

## Good practices in Italy 20/2019

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### **Description:**

Since plastic was invented about seventy years ago, it has been having a fundamental role in our lives making people kind of dependant from them. It is becoming increasingly evident, though, how this material is dangerous for ecosystems. Plastic is cheap, versatile and long lasting and for these same reasons it is everywhere. Contamination from plastic is in our rivers, in our seas and oceans and even in our soils and air, making us constantly drinking, eating and breathinh small parts of it.

This book tells us about causes, effects and cures for this problem which represents one of the biggest emergencies for our Planet.

Some things have been done at national level, as well as at the European Union level: see norms about disposables in Europe and the ban on plastic bags Italy made. These measures are sure an improvement, but they will never solve such a big issue. That we can only face skipping to a circular economy model based on recycle and resource valorization, instead of the linear model we are experiencing which promotes waste of resources and single-use devices.