



# RESTORE, RENEW, REVIVE NEWSLETTER

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## OUR CORE MISSION

GPGP PROJECT



The Gaia First "Great Pacific Garbage Patch" (GPGP) project includes a sustainable and green recycling system:

- 2 boats equipped with a gasification system
- 5 years
- 90% of the continent of plastic converted into GREEN ENERGY and RECYCLED
- Hydrogen energy created from waste
- Self-sustaining system: Self-powered boats and gasifiers (powered by the hydrogen created)
- More information on page 8 & [gaiafirst.org](https://gaiafirst.org).

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## WHAT IS GAIA FIRST?

**GAIA FIRST**, born in 2020, is a Paris-based international NGO created originally to promote the groundbreaking idea of our founder and president Gianni Valenti for **cleaning our oceans**.

An environmentalist & entrepreneur with an inventor's mind (having filed several patents), Gianni has come up with a sustainable way to clean plastic out of garbage patches in the ocean, turning the waste debris into green **hydrogen** energy through a system called **gasification**. The hydrogen created can then be used to power the gasification system itself, as well as the boats that will be used for the clean-up.

As we work to make this project a reality, a second axis of actions has begun. Operational teams, "pop-up" groups & collaborations have been formed around the globe to conduct **local clean-ups on land** (beaches, forests, green spaces, city spaces...). Volunteers join forces to de-litter their local environment, making for a more pleasant and healthier living space for both humans and animals alike.

These **two levels of action** (the large-scale project for our oceans and the small-scale local clean-ups around the globe) are complementary in that they teach us one thing: Gaia (our planet Earth) is interconnected!

**Our actions, wherever they be & however large or small, have an impact on our planet as a whole.**

## OUR MILESTONES

19 May 2020

**Creation of GAIA FIRST**

10 Oct 2020

**1st Worldwide Local Clean-up**  
(France, Italy, UK, USA, Ukraine...)

13 Feb 2021

**2nd Worldwide Local Clean-up**  
(France, USA, Canada, Algeria...)

29 May 2021

**3rd Worldwide Local Clean-up**  
(France, Algeria, Italy, UK...)

17 July 2021

**4th Worldwide Local Clean-up**  
(France, Greece, Indonesia, Venezuela, Hungary, Spain...)

18 Sept 2021

**TedX Münster:** Our president Gianni Valenti gives a talk in Münster, Germany

25 Sept 2021

**5th Worldwide Local Clean-up**  
(France, Greece, Algeria, Canada, UK, Venezuela, Belgium, Brazil...)

27 Nov 2021

**Our NEXT Clean-up!**  
In collaboration with WeWork and ESI Green & Social Business School in France & the municipality of Kavala in Greece



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GIANNI VALENTI



This year has been very rich in terms of actions and emotions, and we've reached high levels but so much more has to be done. Climate change and pollution remain the greatest concerns not just for present conditions but for future survival.

**"THIS AGE PRESENTS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY SINGLE PERSON TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."**

Everyone's looking at the delegates of the COP26 as if they will provide us the solution. But they are only there to amplify our actions. The solution will come from us all. Gaia First is not just about creating a movement, it's about creating an action. Tackling a global problem with a real, concrete project, not just pretty words. We are set on a course that will create a long-lasting efficient change and we are not backing down. Thank you to everyone coming on board, just for a day or for a long stay, as all of us will make a difference together.



Local actions  
on a global scale!



## WORLDWIDE LOCAL CLEAN UPS

6 COMPLETED

It may sound like an oxymoron, worldwide and local? But it's exactly one of our lines of action here at Gaia First. We have set up fixed operational teams in France, Greece, Spain, India and Algeria and have numerous "pop-up" groups or collaborative groups participating during each clean-up in countries across the globe.

### Want to join a fixed group?

*If you live in or around:*

*Paris, France - Kavala, Greece - Kanpur, India  
Mumbai, India or Annaba, Algeria*

Write to us at [contact@gaiafirst.org](mailto:contact@gaiafirst.org) to be put in touch with your local country operations manager. They will tell you all the details regarding place and time of the next clean-up.

Join our next Clean-Up - Nov. 27th 2021

### "Pop-Up" groups



-  **Grab a friend or family member**  
(at least 1 but the more the merrier!)
-  **Grab a pair of working or garden gloves**  
(or some type of gripping tongs)
-  **Grab a few trash bags**
-  **Find a local area in need of cleaning**  
(forest, beach, green space, city space...)
-  **Have fun while you clean!**
-  **Take pictures!**
-  **Post them on Instagram or Facebook, tag Gaia**  
(@gaia.first for insta / @Gaia First for FB).  
We will then repost!
-  **Or send them to us via Instagram DM or Email**  
([contact@gaiafirst.org](mailto:contact@gaiafirst.org)) and we will post them!



**WE HAVE ALREADY  
CONDUCTED 5 WORLDWIDE  
CLEANUP DRIVES ACROSS  
25 COUNTRIES, SPREADING  
AWARENESS & BUILDING  
COMMUNITIES.**

# WORLDWIDE OPERATIONAL TEAMS

Our Worldwide Operational Teams are headed by our dedicated Country Operations Managers. What makes Gaia First so special is that is composed **entirely of volunteers**. We are all global citizens who have a passion for environmental causes, and who wish to see our planet become a cleaner place. Gaia First gives us the structure to join forces and make a greater change.

*Please write to us if you would like to head a fixed team in your country! [contact@gaiafirst.org](mailto:contact@gaiafirst.org)*



Carlos Gey, Spain



Shruti Sutwala, International



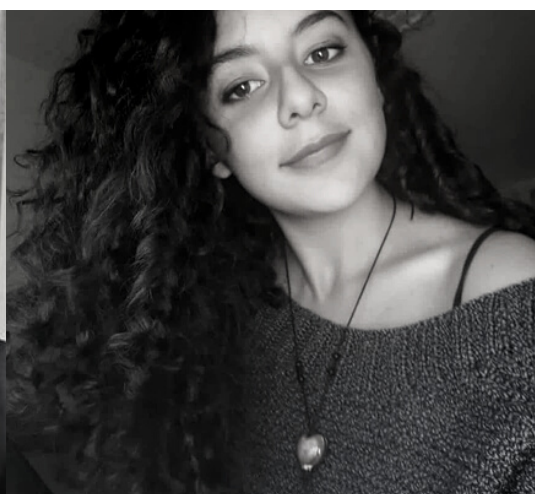
Anthony Drosopoulos, Greece



Nikoleta Migdalias, France



Madhur Sutwala, India



Lyna Benchalel, Algeria



« BEYOND BORDERS, THE POLLUTION PROBLEM AFFECTS US AS GLOBAL CITIZENS. »





## GAIA FIRST GPGP PROJECT PRESENTED BY GIANNI VALENTI AT TEDx MÜNSTER

18 SEP, 2021

Gianni Valenti, founder and president of the NGO GAIA FIRST, was invited to present his project at the annual TEDx conference in Münster, Germany.

Please watch the TEDx speech in its entirety on Youtube. Available soon!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TEDxTalks/videos>

Search for: Gianni Valenti

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“Imagine this vast area—that is in this very moment continuously killing wildlife, poisoning our waters and blocking Phytoplankton from completing natural CO2 absorption and conversion to oxygen—becoming the very “green fuel” for its own elimination in a circular flow of energy.”

– Gianni Valenti, President of GAIA FIRST at TEDx Münster 2021



# OUR OTHER WORLDWIDE ACTIONS



## INDIA

Our Country Manager for India, Madhur, participated in a project of recirculating clothes and collecting money for the organization - "Jyoti Badhir". They collected a total of approximately 22,000 INR!

## GREECE

Anthony and the team from Gaia First Greece participated in WWF's adopt a beach cleanup today in Kavala. Adopt a beach is a program to analyze what types of trash is found on beaches worldwide.

We got featured in the news

### KAVĀLAPOST

Σε συνεργασία με την GAIA FIRST και το Σώμα Ελληνικού Οδηγισμού και την υποστήριξη της Ζαχαροπλαστικής Ευαγγελίου τα μέλη της ομάδας συνέλεξαν τα απορρίμματα της ακτής και στην πορεία τα κατέγραψαν, ανάλογα με το υλικό παραγωγής τους. Τα αποτελέσματα της καταγραφής θα τα χρησιμοποιήσει η οικολογική οργάνωση για να βγάλει χρήσιμα συμπεράσματα για την παράκτια ρύπανση.



### Gaia First at Offshore Energy Exhibit and Conference

### OFFSHORE ENERGY EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE



## NETHERLANDS

Gianni Valenti & Nikoleta at the Offshore Energy Exhibit and conference at Amsterdam

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@gaia.first





# OUR OTHER WORLDWIDE ACTIONS



## AUSTRALIA

Gianni Valenti on THE ECO FIGHT Podcast, Australia talking about the mission of cleaning The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Watch the whole video here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTOhUCvrHd4&ab\\_channel=GAIAFIRSTNGO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTOhUCvrHd4&ab_channel=GAIAFIRSTNGO)



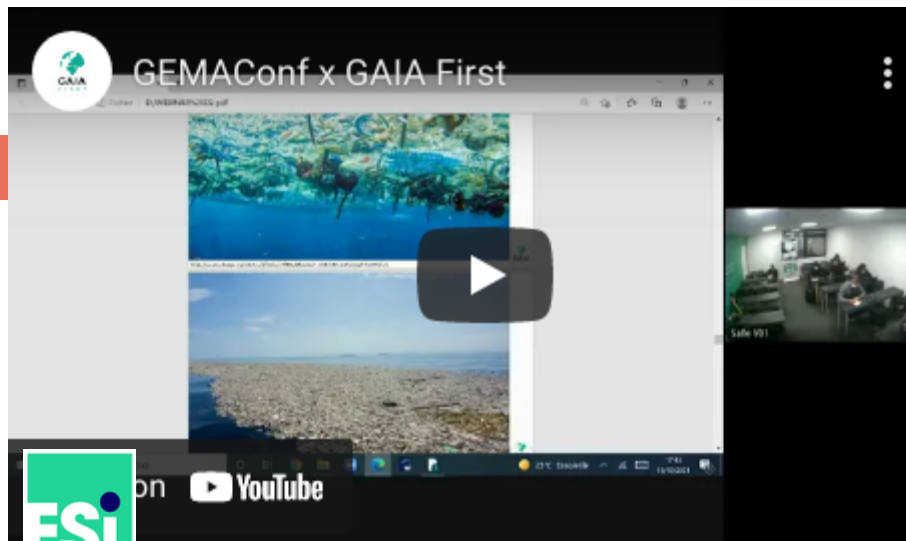
## PARIS

GEMAConf x GAIA First

Conference with students at ESI Business School

Watch the whole video here:

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## PARIS

**GAIA Week at WeWork Paris**

Le Futur du travail est... Bleu.  
5 façons de développer votre politique RSE avec GAIA FIRST

Watch full video here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4b7g8Ua\\_6M&ab\\_channel=GAIAFIRSTNGO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4b7g8Ua_6M&ab_channel=GAIAFIRSTNGO)





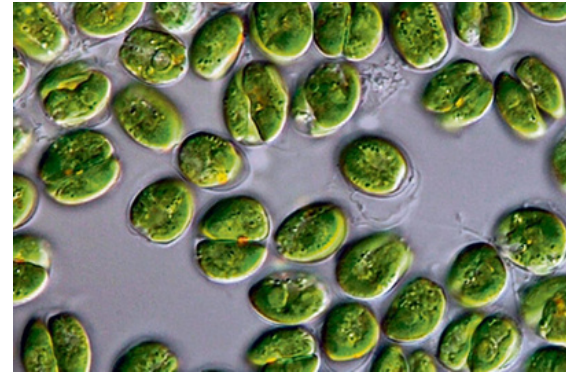
# GPGP PROJECT



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## Restoring the balance of the marine ecosystem:

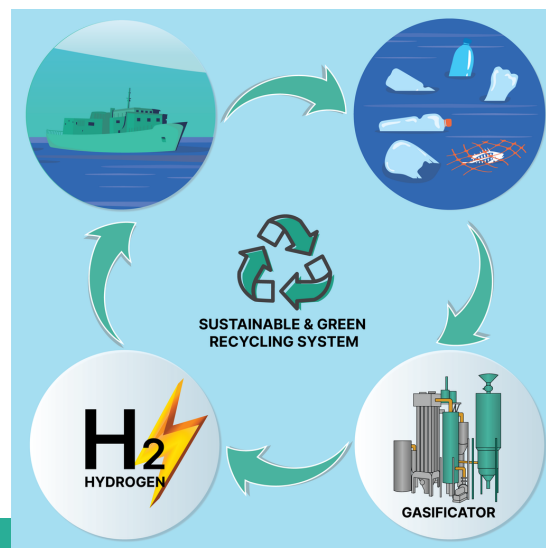
Our goal is to save marine animals and plants, but also to protect the oceans and seas from any type of pollution. In the event of environmental crises such as oil spills, Gaia First's boats will provide assistance.



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## Revive phytoplankton:

The GPGP project is much more than the clean up of the ocean. By collecting the garbage, Gaia First aims at protecting the phytoplankton which plays a major role in CO2 absorption and creation of Oxygen. Our project also fights Climate Change.



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## Renewing waste to energy:

The gasification system is not only a perfect recycling process, it is a power-creating tool. Gasifiers could and should be used as both a full recycling system, and a power source system everywhere in the world.