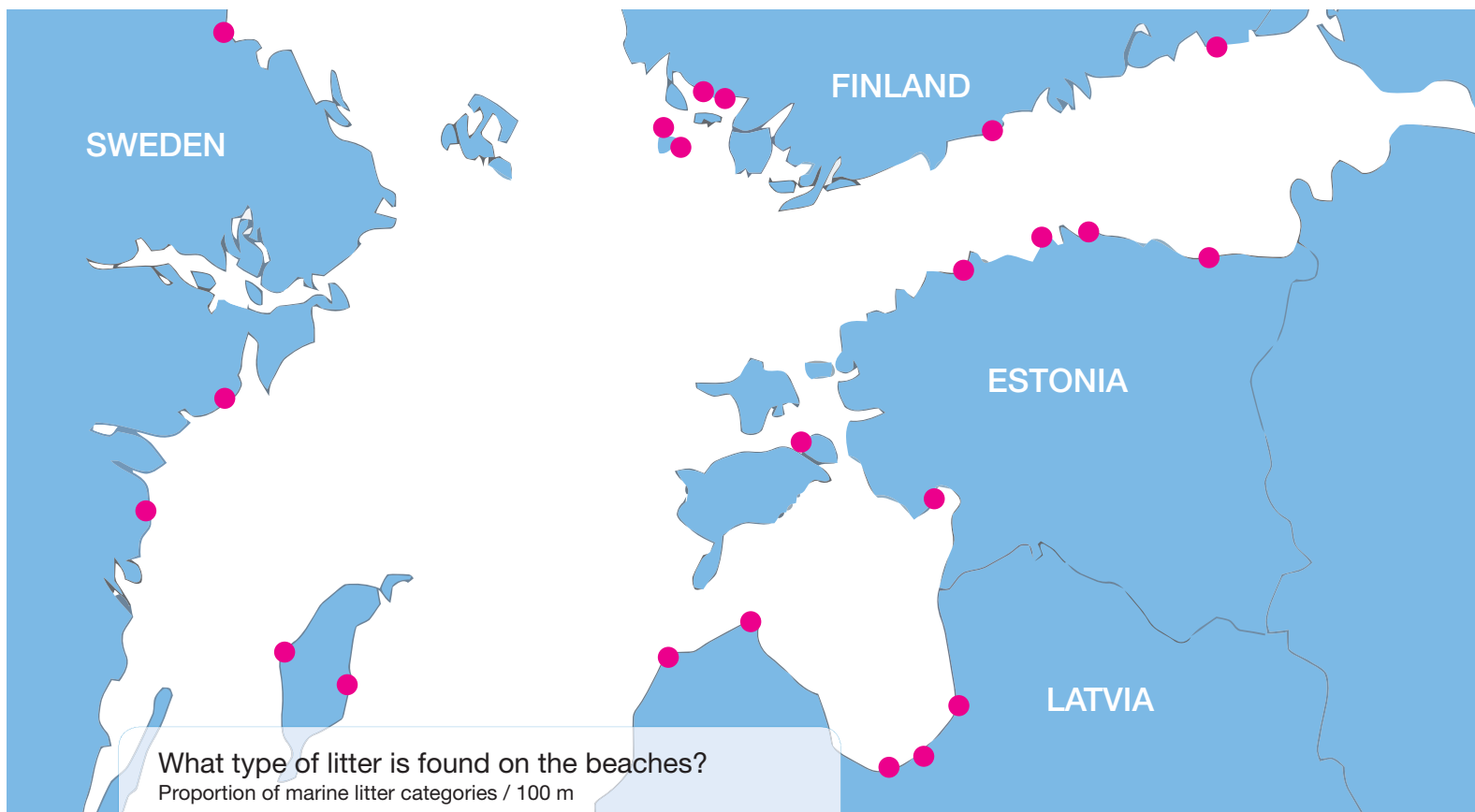
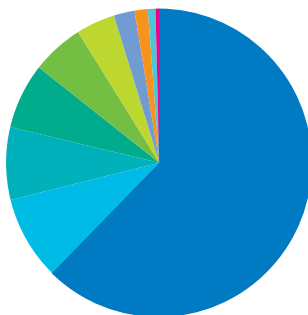


IS THE SEA OUR GARBAGE BIN?



What type of litter is found on the beaches?
Proportion of marine litter categories / 100 m

- 62,4 % plastic
- 8,8 % paper and cardboard
- 7,6 % foamed plastic
- 6,9 % metal
- 5,5 % glass and ceramic
- 4,1 % wood
- 2,2 % cloth
- 1,4 % organic
- 0,8 % rubber
- 0,4 % other



Most common litter items found on the Baltic Sea beaches were plastic, cardboard and paper.

“ONLY A SMALL PART OF MARINE LITTER DRIFTS ASHORE. THE MAJORITY OF MARINE LITTER CONSISTS OF PLASTIC.”

The Baltic Marine Litter Project, MARLIN, is a two-year (2012–2013) project that aims to assess and compare the situation regarding the amount and sources of marine litter on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

Each country participating in the project selects, at least, three different types of shores and monitors their litter situation. The shores are assessed three times a year, in different seasons, by using methods described in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) guidelines. The litter found on the shore is carefully analysed by amount and type.

The lead partner in the MARLIN is the Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation, Sweden. Other partners include FEE Latvia, Keep the Archipelago Tidy and Keep Estonia Sea Tidy. The project started on 1 September 2011 and will end on 31 December 2013. The project is provided funding from the EU's Central Baltic INTERREG IV A Programme. The Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation funded the initial survey. [Read more at www.projectmarlin.eu](http://www.projectmarlin.eu)