



# Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region (WES)

## ACTIVITY: RE-1-P2P (SUP)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> P2P Meeting Report 10 December 2020, 12.00 – 13.30 h (CET). Online

#### INTRODUCTION

The 2<sup>nd</sup> P2P had the objective to deliver key presentations on the previously identified subject of interest for the peers. The focus was on presenting **collaborative platforms** to address plastic pollution. Hence, different initiatives where public and private stakeholders collaborate to implement actions aiming at preventing plastic leakage in the environment were explored.

In addition, based on the feedback received through the second questionnaire, where peers shown preference for certain case studies, particular policy measures and concrete SUP items, **specific topics for the next P2P meetings were agreed.**

Finally, the meeting provided an update on the progress in the designing and content of the **training webinars**. Peers are welcome to provide feedback on the agendas shown in the meeting slides by 30<sup>th</sup> December.

#### PARTICIPANTS

SEE ANNEX 1.

#### AGENDA

Item	Speaker
How we will work on the virtual platform	Ms. Mónica Sánchez, <i>Facilitator and Expert, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
Presentation of the session	Mr. Pedro Fernández, SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES
Introduction to collaborative platforms to address plastic pollution	Ms. Alessandra Pomé <i>Expert, SCP/RAC</i>
BeMed Business Club: collaboration across the plastic value chain	Ms. Lucile Courtial <i>Coordinator Beyond Plastic Med, Foundation Prince Albert II de Monaco</i>
Case study: Plastic Pact in France	Ms. Marie Le Texier <i>Founder and Director, ConsultantSeas</i>
Q&A on collaborative platforms	Mr. Pedro Fernández
Training webinars agenda and next P2P meetings	Mr. Pedro Fernández
Wrap up of the meeting	Ms. Mónica Sánchez





## SUMMARY MINUTES

### 1. **Working in the virtual platform**

The meeting started on time. The facilitator, Ms. Mónica Sánchez, made a brief introduction to the zoom meeting functions and conducted an ice-break exercise to allow first interactions from participants.

### 2. **Presentation of the session**

Mr. Pedro Fernández, reminded the outcomes of first meeting and the content of the second meeting, which would address collaborations across the value chain and particularly the plastic pact example, following the feedback received. Hence, the agenda was presented.

### 3. **Introduction to collaborative platforms to address plastic pollution (Alessandra Pomé)**

Key messages:

- The problematic comes from a linear use take-make-dispose economy of plastic waste.
- Plastic is produced from non-renewable resources.
- Circular economy is the most effective way to revert this practice.
- Many stakeholders are involved in this issue and collaborative initiatives are key and no single organisation can handle this transition on its own.

Quiz: participants were asked *What benefits can be achieved by joining a collaborative initiative?* and responded as it follows:

- 11. Access to experts, reports, tools, training
- 8. Funding opportunities
- 5. Regulatory watch
- 1. Promote transparency for accountability and publicly expose wrong doings

All answers are right, as there are many options and alternatives that propose free access of experts, tools and solutions or funding opportunities. A number of examples were mentioned by Alessandra, they can all be found in the slides. Mainly, she highlighted, the case of plastics economy, the new plastic economy global commitment, the innovation prize, the plastics pacts (to be presented by Marie Le Texier), and the Switchers.

### 4. **BeMed Business Club: collaboration across the plastic value chain (Lucile Courtial)**

Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) kicked-off in 2015 with the objective of reducing plastic pollution in the Mediterranean region. She gave a brief overview of BeMed activities and its collaborative work, particularly through the Business Club. Participants interacted through polls:

POLL1

- 1) Are you aware of multi-stakeholder initiatives involving the private sector in your country?
  - 80% Yes
  - 20% No
- 2) Do you think it would be of interest for the companies in your countries?
  - 100% Yes
  - 0% No.





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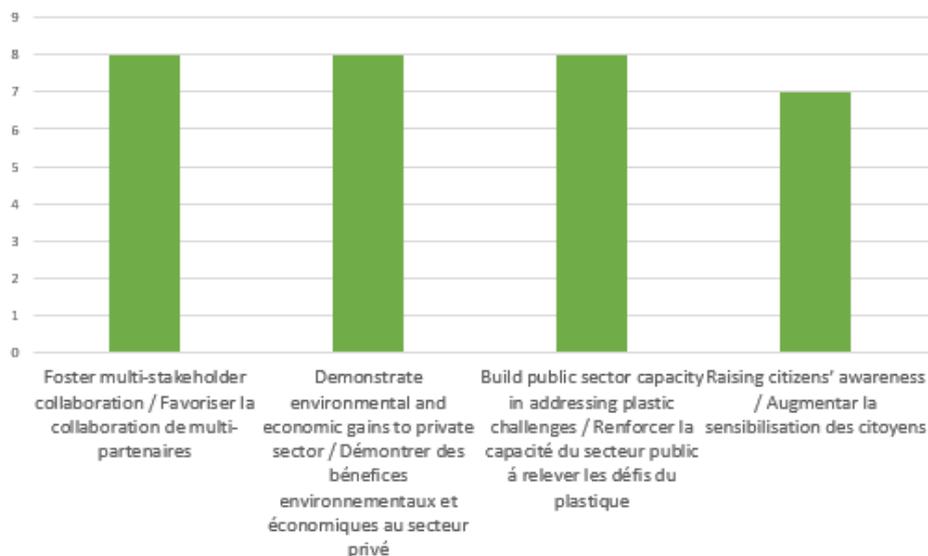
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Lucile a évoqué leur premier projet pilote multipartite se déroulant à Marseille pour réduire les produits en plastique visant à montrer comment intégrer la région méditerranéenne, à cet égard, le lancement d'un projet en Tunisie. Les partenariats locaux sont essentiels dans ce type de projets.

## SONDAGE 2

1) Which benefits would you obtain from participating in such projects? (Multiple options allowed.)

- 73% Foster multi-stakeholder collaboration
- 73% Demonstrate environmental and economic gains to private sector
- 73% Build public sector capacity in addressing plastic challenges
- 64% Raising citizens' awareness
- 0% I don't know

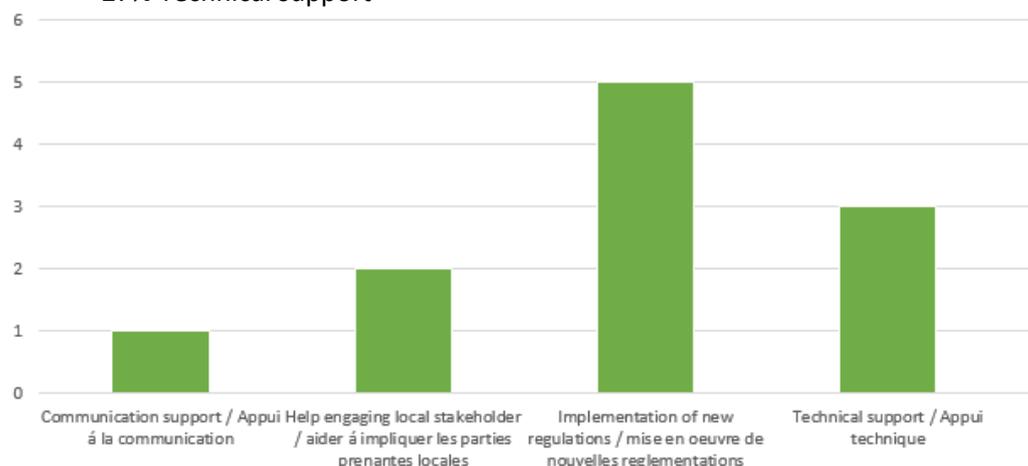


2) Would you be interested in getting involved in public-private pilot projects?

- 100% Yes
- 0% No

3) What do you think your organization/administration could bring to such projects?

- 9% Communication support
- 18% Help engaging local stakeholder
- 45% Implementation of new regulations
- 0% Financial support
- 27% Technical support





### 5. Case study: Plastic Pact in France (Marie Le Texier)

Marie le Texier, Director of Consultant Seas, is active in the Mediterranean in actions to tackle SUPs, in particular she was involved in the national plastic pact in France, which she presented during her intervention. Marie mentioned, she knew of two pacts currently in preparation in Africa. The French Pact, where Marie coordinated and monitored the process, was endorsed by 16 signatories. She went over the details of this pact are explained during her presentation its origin, structure, process, and key elements of this 5 step process.

- The key element for success of such a pact is sharing a common vision. It's the fruit of a multiparty partnership (private, public, civil society).
- It is also key to have a sufficient number of actors not too big not too small that is solidary, in a way homogenised and comfortable to work together.
- Delimitating the focus of the pact is fundamental as to define aligned common engagements. In that sense, the Ellen McArthur vision was adopted by the core group which helped define a certain number of issues.
- The engagement phase is the one that requires the most effort and implies the most important work as it requires consensus among all actors. She gave the example of how they reached engagement B of the pact: "to collectively manage to recycle 60% of plastics by 2022".
- Regarding the governance of the pact, it is important to identify a dedicated secretariat.
- It is also key to create thematic working groups for a common goal around engagements.

#### POLL 3:

1. Has a national pact process been initiated?
  - 31% Yes
  - 69% No
2. Would you be interested to initiate such a Pact in your country?
  - 100% Yes
  - 0% No
3. Do you have in mind any types of businesses that would be inclined to engage in such a project?
  - 85% Yes
  - 15% No

After the poll, participants were invited to share their particular cases. 4 peers expressed that a pact had been initiated in their countries and were invited to share their experience.

1. Mme. Bensmain commented the case for Algeria around black plastic bags. It wasn't called a pact but a protocol. It was an agreement between entre MoE and the plastic bag producers that consisted of the elimination of the black plastic bag and use instead biodegradable bag, back in 2008.
2. Mme. Sassi, explained how the ANGED in Tunisia with the support of the GIZ conducted a study in 2013 and proposed the reduction of plastic bags in the supermarkets the agreement was signed between the Ministry of the Environnement and the "chambre syndicale" of supermarkets.
3. Mme. Awatef added, that the Tunisian MoE started to discuss with industrialists on the ban of plastic bags, a 5-year multiparty work, and it will be interesting to apply this kind of experiences for other types of packaging.





4. Mme. Fazia Ameziani from Algeria, also intervened and shared that the previously mentioned protocol on the ban of black plastic bags, lasted several years but is no longer in place. She said there are many verbal agreements between producers, the supermarkets and the authorities.

Marie commented that though these initiatives being so specific to plastic bags cannot be considered a National Plastic Pact they constitute a good and solid base and could lead to one. All peers expressed interest in initiating a national pact, and Marie suggested to follow up by writing to her or Pedro (email addresses below).

## 6. Q&A on collaborative platforms

Pedro took over this section to summarise the questions that were commented in the chat, where he shared the background information document on Ms. Pomé's presentation (<http://www.cprac.org/en/news-archive/general/the-business-case-for-tackling-plastic-packaging-is-now-available-download-it>) and the link to the Pact. ENG:

[https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/National%20Pact%20on%20Plastic%20Packaging%20%5BPDF%5D\\_0.pdf](https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/National%20Pact%20on%20Plastic%20Packaging%20%5BPDF%5D_0.pdf)

He proposed Lucile could address the questions that were raised by peers regarding the status of the Tunisian project she mentioned in her presentation. Lucile mentioned the project is currently in the first phase which is contacting and working with the companies. She also explained they had had a positive meeting already with the Sub-Director of the MoE that welcome the initiative.

## 7. Training webinars agenda and next P2P meetings

The coach, briefly went through the details already explained in the first P2P meeting regarding the structure and content of the training webinars: 4 modules 2h each to explore the issue of SUP. As time was limited, Pedro, proposed that peers interested in providing feedback to the specific content of each webinar session could do so by going through the presentation, slides 48/52 that was to be shared after the meeting. Any suggestions or comments you may have and wish to share please send them by email to Mr. Fernández by **December 30<sup>th</sup>**.

As per the next P2P meetings, Pedro presented the proposed calendar for the two additional thematic meetings and the third P2P meeting where the draft regional guidelines will be explored. From the feedback received on the second questionnaire, peers expressed interest on a variety of policy measures. Out of them, the coach identified 4 options for the **thematic meetings**, and proposed jointly to select 2 to be presented. Using the option of annotate, Peers selected the following themes: 1. Measures by public authorities to limit SUPs: -Guidelines public procurement Cases: Montenegro, South Region France. 2. Bans: Cases: Egypt governorates, France. This second theme was hard to select as the EPR schemes theme obtained a similar rating. Pedro explained that although the thematic session will focus on bans, he will make sure examples of EPR are given and background materials such as reports on the EPR topic are shared.

As for the 1-to-1 meetings, Pedro described the role of the coach, that is to facilitate the meetings and contribute if necessary with technical support, however it is up to the peers to take the lead to present their cases. Pedro will contact bilaterally the peers that manifested interest in this 1-to-1 exchange to organise these exchanges, which could be about plastic bags and beach clean-up/characterisation.





**Next meetings:**

- Webinars: ■
- P2P meetings: ■

**January 2021**

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**March 2021**

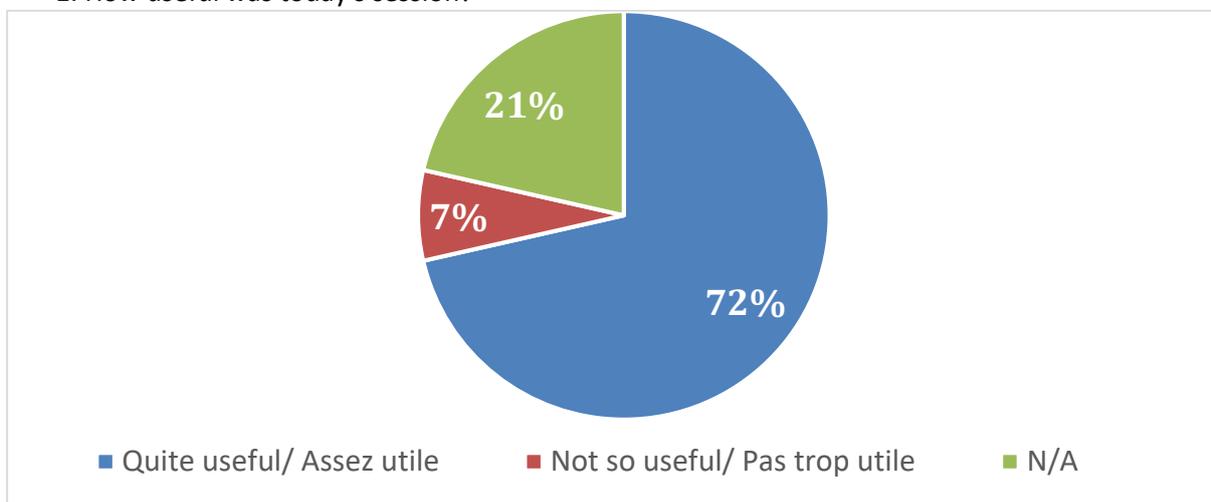
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**8. Wrap up of the meeting**

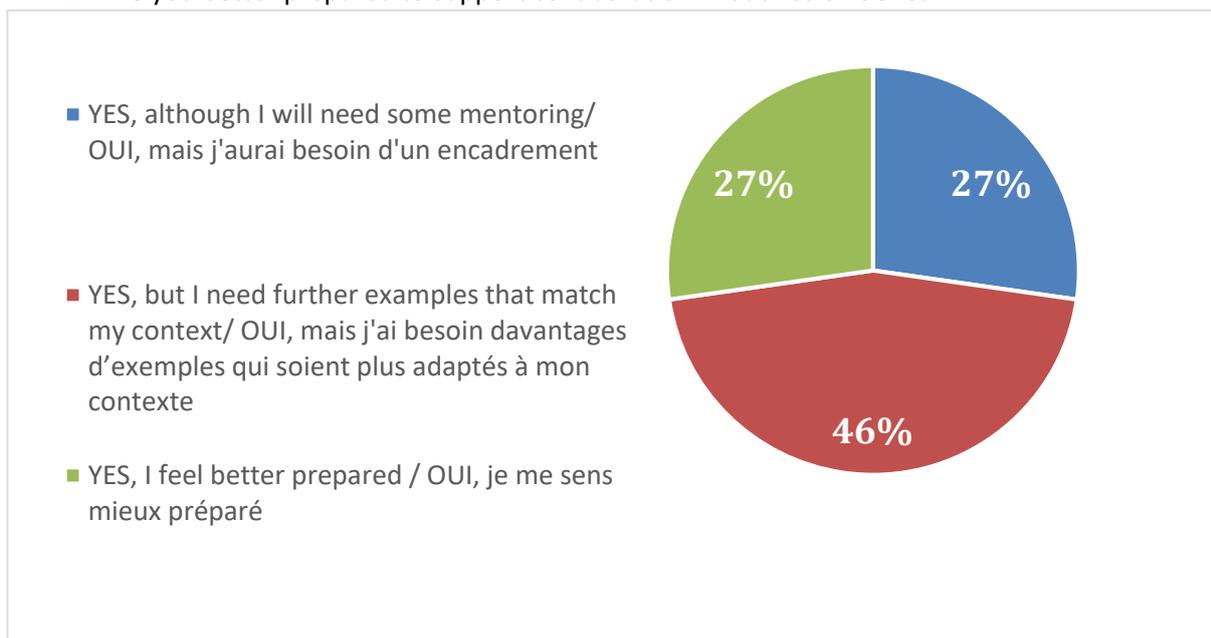
To wrap up the session, Mónica conducted a final poll to enquire on the adequacy of the meeting.

Questions:

1. How useful was today's session?



2. Are you better prepared to support collaboration initiatives on SUPs?



The facilitator closed the meeting at 13.35h CET.





**ANNEX1: PARTICIPANTS LIST**

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