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ACRONYMS

CN	Concept Note
EU	European Union
ENI	European Neighborhood Instrument
FPS	Focal Points
MIO-ECSDE	Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development
NKE	Non-Key Expert
PCs	Partner Countries
P2P	Peer-to-Peer
SCP/RAC	Sustainable Consumption and Production Regional Activity Center
SUP	Single Use Plastic items
UNEP/MAP	United Nations Environment Program/Mediterranean Action Plan
UfM	Union for the Mediterranean
WES	Water and Environment Support

1. CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

As part of the WES project workplan related to the Regional Activities on Curbing Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter, a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) exchange took place. It was combined with a regional on-line training “Phasing out Single-Use Plastics (SUPs) in the Mediterranean” that took place virtually between January and February 2021 via four webinars.

The **overall aim** of this P2P activity was to provide technical assistance and strengthen the capacities of appointed Peers from the WES Partner Countries to elaborate and implement effective measures to reduce consumption and leakage of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) into the environment. In fact, a growing number of countries are implementing or considering the adoption of measures to tackle SUPs. At regional level, the EU, UfM and Barcelona Convention frameworks are making efforts to encourage and support countries in doing this.

The specific objectives of the P2P activity, which involved direct exchange of experiences between and among Peers from relevant institutions in the beneficiary countries and beyond, were:

- Sharing knowledge among Peers on challenges related to SUPs
- Sharing expertise on solutions to manage and reduce SUPs
- Boosting south-to-south (and north-to-south) cooperation
- Building lasting relations and exchanges

Under UNEP/MAP, regional guidelines on SUPs were being developed and the P2P activities were directly linked to this process in a mutually beneficial way. It channeled the inputs of the Peers into the development of the UNEP/MAP “Guidelines on tackling single use plastic products in the Mediterranean”. This active engagement of the Peers is expected to enhance the appropriation of the Guidelines once adopted by the UNEP/MAP system, and in the medium term, will facilitate the implementation of the policy measures in the Partner Countries. The UNEP/MAP “Guidelines on tackling single use plastic products in the Mediterranean” are expected to be adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention at their next Meeting in December 2021.

2. THE PEERS

The requested **profile** of the participating Peers was the following:

- Position: official from the Ministry in charge of Environment (or from an Agency under the supervision of the Ministry) working in the department related to waste management, circular economy, international cooperation.
- Previous experience in some of these areas:
 - Contribution to the elaboration of national regulations on environment/waste/circular economy.
 - Contribution to plans on waste management, including prevention measures and impact assessments.
 - Contribution to awareness campaigns in relation to waste and/or sustainable consumption and production.

- Collaboration with private entities, including plastics industry, retail sector, environmental civil society organisations, consumers' associations, etc.
- Academic background: Science, Law, Engineering, Geography, Sociology, Business or equivalent.
- Previous engagement in other regional projects and activities¹ would be an advantage.
- Language: good command of English.
- Computer skills: capable to use online tools, including virtual meetings software.

On the basis of the above requirements, the group of Peers was composed of 19 persons from 7 countries (Palestine was not able to nominate any peer) as listed below:

Countries	Title
Algeria	
Mme. Leïa Bensmain	CEP (Chargée d'études et de Projet) au niveau du Secrétariat Général du Ministère de l'Environnement
Mme. Fazia AMEZIANI	Sous directrice des déchets ménagers, assimilés et inertes au niveau du Ministère de l'Environnement
Egypt	
Ms Yousra Abdelaziz	Person in charge of the plastics file, Minister's technical board
Israel	
Mr. Fred Arzoine, Main Peer	Deputy director at the Marine Environment Protection Division
Dr. Dror Zurel	Marine Monitoring and Research Coordinator at the Marine Environment Protection Division
Ms Yarden Shani Rockman	Head of Recycling Unit at the Solid Waste Division MoEP
Jordan	
Dr. Raya Al-Silwani	Head of the International Cooperation Section at the MoE
Eng. Afrah Al-Hajjaj	Environmental Engineer at the MoE / Green Economy Unit
Eng. Hanadi Ali Al-Rabiah	Chemical Engineer, Department of Solid Waste Management
Lebanon	
Ms Olfat Hamdan, Main Peer	Head of Urban Planning Unit MoE
Ms Sabine Ghosn	Head of Department of Urban Environment Pollution Control, Service of Urban Environment, MoE
Morocco	
Mme.Seloua AMEZIANE, pair principal	Chef de Division du Partenariat au Département de l'Environnement du Ministère de l'Energie des Mines et de l'Environnement et Point focal National du Centre d'Activité Régional du PAM/PNUE sur la Consommation et la Production Durable,
Mme. Hafsa LAKHLIFI, pair principal	Chef de Division des Filières de Valorisation des Déchets au Département de l'Environnement du Ministère de l'Energie des Mines et de l'Environnement
M. Mohammed El Bouch, membre du noyau de pair	Responsable du Laboratoire National des Etudes et de la Surveillance de la Pollution au Département de l'Environnement du Ministère de l'Energie des Mines et de l'Environnement

¹ Such as: Marine litter Med II, BlueMed Initiative, UfM labelled projects Interreg Med Green Growth Community and Plastic Busters MPAs, the CBC-Med COMMON project.

Mme. Nassira RHEYATI, membre du noyau de pair	Chef de Division de Coopération Internationale au Département de l'Environnement du Ministère de l'Energie des Mines et de l'Environnement
Tunisia	
Mme. Awatef LARBI MESSAI, pair principal	Sous-Directrice de l'Environnement Urbain / Direction Générale de l'Environnement et de la Qualité de la Vie du Ministère des Affaires Locales et de l'Environnement
Mme. Hela Ghelis	Sous-Directrice au Centre International de Technologies de l'Environnement de Tunis - CITET
M. Makrem Saidi	Sous-Directeur à la Direction des Etudes et de la Coopération Internationale à l'Agence Nationale de Protection de l'Environnement
Mme. Abir Sassi	Sous-Directeur (Direction Recyclage et Valorisation) Agence Nationale de Gestion des Déchets (ANGED)

TABLE 2-1: LIST OF PARTICIPATING PEERS

All peers came from national ministries of environment or organisations under its supervision (e.g. national agencies), and the average profile was of a senior position, with ample experience in various topics related to SUPs such as collaborating with private entities and elaborating national regulations or waste management plans. Their profiles were very appropriate as it was a very good representation of people who eventually will steer the process in developing measures on SUPs at country level and people that directly develop programs targetting SUPs. In fact, this team of Peers can constitute the “WES Plastics Peers” and can be the Peers (eventually adapted) for other foreseen plastics related P2P processes.

WES encourages the participation of **women** in all of its activities, while more than 1 Peer per country can participate.

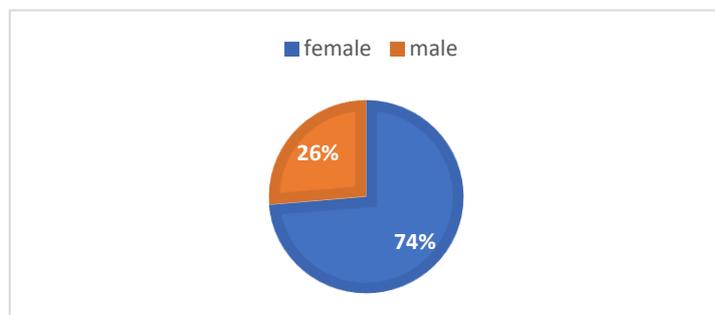


FIGURE 2-1 GENDER BALANCE AMONG PEERS

The expected **role** of the Peers was to:

- Provide information about their countries in relation to SUPs, including case studies.
- Specify if there is particular interest on specific SUP items and policy measures to address them.
- Participate in the planned P2P virtual meetings (approximately one every two months).
- Exchange with other Peers and the Coach.
- Interact and channel inputs from other key policy makers and stakeholders across the plastics value chain in their country, from industry to consumers and civil society organizations.

- Contribute to the preparation and actively engage in the Regional Training, including through the presentation of particular experiences of his/her country.
- Provide feedback to the draft UNEP/MAP “Regional Guidelines on SUP” and other related documents/processes that may arise during the P2P implementation.

Dedication to the role was expected to amount to approximately 1-2 hours per fortnight throughout the duration of the P2P exchange as well as full participation in the regional training for the selected peers.

It should be noted here that these Peers contributed valuable time to other WES activities as well, including the regional Gap Analysis on beneficiary country needs with regard to the reduction of plastic pollution and RE-7-REG: Best practices in promoting circular economy and achieving waste reduction in the Mediterranean. They contributed to surveys and interviews.

3. P2P PHASES AND PLAN OF WORK

3.1 METHODOLOGY:

In order to achieve the stated P2P activity objectives of (a) sharing expertise and guidance among Peers on reduction of SUPs; (b) boosting south-to-south (also north-to-south) cooperation and (c) building the cornerstones for long-lasting relationships and exchanges, the Project adopted the following **principles** and **ways of working** consistent with a **participatory approach**²:

- Promote country engagement in P2P **design** and **decision-making**.
- Make P2P activities **locally relevant** so that country **priorities shape outputs**.
- Plan for a **sustained P2P engagement**, not a one-off, that **evolves** with the project.

The above approach translated into an **on-going P2P engagement**, that built around a series of **bi-monthly** virtual meetings facilitated by the coordination team, and supported by regular e-mail communication between the team and the Peers. The technical coordination team played both a **facilitator** and a **coaching** role, consisting of:

- Analysing the interests and needs of the designated Peers.
- Encouraging and facilitating the exchange among Peers, based on common interests.
- Presenting specific information and case studies responding to requests from Peers.
- Facilitating contacts with key stakeholders that should be involved in policy making and implementation of measures.
- Making sure the feedback of the Peers to the UNEP/MAP SUPs regional guidelines is properly reported and taken up.

The **technical coordination team** consisted of:

² We understand a participatory approach applied to research as proposed by Paulo Freire, the Brazilian philosopher and pedagogue, and further evolved by other social scientists and activists:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Participatory_action_research

- Mr. Pedro Fernández (Coach), *Technical Coordinator – Senior Expert in Plastic Pollution Prevention Measures*
- Ms Mónica Sánchez de Ocaña, *Senior Expert in Learning Design*
- Ms Marta Junquera, *WES Project Manager for SCP/RAC in charge of the overall coordination.*

The P2P process benefited from other **qualified experts and invited speakers**:

- Ms Thomais Vlachogianni, *Senior Expert on Marine Litter in the Mediterranean*
- Ms Alessandra Pomé, *Senior SCP and plastic waste Expert*
- Ms Lucile Courtial, *Coordinator Beyond Plastic Med, Foundation Prince Albert II de Monaco*
- Ms Marie Le Texier, *Founder and Director, ConsultantSeas*
- Ms Anne-Laure GOY, *Deputy Head of Department, Région Sud Provence Alpes-Côte d’Azur*
- Ms Alexandra Aubertin, *Representative of Zero Waste Montenegro*
- Ms Marina Tomović, *Representative of Zero Waste Montenegro*
- Ms Cecile Fevre, *Chargée de mission, French Ministry for the Ecological Transition*

Peers’ **motivation** was a key aspect of the process, and was secured by:

- (a) Achieving appropriate Peer selection, i.e. proposed Peers were fit for the role.
- (b) Capturing **Peers expectations** for the task at hand through a **Survey**, so that the WES team better understood what they needed and how they could best assist the Peers.
- (c) Making them **central actors in the process**, by inviting them to contribute to: the design and development of the P2P methodology, agendas of the P2P meetings and of the Regional Training; and of course, to shaping the draft UNEP/MAP Regional SUP Guidelines.
- (d) **Highlighting their expertise**, alongside that of external experts,

The activity was initially composed of **three phases** to enable Peers interaction, and to share and receive training and expert advice at different stages. Phase 1 was conceived to set the foundation, and to define the content and type of interactions to be developed in the following phases. Phase 2 was linked with the participation of the Peers in the regional training and Phase 3 a follow-up post-training period. During those phases, Peers received coaching and expert advice on the SUPs topic. They also had the opportunity to interact, learn from each other, share experiences, and build on a regional peer support network in relation to SUPs.

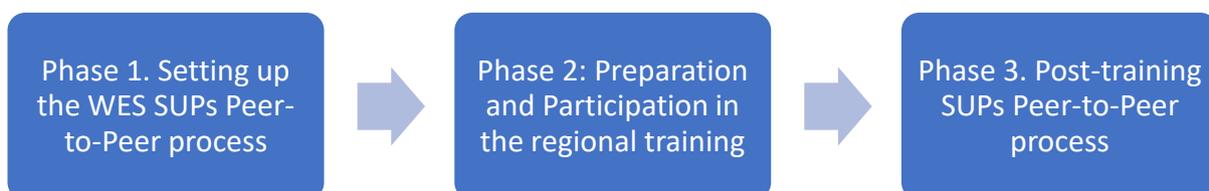


FIGURE 3-1 PHASES OF THE P2P PROCESS

During the first Phase, once the Peers were appointed, they were linked remotely and were invited to complete a questionnaire in order to allow the WES team to tailor the program to their expressed

needs and expectations. The **short survey** aimed at capturing needs and expectations by addressing the following aspects:

- Expectations of the Peers from the P2P exchange
- Any challenges or limitations they may face as Peers of this process
- Confirmation of the level of dedication
- Feedback on proposed P2P activities
- Assessment of their level of understanding of SUPs issues

In order to design the content and format of the P2P program, the survey results were compiled and analysed and the coach complemented them with additional aspects on the state of the art of SUPs policy developments and studies.

The table below shows an overview of the program/workplan that was delivered; a report was prepared and shared with the Peers for each meeting:

1st P2P meeting 9th November 2020	2nd P2P meeting 10th December 2020	Regional training webinars (ongoing)	1-to-1 or Thematic meetings	3rd P2P meeting 15th April 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction, getting to know each other • Feedback on Regional training • Peers involvement in training • Selecting case studies • Identifying concrete needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study by guest speaker: BeMed and Plastic Pact in France • Available collaborative platforms • Training webinars agenda and next P2P confirmation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problematic of SUP • Responses to SUP • Feasibility and impact of mesures • Policy implementation and co-development of regional guidelines + Video study visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-to-1 country exchange: 4th February 2021 (plastic bags in Algeria and Tunisia) • 2 Thematic meetings: 18th February and 4th March (GPP and Bans) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the regional training webinars • Inputs to the Regional SUP Guidelines • Follow up of the collaborative work

FIGURE 3-2 WORKPLAN AND TIMELINE

3.2 1ST P2P MEETING: INTRODUCTION OF THE PEERS AND INPUT TO THE REGIONAL TRAINING

The first P2P meeting had the objective of introducing the Peers to the process and to the team who facilitated it. Peers also had the chance to introduce themselves. Their role and expectations were explored and clarified. During the meeting, Peers provided feedback on the general approach of the regional training’s structure and content. Finally, a proposal was discussed and agreed on the work modalities and content for the entire duration of the P2P.

The agenda for this meeting was the following:

Item	Speaker
How we will work on the virtual platform	Ms Mónica Sánchez, <i>Facilitator and Expert, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
Welcoming remarks	Ms Magali Outters, <i>Policy Team Leader, SCP/RAC</i>



Introduction to the WES activities on single-use plastics, P2P process and team	Mr. Anis Ismail, <i>Key Environmental Expert, WES</i> Ms Marta Junquera, <i>WES Project Manager, SCP/RAC</i>
<u>Interactive session</u> : Exploring Peer's role	Ms Mónica Sánchez
Regional training webinars on single-use plastics: structure and content review with Peers	Mr. Pedro Fernández, <i>SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
<u>Interactive session</u> Work plan of the P2P process: feedback from Peers	Mr. Pedro Fernández
Wrap up of the meeting	Ms Mónica Sánchez

TABLE 3-2 AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 1ST P2P MEETING

3.3 2ND P2P MEETING: SHARING KNOW-HOW AND EXPERIENCES

The 2nd P2P had the objective of delivering 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 into the environment were explored.

In addition, based on the feedback received through the second questionnaire, where peers showed 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 were invited to provide feedback on the draft agendas shown during the meeting by December 30th.

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, <i>SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
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

TABLE 3-3 AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 2ND P2P MEETING

3.4 REGIONAL TRAINING WEBINARS

The Peers were invited to take part in the regional virtual training on phasing out SUPs in the Mediterranean region, together with other stakeholders. The training consisted of 4 spread-out webinars. Through the webinars, the Peers were able to enhance their capacity in addressing SUPs. There was a session dedicated to the development of the UNEP/MAP Regional Guidelines on SUPs, and a specific step-by-step process was explained about the work done for the “baseline situation report” (underway at the time), together with practical exercises. Finally, the Peers had the opportunity to provide feedback to the draft “baseline situation report” itself.



TABLE 3-4 REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

3.5 1-TO-1 AND THEMATIC MEETINGS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Based on the needs expressed by the Peers in the early phases and in order to enhance a collaborative network, 1-to-1 and a number of thematic meetings were suggested by the coach. During the 2nd P2P meeting, based on peer’s interests and needs, a proposal for addressing specific themes was made out of which two topics were selected: green public procurement (and other actions by public administrations to limit SUPs) and bans. A 1-to-1 meeting between the Peers of Algeria and Tunisia also took place where Peers from each one of the countries presented their experience around plastic bags and exchanged best practices.

The first thematic meeting presented several initiatives to address SUPs through action by public authorities, particularly through two case studies in France and Montenegro; and the second presented two cases about bans on SUPs in France and in Egypt. The presentations from the

representatives of these two countries showcased the situation and allowed for a fruitful discussion and exchange among participating Peers.

Item	Speaker
How we will work on the virtual platform	Ms Marta Junquera SCP/RAC-WES Project Manager
Presentation of the session	Mr. Pedro Fernández SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES
Guidelines to address single-use plastics through public procurement in the Mediterranean	Mr. Pedro Fernández
“Operation Zero waste” in the Région Sud Provence Alpes-Côte d’Azur, France	Ms Anne-Laure GOY Deputy Head of Department, Région Sud Provence Alpes-Côte d’Azur
Pilot project in Montenegro: implementation of actions to reduce single-use plastics and improve waste management in public administrations	Ms Alexandra Aubertin Ms Marina Tomović Representatives of Zero Waste Montenegro
Wrap up of the meeting	Mr. Pedro Fernández

TABLE 3-5-1 AGENDA ITEMS OF THE THEMATIC MEETING: GPP.

Item	Speaker
How we will work on the virtual platform	Ms Marta Junquera SCP/RAC-WES Project Manager
Presentation of the session	Mr. Pedro Fernández SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES
Bans and other restrictions to single-use plastic products in France	Ms Cecile FEVRE Chargée de mission, French Ministry for the Ecological Transition
Single-use plastics ban in the Red Sea Governorate, Egypt	Eng. Yosra Abdelaziz Member of the technical support Office of Ministry of Environment
Wrap up of the meeting	Mr. Pedro Fernández

TABLE 3-5-2 AGENDA ITEMS OF THE THEMATIC MEETING: BANS.

3.6 3RD P2P MEETING: TOWARDS REGIONAL GUIDELINES ON SUPS

This last meeting served to wrap up the learnings from the P2P process and draw conclusions and recommendations on capacity building priorities, and opportunities for follow-up and continued collaboration.

The first draft of the UNEP/MAP regional guidelines on SUPs was shared with the Peers both in English and French, and the coach recommended its reading prior to the meeting. The coach provided an update on the contribution received through the survey after webinar 4 of the regional training, as well as the other inputs received during the P2P process and webinar meetings. There was a presentation on the overall structure and content of the guidelines, and a presentation per chapter that allowed in-depth revision, including questions to peers and comments.

Finally, to wrap up the P2P process initiated in November, the team shared the results from the ongoing training evaluation, explored the possibilities to follow-up this collaborative work and allowed time to complete the final evaluation of the entire process. The results of this evaluation are presented in section 4 of this report.

Item	Speaker
How we will work on the virtual platform	Ms Mónica Sánchez, <i>Facilitator and Expert, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
Revision and inputs to the Regional SUPs Guidelines	Mr. Pedro Fernández SUP Technical Coordinator and Coach, SCP/RAC-WES
Feedback on the regional training webinars	Ms Mónica Sánchez, <i>Facilitator and Expert, SCP/RAC-WES</i>
Follow up and final evaluation	Ms Marta Junquera SCP/RAC-WES Project Manager

TABLE 3-6 AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 3RD P2P MEETING.

3.7 OTHER RESOURCES

Direct technical support: Peers also had access to expert support on Marine Plastic Pollution monitoring.

Access to useful material: The documents related to the P2P process were centralized and classified in a **cloud share folder**, to which all Peers had access and could contribute to. The following documents could be found:

- all the activity related documents, PPTs (FR and ENG now available here: https://www.wes-med.eu/activities_type/re-1-reg-p2p-taking-action-to-move-away-from-single-use-plastics-in-the-mediterranean/)
- a detailed table on case studies

- bibliography
- supporting documents
- the Regional Training Platform (www.wessup2021.eu)

4. EVALUATION RESULTS

The P2P process was evaluated through: a) end of meeting Polls/surveys, and b) at the end of the activity through a dedicated evaluation (standard WES format).

70 % of the Peers completed the evaluation and the below results reflect that the overall feedback received was 100% positive (50% excellent and 50% good).

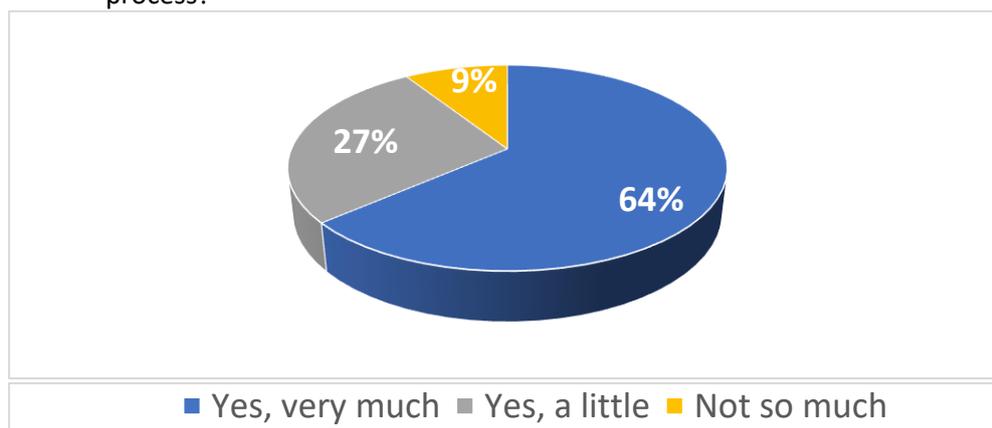
The feedback received on the approach, design, quality of the presentations, case studies and type of exercises was very much appreciated by the Peers.

It remains unclear however why some Peers in their overall evaluation mentioned the issue of language, given that by design and in practice the issue was addressed to the maximum: there was simultaneous interpretation during the sessions, presentations were both in English and in French, all ppts and supporting documents were translated and available in both languages, the NKEs were bilingual, etc.

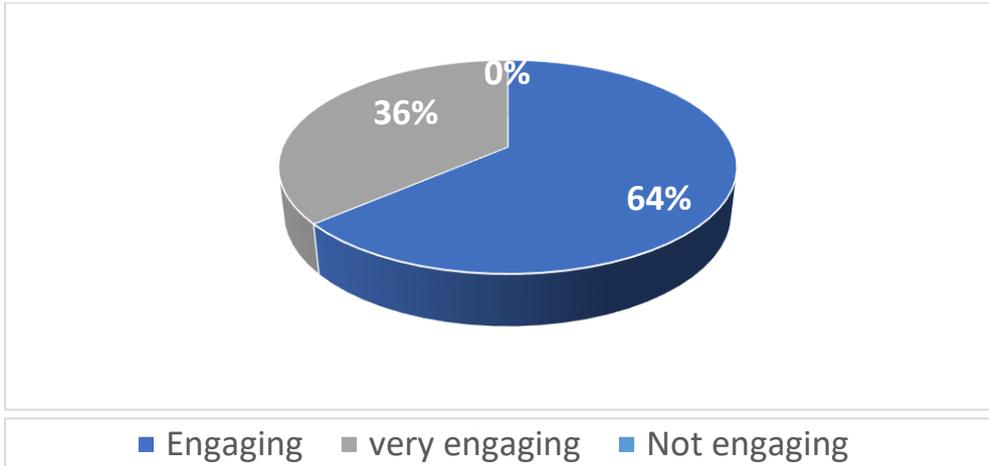
Also, why, even though the workplan and schedule were co-designed with all the Peers, some expressed in their evaluation that the meetings were too spread out over time, and preferred that they were more concentrated.

4.1 1st Meeting: questions and results (11 responses)

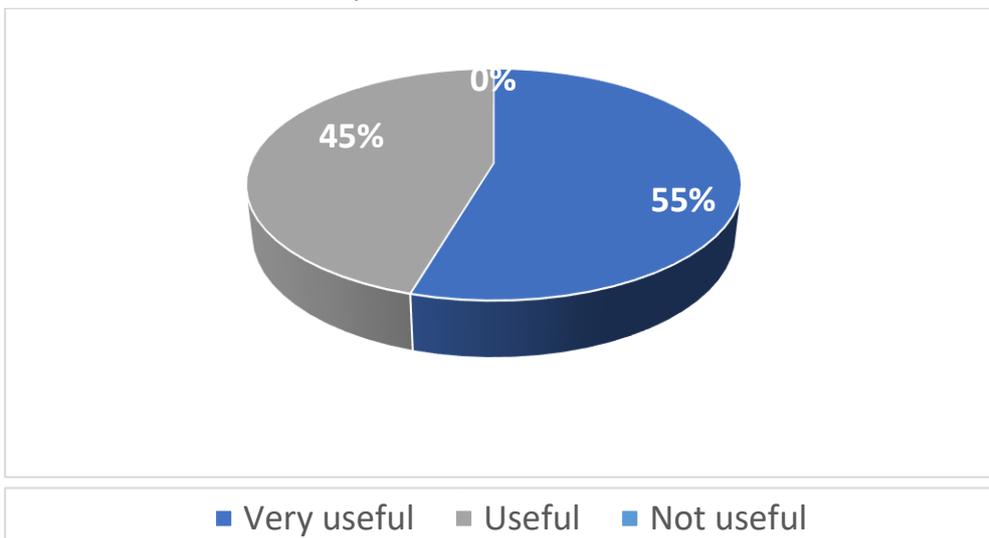
1. After today's session, do you have a better understanding of the Peer-to-Peer support process?



2. Was the virtual format engaging?

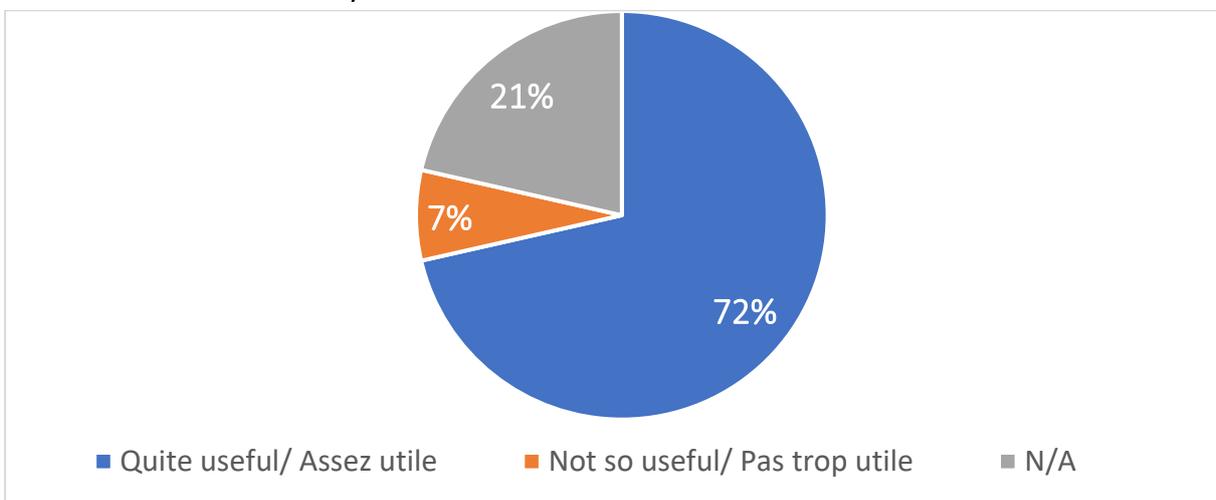


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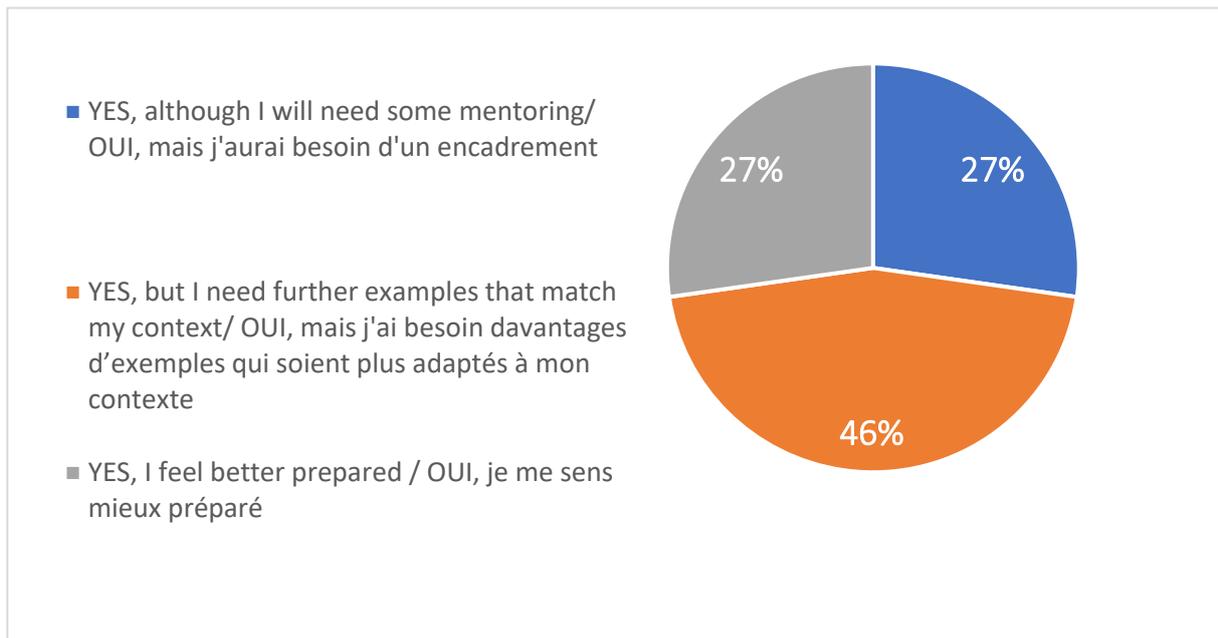


4.2 2nd Meeting: questions and results (11 responses)

1. How useful was today's session?

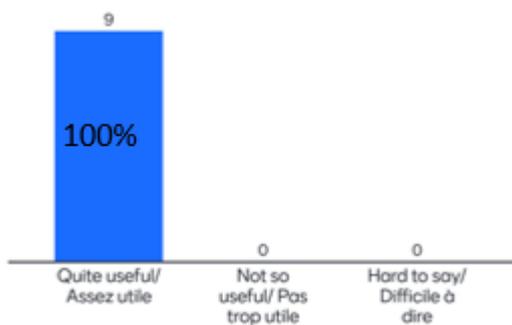


2. Are you better prepared to support collaboration initiatives on SUPs?

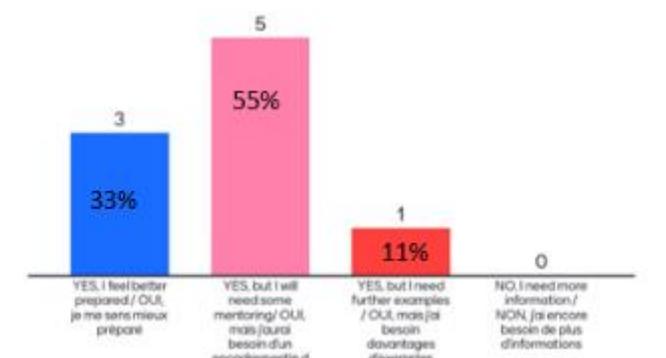


4.3 Thematic meeting on GPP

1. How useful was today's session?



2. Are you better prepared to implement GPP to tackle SUPs?



For thematic meeting 2 on Bans: no evaluation was conducted as there were few Peers and we ran out of time, the verbal feedback of the present peers was very positive.

4.4 3rd and final meeting: results of the final evaluation (12 responses)

1. Planning/confirming the P2P activity: the formulation of objectives and expected results was participatory, efficient and effective:

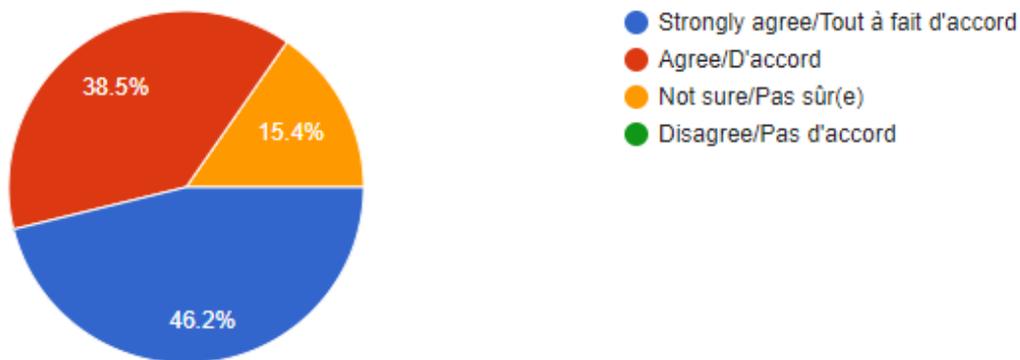


FIGURE 4-4-2: RESULTS Q1

2. Delivering the P2P activity:

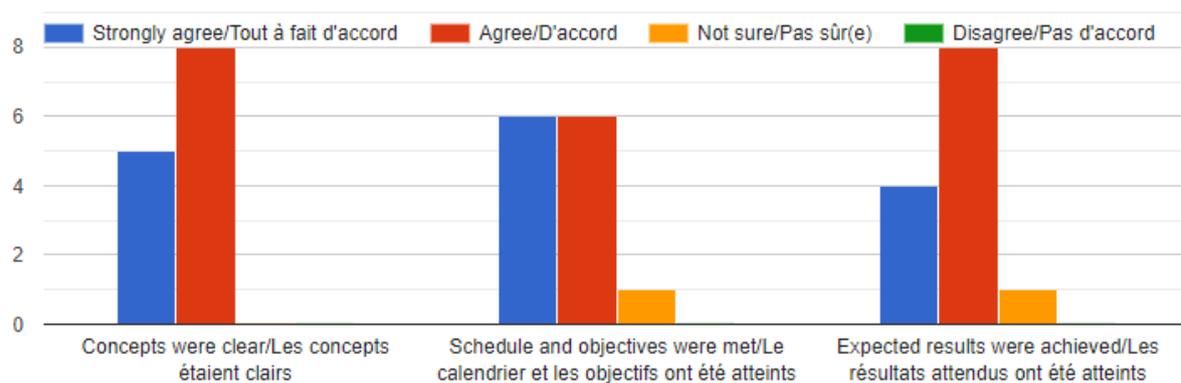


FIGURE 4-4-3: RESULTS Q2



3. Facilitation/delivery of the P2P process:

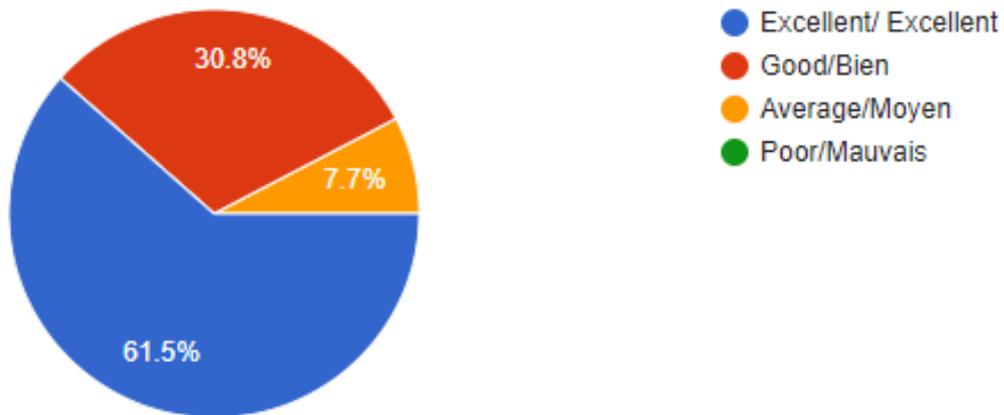


FIGURE 4-4-4: RESULTS Q3

4. Interaction with the other Peers:

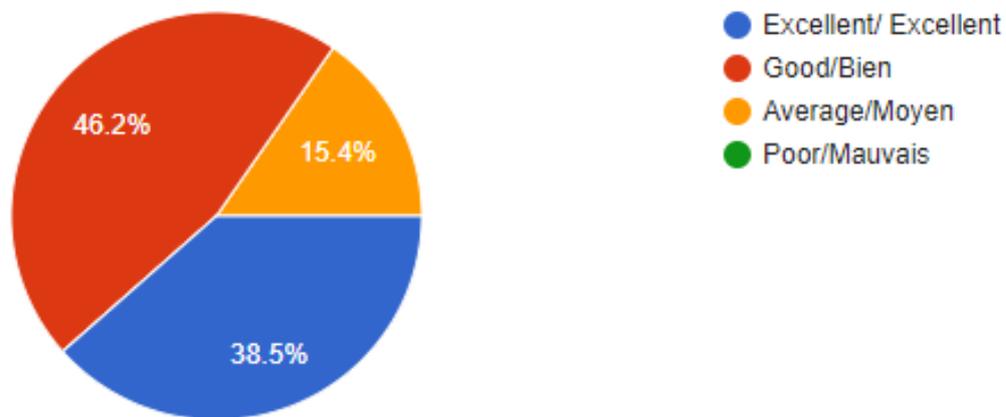


FIGURE 4-4-5: RESULTS Q4

5. Interaction with the coach:

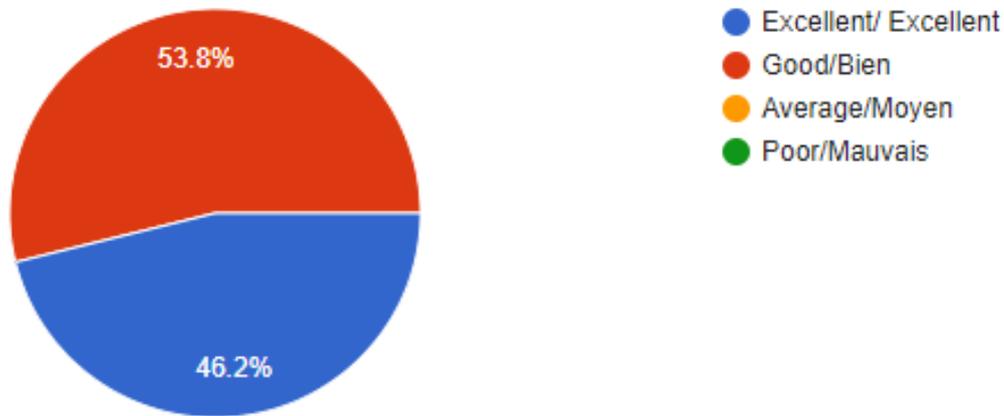


FIGURE 4-4-6: RESULTS Q5

6. Duration of the process: In your view the duration of the peer to peer process (from conception to the delivery of the output(s)) was:

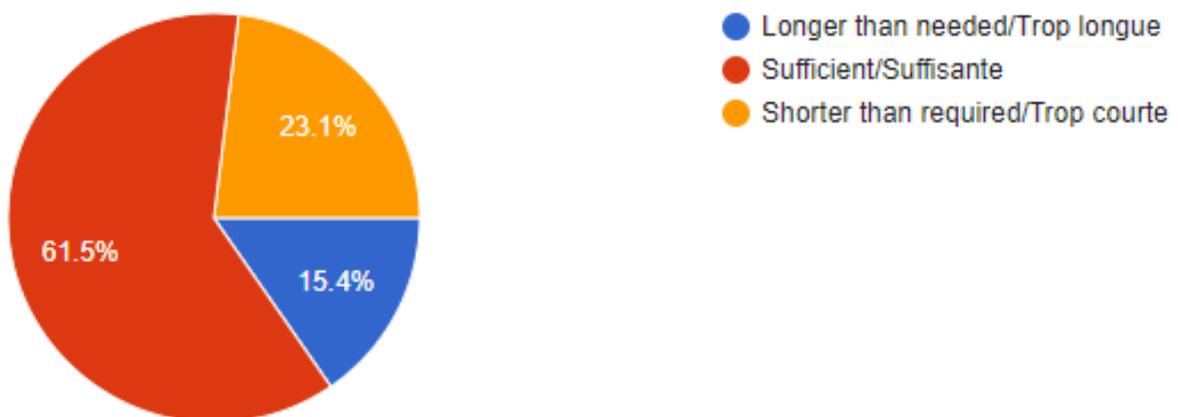


FIGURE 4-4-7: RESULTS Q6

Summary of most frequent statements made by the participants	
Q7	<p>How did you benefit most from this P2P process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received and got the knowledge of how we can go forward with the issue • Partage des informations et des expériences • By learning more about the measures needed to be implemented in my country to reduce the use of the SUP items • A travers les expériences d'autres pays • As responsible upon plastic pollution and banning file its really very useful to join your esteemed program • Avoir une visibilité claire sur les mesures entreprises dans la thématique déchets plastiques • New experience loaded with creative information and initiatives • Better understanding of European requirements and treatment status in the Mediterranean • Les documents transmis sont forts intéressants, les échanges pertinents • Principalement à travers des études de cas présentés et les documents partagés • Sharing of experiences between the countries
Q8	<p>What did you like best?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L'approche est excellente • The experiences from the other countries in this regard • Les expériences des pays en matière de lutte et de réponse au PUU • Interaction - well prepared presentations- discussions • L'interaction entre les participants et l'échange des expériences de plusieurs pays • Les lignes directrices pour la lutte contre l'abandon des plastiques à usage unique et les efforts consentis même en ligne à l'exemple de la visite d'étude du centre de compostage • Opportunity to address the issue together with regulators encountering similar issues • La démarche de cet échange entre pairs qui est nouvelle pour moi et également la préparation de l'équipe
Q9	<p>What needs to be improved or could be done differently?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La durée doit être adaptée à l'objet. Exemple aujourd'hui il a fallu plus de temps. • Maybe we need to know the results in each participant country after this project • Des visites de terrain et de success stories sont fortement recommandées • Timing is horrible!! usually forget because of the long time intervals between meetings • Avoir plus de temps pour la réactivité des participants • Everything was good • Bien sur un échange présentiel mais cela n'est pas possible actuellement, améliorer la traduction ou avoir les présentations aussi en langue française

Summary of most frequent statements made by the participants	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More opinions and experience from the countries • La traduction de la langue anglais au français n'était pas claire • Permettre aux participants de préparer leurs interventions et leurs contributions avant les réunions • Nothing, it was perfect
Q10	Any other comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks • Thank you so much • Really thanks a lot for the clear effort done - all my appreciation and respect - the most interactive and useful online meeting I attended due to covid- 19 - wish if it could be physical soon and to be all safe and well • Thanks • Thank you for the amazing effort, hoping that we'll collaborate again • Les réunions ont été très espacées. Elles devraient être rapprochées dans le temps pour une meilleure consolidation • Although it was virtual it was so user friendly and interactive

4.4.1 OVERALL ASSESSMENT:

1. Do you consider the peer-to-peer processes a suitable tool for knowledge transfer?

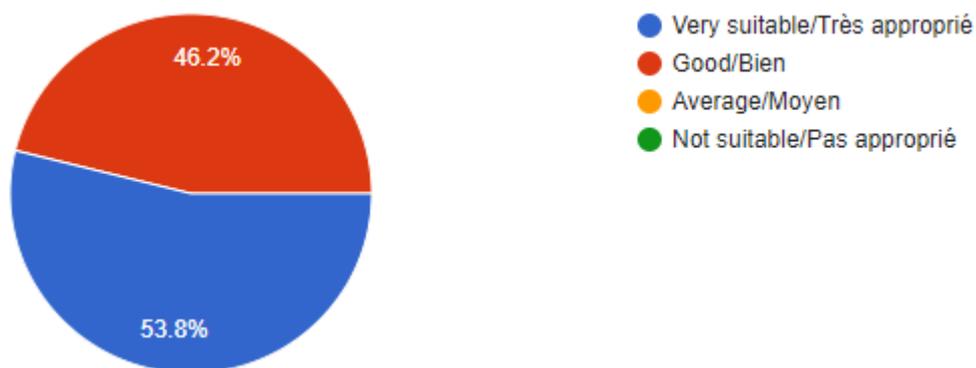


FIGURE 4-4-1.1: RESULTS Q1

2. Overall rating of the P2P process

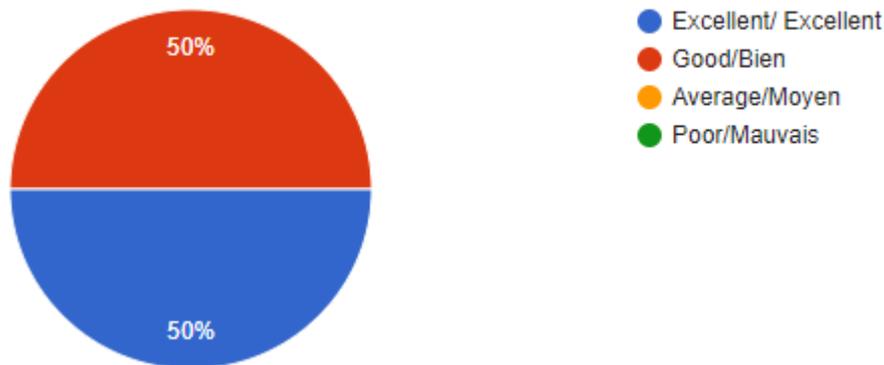


FIGURE 4-4-1.2: RESULTS Q2

5. USEFUL CONCLUSIONS AND SOME SRECOMMENDATIONS

The P2P process succeeded in providing a satisfactory experience. It certainly increased the capacity and the skills of the Peers to understand the challenges related to SUPs in the Mediterranean, and to initiate and implement measures to tackle SUPs in their countries. It helped identify single use plastic products of concern and possible policy instruments for peers to propose or take forward in their respective ministries to tackle the problematic of plastic pollution. The presentation of case studies of Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt was very enriching and enhanced the networking of the Peers.

The P2P process provided a comprehensive program based on case studies, a thorough panoramic of the problematic of SUPs and the situation in the region. The implication of the peers in the design of the process was instrumental in being able to address the needs and expectations, and we suggest this methodology to be replicated in other P2P processes.

Committed and engaged Peers made the difference: they joined the majority of the sessions, participated actively both with questions and answers and by providing examples or making presentations. However, it is common knowledge that people that qualify as Peers are also very busy and with many responsibilities and unforeseen tasks arising all the time. This often interferes with their planned participation in P2P processes. Over time, fewer Peers participated in the planned (and commonly agreed) sessions and exchanges. For future P2P processes the factor of time and programming of sessions should be further discussed with the Peers to assure the most efficient use of resources.

One of the expected results of this Peer-to-Peer exchange was an enhanced appropriation of the UNEP/MAP “Guidelines on tackling single use plastic products in the Mediterranean” when eventually completed and approved by COP22. As explained earlier in the report, the 3rd P2P Meeting served to present the draft regional guidelines to tackle single-use plastic products in the Mediterranean, and get feedback from the Peers. The draft of the proposed guidelines was presented and it received an overall positive feedback. The proposed guidelines were considered suitable in helping the countries

move forward on the issue of SUPs and their valuable inputs were taken into consideration and included in the document. More specifically:

- On the priority list of SUPs to be tackled in priority: participants welcome the proposal, acknowledging the importance of including personal protective equipment related to COVID-19. In addition, they stressed the importance of bags and bottles over the others. Although the list is not in a ranking order, the two items were moved to the first places to reflect this comment.
- On the feasibility of measures: participants went through some examples and agreed on their feasibility within their respective national contexts. They noted some actions as more suitable than others.
- For accompanying measures: they were ordered according to the Peers' assessment of their importance, and a final list of measures was agreed.
- In relation to the Annexes: their inclusion was agreed in order to provide extended information on particular issues such as definitions or available sustainable alternatives.

Some of the key uptakes of the Peers on the case studies presented and discussed during the process were:

Regarding collaborative initiatives:

- The problematic comes from a linear use, take-make-dispose economy of plastic waste. And plastic is produced from non-renewable resources.
- Circular economy is the most effective way to reverse this practice.
- Many stakeholders are involved in this problematic and collaborative initiatives are key to address it. No single organisation can handle this transition on its own.
- Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) is a multi-stakeholder initiative involving the private sector. It kicked-off in 2015 with the objective of reducing plastic pollution in the Mediterranean region. There are a number of activities being implemented in the region and good collaborative work, particularly through the "Business Club".
- The "Plastics Pact" is a network of initiatives that brings together all key stakeholders at the national or regional (sub-national) level to implement solutions towards a circular economy for plastics. 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. The presenter of this case study and coach offered assistance to any peers who might be interested in initiating a national pact in their respective countries.

Regarding Public Procurement:

- Public authorities play a key role as consumers. They can set the example and the bar for market behaviour, operating both as regulators of the market and as key participants through their purchases and contracts as these represent 10 to 25% of a country's GDP.
- Public authorities dispose of a series of tools and guidelines and can influence a great deal the prevention and the management of plastic waste through Public Procurement.

Regarding Bans:

- Bans are one of the regulatory instruments that policy makers can apply to effectively prevent and reduce the use of SUPs. A ban requires that a law and a national strategy be defined in consultation with the relevant industries, local authorities and consumer and environmental protection associations for its success. In order to reach a strong consolidation of such a law, the starting point is a favourable background supported by civil society and NGOs.
- Awareness raising and campaigns play a determining factor in effective implementation of a ban.
- Although the idiosyncrasy of the MENA region in terms of production and use of SUPs is different than the one of France or other EuroMed countries, the collaborative stakeholder approach and the step by step process used there can be applied in the respective MENA countries.

The **4 regional training webinar sessions** held between January and February on “phasing out SUPs in the Mediterranean” very well complemented the meetings held within the P2P process and provided additional knowledge with little overlap. A report of these webinars is also available on the WES website (https://www.wes-med.eu/activities_type/re-1-reg-phasing-out-single-use-plastics-in-the-mediterranean/).

7 ANNEXES

All materials of the P2P process are available here:

https://www.wes-med.eu/activities_type/re-1-reg-p2p-taking-action-to-move-away-from-single-use-plastics-in-the-mediterranean/