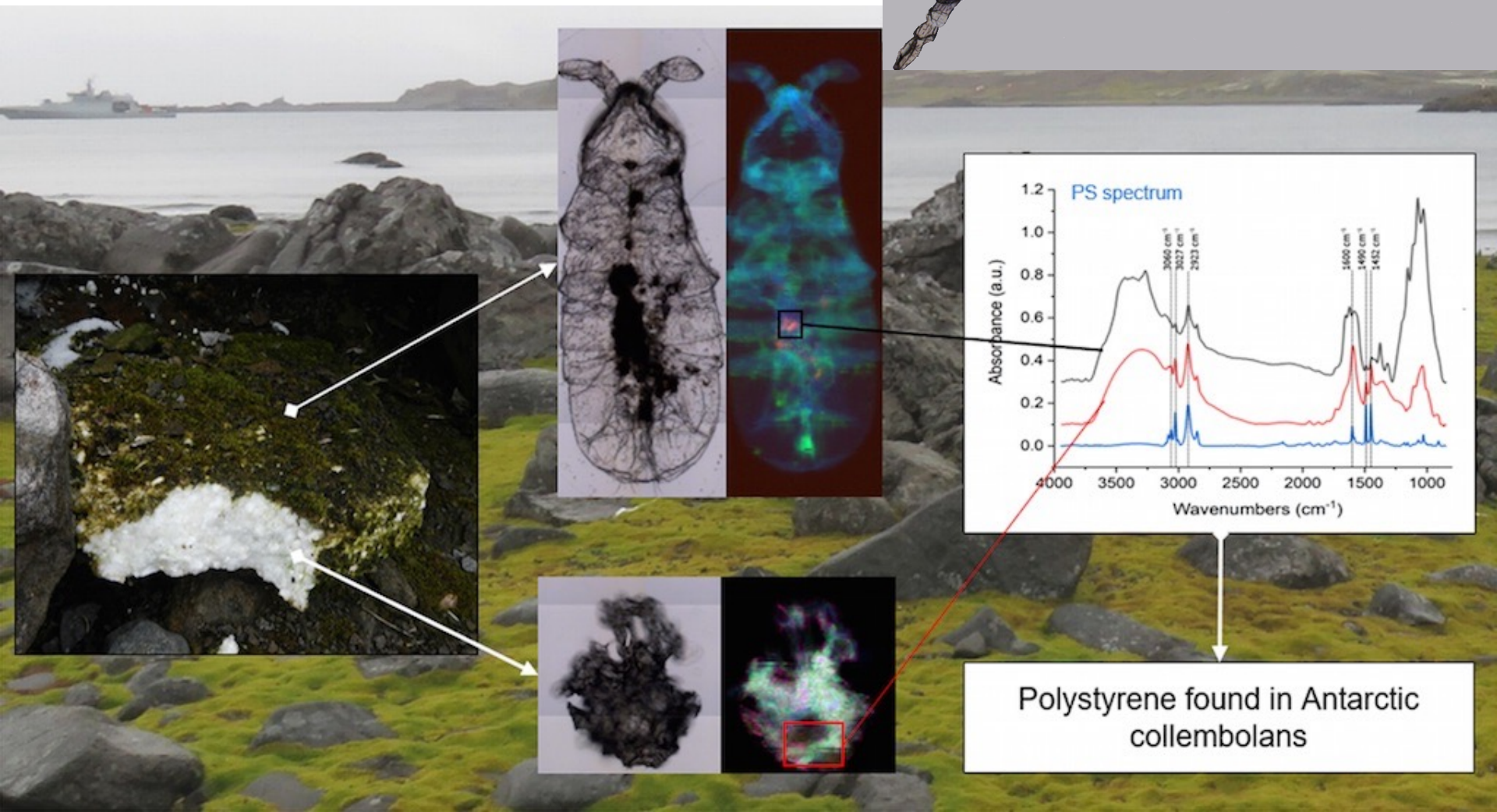
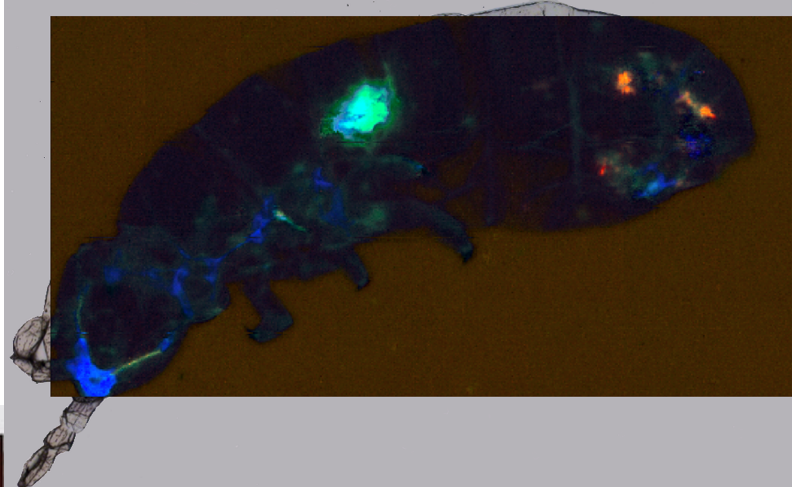
# Dal Pacifico all'Antartide

## Dalle plastiche alle microplastiche





# Le immagini della ricerca



Polystyrene found in Antarctic collembolans

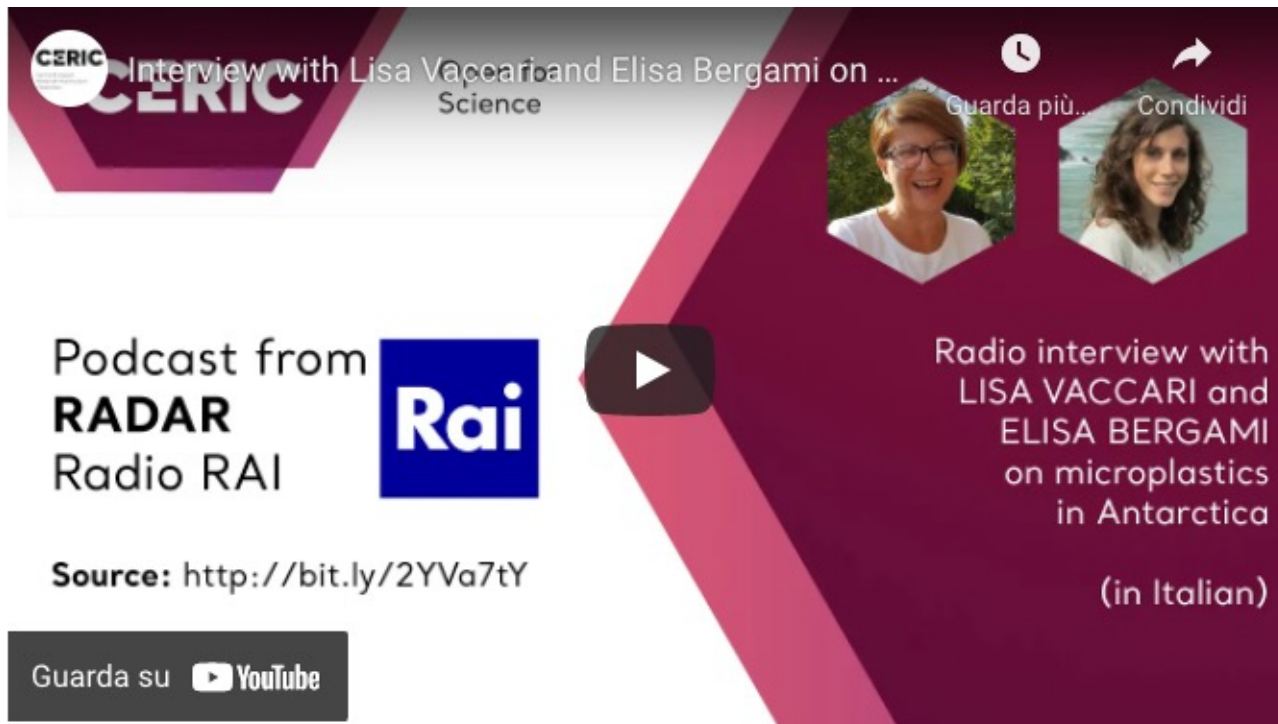
# Video intervista CERIC



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# Interviste con la stampa

## Programma RAI - RADAR



Interview with Lisa Vaccari and Elisa Bergami on ...  
Science

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Radio RAI

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Radio interview with  
LISA VACCARI and  
ELISA BERGAMI  
on microplastics  
in Antarctica  
(in Italian)

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# Eventi di divulgazione scientifica

## ESOF 2020

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**ELISA BERGAMI** on

**Ambiente e  
microplastiche:  
notizie dall'Antartide.**

**Environment and  
microplastics:  
news from Antarctica.**

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# Eventi di divulgazione scientifica

## Notte dei Ricercatori @ Trieste NEXT 2021

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# Fare notizia

La notizia costituisce una “rottura della normalità”, che riporta **FATTI** e non opinioni.

## Alcuni principi guida per la redazione di notizie per la stampa:

### ORIGINALITA', SINGOLARITA':

Es. “il cane morso dal padrone”



NOTIZIE  
INSOLITE

### RILEVANZA (interesse e importanza per il proprio pubblico):

Es. mondiali di calcio,  
elezioni, catastrofi,  
scioperi, crisi, ecc.

### VICINANZA del fatto

**EVOLUZIONE** del  
fatto (es. fatti di  
cronaca) su cui si  
costruisce una storia

**ATTESA** post-fatto  
(es. elezioni del papa,  
rapimenti, ecc.)

### L'ESCLUSIVA, lo SCOOP

### SENSAZIONALISMO

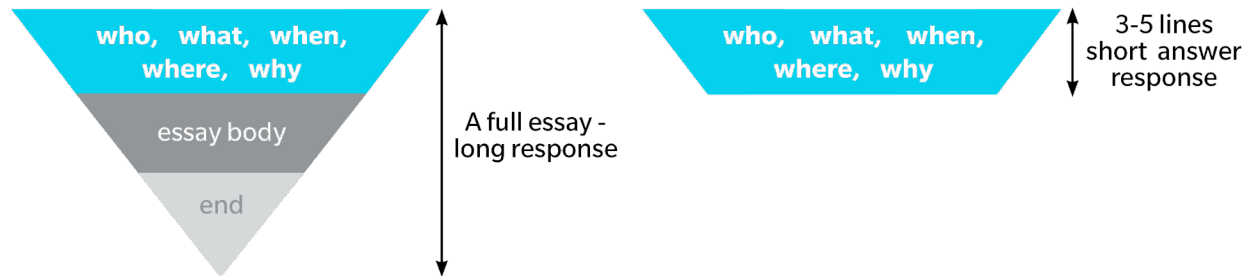
Altri punti da tenere a mente:

\*Per chi è la notizia, \*a chi interessa, \*è il momento di divulgarla?



# Elementi di un comunicato - 1

*Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita mi ritrovai per una selva oscura ch  la diritta via era smarrita... ”*



- **Titolo**

- "Write it straight before you write it great!"
- 8-10 parole
- Includi parole chiave per SEO

- **Sottotitolo**

- Aggiungi parole chiave per SEO
- Max. 20 parole / 2 righe
- Serve a dare maggiore chiarezza all'argomento anticipato nel titolo
- Carattere descrittivo

- **Lead** = inizio, o attacco, che contenga una sintesi e info pi  specifiche

- E' come un breve sommario, o riassunto, che arriva dritto al punto. Serve a catturare l'attenzione del lettore. Spiega cosa e perch  interessa ai lettori. Se relativo a un evento, inserire data e luogo.

# Elementi di un comunicato - 2

- **Virgolettato** (di una persona importante nell'organizzazione, gruppo di ricerca, azienda...)
  - Aggiunge valore e credibilità alla notizia. Possibilmente riporta le parole di un rappresentante importante dell'ente / azienda, ecc. – es. del presidente, amministratore delegato, principal investigator di una ricerca...che riconferma il messaggio centrale della notizia.
- **Trend tie-in**
  - (riferimento a trend o problematiche del momento per le quali quanto riportato nella notizia potrebbe fornire una soluzione)
- **Secondo virgolettato** (da parte di un partner, un utente / cliente, un investitore...)
- **Call to action**
  - un'istruzione per chi legge volta a provocare una risposta immediata
- **Boiler plate**
  - info sull'ente, azienda...positioning statement
- **Info di contatto**

## TIPS

- ✧ La notizia deve stare nelle prime righe
- ✧ Evita info istituzionali all'inizio
- ✧ Stile riconoscibile, coerente
- ✧ Struttura "a cipolla"
- ✧ Includere immagini, numeri, grafici...
- ✧ NON troppo lungo, tecnico, accademico, auto-referenziale, didattico



# Comunicato stampa - tempistiche

- I comunicati devono arrivare in redazione in mattinata o nel primissimo pomeriggio. Possono arrivare alle otto/nove di sera solo se hanno una priorità assoluta.
- **L'embargo:** consiste nel chiedere a testate e agenzie di non pubblicare o diffondere la notizia prima di una certa ora e data indicata alla testa del comunicato. È utilizzato dalle riviste scientifiche per anticipare articoli di imminente pubblicazione
- Se si promuove un evento, inviare un "save the date" qualche giorno prima della data dell'evento
- Mailing list giornalisti: selezionare solo contatti potenzialmente interessati
- Contattare le redazioni telefonicamente
- Insieme al comunicato, includere una cartella stampa o "press kit"



## How To Create Impactful Press Kits That Work



# Monitoraggio dei risultati



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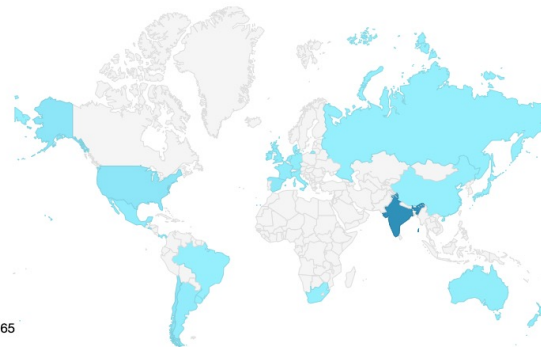
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Geographical breakdown

Country	Count	As %
India	65	31%
United States	7	3%
Chile	7	3%
Spain	5	2%
United Kingdom	4	2%
Mexico	3	1%
France	3	1%
Ireland	3	1%
Argentina	3	1%
Other	20	9%

Demographic breakdown

Type	Count	As %
Members of the public	175	83%
Scientists	25	12%
Science communicators (journalists, bloggers, editors)	7	3%
Practitioners (doctors, other healthcare professionals)	4	2%



# Citizen Science

## BACKGROUND INFO:

# PLASTIC PIRATES – GO EUROPE!

**Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!** is a joint citizen science campaign by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in collaboration with the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education and the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The campaign is taking place in all three countries from 2020 to 2021 as part of the trio presidency of the EU Council. The goals of the campaign are to strengthen scientific collaboration in Europe, promote the level of dedication among citizen scientists and to raise awareness and consciousness for the environment. The joint project of the three countries demonstrates how citizens in Europe can work together to achieve common goals. In the years 2020 and 2021, pupils, teachers and scientists will collaborate to

identify microplastic in rivers and their estuaries and contribute to a better understanding of environmental problems. The Plastic Pirates campaign was first developed in 2016 in Germany by the Kiel Science Factory and partners with support from the BMBF for the Science Year 2016\*17 – Seas and Oceans and, since 2018, will be continued within the framework of the research focus 'Plastics in the Environment'.

You can find information about the Plastic Pirates at [plastic-pirates.eu/en](https://plastic-pirates.eu/en).

Booklet: [https://www.plastic-pirates.eu/sites/default/files/document/2020-08/PPEU\\_Aktionsheft\\_EN\\_webRZ.pdf](https://www.plastic-pirates.eu/sites/default/files/document/2020-08/PPEU_Aktionsheft_EN_webRZ.pdf)

Articolo scientifico con i primi risultati ottenuti dai dati raccolti (2016-2017)

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