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## RAP ML Actions on Waste Management

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“Share best practice on waste management in order to identify and address loopholes that makes waste turn into marine litter, including the issue of landfills, regulations and enforcement”

## Waste management in UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- SDG 14 is to protect life below water
- One of SDG 14's component targets is to prevent and significantly reduce marine debris
- This cannot be achieved without **implementing effective waste and resource management**, which is also a key requirement for achieving SDG 11 (creating sustainable cities and communities) and SDG 12 (achieving responsible consumption and production)

## Marine Litter in Waste Directive EU 2018/851 amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste – paragraph 33 & 35

Litter in the marine environment is a particularly pressing problem. Measures to prevent and reduce litter from products that are the main sources of littering in the natural and marine environment could consist of, *inter alia*, **improvement in waste management infrastructure and practices**, economic instruments and awareness raising.

Since marine litter, in particular for plastic waste, stems to a large extent from land-based activities caused **mainly by poor solid waste management** practices and infrastructure, littering by citizens and lack of public awareness, specific measures should be laid down in **waste prevention programmes and waste management plans**.

## Key role of waste and resource recovery sector

- Technologies: The sector has cost-effective technologies to deliver sustainable waste management systems that will prevent marine litter
- Knowledge: The sector's thousands of companies and organisations have extensive knowledge and working experiences of applying successful waste and resource management in all contexts
- Experts: The sector's hundreds of thousands of professionals cover a wide range of skills and expertise, including engineering, chemistry, social science, logistics and behavior change



## Questionnaire on waste management – goals

- Identify loopholes leading to waste turning into litter that end up in the marine environment based on top findings on beaches on a regional basis
- Enhance cooperation between the waste management sector and the marine litter community
- Clarify the role of the waste management sector in preventing and reducing marine litter by effectively saving resources and contributing to economy in the environmental sector including employment
- Getting an overview of applied waste management practices which influence the occurrence of marine litter and identify concrete examples for Best Practice (BP) in waste management
- Identify and recommend concrete potential measures to implement the above mentioned actions of the OSPAR and HELCOM Regional Actions Plans on Marine Litter
- Improve involvement of the public (education), municipalities (getting experiences on board), the commercial and private waste sectors as well as politics, administration and execution authorities
- Implement plastic waste avoidance measures

## Questionnaire on waste management - content

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