Public consultation on the establishment of a quantitative reduction headline target for marine litter

The aim of this consultation is to understand stakeholders' views on a range of actions and policies which could be undertaken in order to tackle the problem of marine litter. The results of the consultation will be used as one of the bases for formulating a Union-wide quantitative headline reduction target for marine litter. Please read the associated **background document** before responding to the questionnaire. Only a few of the questions are compulsory so please feel free to answer only those relevant to you.

Questions marked with an asterisk * require an answer to be given.

1. Information about you

1.1. Your full name:*	
Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environme	ent in consultation with other involved ministries.
1.2. Your contact email address:	
Hermien.busschbach@minienm.nl	
1.3. I'm replying as a(n):	
Interested individual/consumer	Local/regional authority
Sectoral representative	National authority
Non-governmental organisation (NGO)	International body
Other association	Other
Academic/scientist	

1.4. If you are responding on behalf of a sector, please specify your area of activity:	
waste management	
Plastic producer/recyclers	
Fisheries	
Shipping	
Port authority	
Retail	
Tourism/recreation	
Other sector	
1.5. If you represent another sector please specify your area of activity:	
1.6. If you selected "other", please specify in what capacity you are responding to the consultation:	
1.7. If responding on behalf of an organisation/association/authority, please provide the name:	

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1.8. If responding on behalf of an org- membership:	anisation/association/authority, please sp	pecify all countries represented by your
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BE - Belgium	FR - France	PL - Poland
BG - Bulgaria	HR - Croatia	PT - Portugal
CY - Cyprus	HU - Hungary	RO - Romania
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DE - Germany	T - Italy	SI - Slovenia
DK - Denmark	LT - Lithuania	SK - Slovakia
EE - Estonia	LU - Luxembourg	UK - United Kingdom
EL - Greece	LV - Latvia	Other
ES - Spain	MT - Malta	
1.9. If another country is rep	resented by your organisation, pleas	e specify the country/countries concerned.
1.10. How would you prefer your com	tribution to be published on the Commiss	sion website?*
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Not at all - keep it confident Commission)	ial (The contribution will not be publis	shed, but will be used internally within the
1.11. How well informed are you abou	ıt marine litter?	
🔍 Very well informed		
Fairly well informed		
Not very well informed		
Not at all informed		

2. Questionnaire

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2.1. Assessment criteria: Througho	-		-			
various actions aimed at reducing the	-		pact of m	arine litte	r. What a	re the
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2.1.3. Effectiveness	©	0	©	0	©x	©
2.1.4. Transferability/replicability in different marine regions			© _X		0	©
2.1.5. Impact on stakeholders			0	©x	0	0
2.1.6. Respect for the polluter pays principle	©		©	Q	0	©
2.2. Are there other relevant criteria which sho	uld be usec	d when asse	essing action	ns aimed at	reducing th	e presence
and impact of marine litter? If so, please list the	ese criteria:	:				
commitment of the various sectors						

marine litter. How problematic are these impacts?									
Please assess these impacts on a scale of 1 t	lease assess these impacts on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not problematic" and 5 being "very problematic".								
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2.3.1. Entanglement of marine species in discarded fishing gear, ropes and other litter	0	©	© _x	0	0	0			
2.3.2. Ingestion of litter by birds, fish and other species	0	0	© _x	0	0	•			
2.3.3. Health risk for humans due to consumption of affected seafood	©	•	0	©x	0	©			
2.3.4. Spreading of invasive species	0	0	0	0	0	©x			
2.3.5. Negative impacts on coastal tourism	0	×		0	0				
2.3.6. Damage to (fishing) vessels	0	©							
2.3.7. Costs associated with beach clean up	0	0	©x	0	0	0			

2.4. Are there other relevant negative impacts of marine litter which should be considered? If so, please list these impacts:

- * potential risk to human health
- * entanglement is not a problem on population level, but for individual species it is.
- * marine litter is a resource in the wrong place
- * oceans are the last medium in the waste chain and a cleaning-up exercise of the global oceans system is not feasible.

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2.5.1. Reject single use plastic bags and bottles and use re-usable alternatives	0	0	0	© _x	0	0
2.5.2. Drink tap water instead of bottled water/other bottled beverages	0	©	©	©x	0	•
2.5.3. Give greater consideration to the packaging used when making purchasing choices	©	•	•	©x	•	0
2.5.4. Separate waste at home and participate in systems for separate collection and deposit refund systems	©	0	0	©x	•	©
2.5.5. Avoid littering (either on the beach, at sea or elsewhere)	©	0	0	0	©x	•
2.5.6. Avoid flushing sanitary waste down the toilet	©	0	0	0	Q	•
2.5.7. Participate in organised clean-ups	0	©x	0	0	0	©
.6. Are there other actions which could be undections:	ertaken by	consumers	to reduce i	marine litter	? If so, plea	se list these

goals. So that those parties that are responsible for the implementation are able to choose the instruments they

think work best.

2.7. Local/sub-national authorities: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertaken by local/sub-national authorities with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter. Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommended". a: 1 b: 2 c: 3 d: 4 e: 5 f: Don't Know b d f а С е 2.7.1. Invest in research and monitoring activities to identify the types and sources of Q marine litter 2.7.2. Map existing relevant measures already being implemented and analyse gaps to be X filled 2.7.3. Establish action plans and/or targets for marine litter prevention and clean-up initiatives X 2.7.4. Implement awareness-raising campaigns on the sources and impacts of marine litter X 2.7.5. Develop initiatives to encourage/incentivise source separation 2.7.6. Develop initiatives to encourage/incentivise consumption of tap ©x water 2.7.7. Install public water dispensers (X 2.7.8. Introduce (seasonal) bans on plastic bags in coastal cities, and/or bans on plastic bottles during beach events and concerts 2.7.9. Avoid plastic packaging in public procurement X

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2.7.10. Organise clean-up events

2.7.11. Ensure enforcement of existing public littering rules	0	©	(8)	©	0	©
2.7.12. Ensure adequate availability of public litter bins	0	©	0	©x	0	©
2.7.13. Take action to ensure regulatory compliance of landfills and eradicate illegal dumpsites	0	©	0	©	©x	0
2.7.14. Cooperate with tourist sector, waste managers and retailers	0	©	©	©	×	•
2.7.15. Exchange best practices with other municipalities	0	©	©	©	©x	•
2.7.16. Develop initiatives to promote the circular economy, diverting waste from landfill to recycling or energy recovery	•	©	0	©	©x	0
2.7.17. Cooperate in initiatives to promote fishermen as 'guardians of the sea', including monitoring and fishing for litter activities (collecting litter in large bags while fishing)	0	©	0	©x	0	©

2.8. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by local/sub-national authorities to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:

* not only ensure availability of public litter bins but also proper waste management (empty bins regularly) * promote alternatives for party balloons (use different items at events, different materials,

- * agreements between (local and regional) river town authorities and NGO's to prevent and/or clean up litter in waterways/rivers\
- * measures relating to cigarette buds.

2.9. Which (if any) of the possible actions for local/sub-nati for national authorities?	onal authorities mentioned above are also of relevance
Invest in research and monitoring activities to identify the types and sources of marine litter	Organise clean-up events
Map existing relevant measures already being implemented and analyse gaps to be filled	Ensure enforcement of existing public littering rules
Establish action plans and/or targets for marine litter prevention and clean-up initiatives	Ensure adequate availability of public litter bins
x Implement awareness-raising campaigns on the sources and impacts of marine litter	Take action to ensure regulatory compliance of landfills and eradicate illegal dumpsites
Develop initiatives to encourage/incentivise source separation	Cooperate with tourist sector, waste managers and retailers
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x Avoid plastic packaging in public procurement	

2.10. National authorities: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertaken by national authorities with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter.							
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enviror	Establish monitoring systems and nmental targets with a view to reducing puts to the marine environment	•	0	0	©	•	•
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monito	Assist local authorities and NGOs in ring the effectiveness of measures at combatting marine litter	0	©	0	©x	0	•
local a	Provide guidance and resources to help uthorities select and implement res to address marine litter	0	©	0	© _x	0	0
NGOs, to laun behavi	Promote best practice and encourage local authorities and other stakeholders ch relevant initiatives to improve our, prevent littering and support up initiatives	•	•	•	© _x	•	•
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2.11. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by national authorities to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:
* development and application of education material for use on/ by schools on different levels * support initiatives for improvement of efficiency in the plastic cycle (from production to consumption and recycling) and avoid leakages
2.12. EU policymakers: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertaken by EU policymakers with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter. Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommended".
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c: 3
d: 4 e: 5
f: Don't Know

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2.12.1. Establish target(s) for marine litter reduction	0	0	×	0	0	0
2.12.2. Support the actions of local and Member State authorities by funding research	0	0	0	©x	©	0
2.12.3. Support the actions of local and Member State authorities by facilitating exchange of information, experience and best practice (e.g. hosting a database of published marine litter survey information, guidance on marine litter monitoring, common recording templates, expanded marine litter toolbox etc.)	©	©	©	$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$	©	•
The marine litter toolbox referred in this question can be accessed at: http://www.marine-litter-conference-berlin.info/tbdb.php						
2.12.4. Facilitate coordination efforts across regional seas and support networking between authorities and other stakeholders	0	0	©	©x	©	0
2.12.5. Support development of Strategic Regional Action Plans on marine litter within the framework of the four relevant Regional Seas Conventions (Barcelona, Bucharest, HELCOM and OSPAR)	©	0	©	Q	©	•
2.12.6. Support international activities to combat marine litter (e.g. the Honolulu Strategy and marine debris reduction commitments in Rio+20)	0	0	0	©x	0	0
2.12.7. Establish a harmonised EU monitoring strategy for marine litter	0	0	x	0	0	0
2.12.8. Extend and improve producer responsibility over the entire product lifecycle (e.g. optimisation of packaging and production including design for re-use, recycling, prevention, low material demand, etc.)	©	₽	©	©	©	•

2.13. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by EU policymakers to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:										
* introduce an European ban on microbeads in cosmetics * support initiatives by the shipping and fisheries sectors to reduce the amount of litter entering the marine environment, either initiatives on board of vessels to prevent litter being discarded at sea, being properly disposed of in harbours * promote research to develop technical means to remove litter from the sea * stimulate more cross sectoral EU policy and make link to industrial policy and product design (eco-design).										
2.14. NGOs: Below you will find a lis										
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2.14.1. Establish action plans and/or targets for marine litter prevention and clean-up initiatives			©	©,	0	0				
2.14.2. Implement awareness-raising campaigns on the sources and impacts of marine litter	0	0	©	© _x	0	•				
2.14.3. Organise clean-up events	0		©	©x	0	•				
2.14.4. Share information with local authorities and other stakeholders on the amounts and sources of marine litter (particularly from monitoring in the framework of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive)	0	0	©x	•	0	•				
2.14.5. Assist local authorities in identifying target groups responsible for littering	0	0	0	©x	0					
2.14.6. Launch relevant behavioural and preventive initiatives with other stakeholders	0	0	©	×	0	©				

2.15. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by NGOs to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:

	16. Plastics industry: Below you very plastics industry with a view to reconstruction						_
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	2.16.1. Promote the development of products and packaging which use less (plastic) material	0	0	0	©x	0	0
	2.16.2. Promote the development of products and packaging made from innovative materials which are easier to re-use or recycle and which degrade less harmfully in the marine environment	•	•	•	©x	•	•
	2.16.3. Extend and improve producer responsibility over the entire product lifecycle (e.g. optimisation of packaging and production including design for re-use, recycling, prevention, low material demand etc.)	•	© _x	0	•	•	•
	2.16.4. Exchange information, knowledge and best practices on innovative technologies, production processes and sustainable plastic packaging products	•	•	•	(3	•	•
	2.16.5. Promote and finance initiatives aimed at increasing recycling of plastics	0	0	0	©x	0	•
	2.16.6. Promote and finance marine litter initiatives	0	0	0	X	0	•
	2.16.7. Incorporate eco-labelling criteria in product design	0	0	0	R	0	0

2.17. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by the plastics industry to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:							
2.18. Retail sector: Below you will fi						by the	
retail sector with a view to reducing to Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, wi	-		-			ded"	
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2.18.1. Motivate and inform customers on sustainable consumption	©	©	©	© _x	0	0	
2.18.2. Develop, promote and participate in separate collection and deposit refund systems for plastic bottles and bags	0	©	© _x	•	0	0	
2.18.3. Promote the use of reduced, reusable or recyclable packaging in products, both upstream (through purchasing/procurement decisions) and down-stream (through promotion of such products to consumers)	•	•	•	©x	•	0	
2.18.4. Commit to targets for reduction of plastic packaging	©	©	©	×	0	0	
2.18.5. Exchange ideas and best practices with other retailers	©	•	©	©x	©	•	

2.19. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by the retail sector to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these actions:
2.20. Tourism/recreational sector: Below you will find a list of actions which could be
undertaken by the tourism/recreational sector with a view to reducing the presence and
impact of marine litter.
Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommended".
a: 1
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f: Don't Know

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2.20.1. Sensitise tourists to the impacts of litter on the marine environment	0	0	0	$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$	0	0
2.20.2. Provide eco-alternatives to plastic ashtrays and plastic cups on the beach	©	©	©x	0	©	©
2.20.3. Establish water dispensers in communal areas (e.g. hotel lobbies, beachfronts etc.)	•	©	•	©x	•	©
2.20.4. Participate in eco-tourism certification schemes	0		0	0	×	©
2.20.5. Create and promote stewardship concepts such as adopt-a-beach						
For example, the adopt-a-beach initiative in the Netherlands enables a school, beach-front business or other interested party to "adopt" a stretch of beach, and take responsibility for ensuring it is clean. For more information, see: http://www.mybeach.info/eigen-mybeach/	•	•	0	0	©x	©
2.20.6. Organise clean-up events	0	0	0	©x	0	0
2.20.7. Ensure adequate availability of litter bins	0	0	0	0	©x	©
2.20.8. Develop, promote and participate in separate collection and deposit refund systems for plastic bottles and bags	•	•	©x	•	0	©
2.20.9. Commit to targets for reduction of plastic packaging	0	0	©x	0	0	©
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2.21. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by the tourism/recreational sector to reduce marine litter? If so, please

list these actions:

2.23. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by the waste management sector to reduce marine litter? If list these actions:	so, p	oleas	е
2.24. Fisheries sector: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertakenthe fisheries sector with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter		by	
Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommend	ed".		
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2.24.1. Train crew members on waste regulation and practices on board ships 5	0	0	0
2.24.2. Cooperate in initiatives to promote fisheries professionals as 'Guardians of the Sea', including monitoring and fishing for litter activities (collecting litter in large bags while fishing)			
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4 For more information on the Guardians of the Sea initiative, see: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/contracts_and_funding/calls_for_proposals/2013_09/index_en.htm	,		
2.24.3. Cooperate in special trips to collect litter form identified hot spots	0	0	0
2.24.4. Retrieve abandoned or lost fishing gear `1	0	0	0
2.24.5. Notify authorities about lost fishing gear	0	0	0
2.24.6. Ensure adequate waste separation, minimisation and management on board ships, including adequate storage space for garbage 5	0	©	©

2.26. Shipping sector: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertaken by	
the shipping sector with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter. Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommended".	
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2.26.1. Train crew members on waste regulations and practices on board ships	
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2.26.2. Cooperate in an efficient waste	
notification system	
2.26.3. Ensure that there are no disincentives	
for vessels to bring their litter ashore rather than dumping it at sea	
2.26.4. Ensure adequate waste separation, minimisation and management on board ships,	
including adequate storage space for garbage	

2.25. Are there other actions which could be undertaken by the fisheries sector to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these

actions:

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	* educate cre	w so they are awar	e that disposal of v	vaste is included in v	vaste fee in harbou

2.28. Port authorities: Below you will find a list of actions which could be undertaken by port authorities with a view to reducing the presence and impact of marine litter. Please assess these actions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "not recommended" and 5 being "strongly recommended". a: 1 b: 2 c: 3 d: 4 e: 5 f: Don't Know b d f а С е 2.28.1. Apply a waste fee system aimed at a maximum delivery of waste from ships 2.28.2. Apply an efficient waste notification system 2.28.3. Improve the waste handling system including procedures, conditions, management Q of fees, payment of operators, etc. 2.28.4. Strengthen the inspection regime regarding waste delivery 2.28.5. Consult port users on the adequacy of port waste reception facilities X 2.28.6. Provide clear and transparent information about the fee system in place Q 2.28.7. Record and monitor the amounts of ships' waste delivered in ports 2.28.8. Implement systematic exchange of information between enforcement authorities 2.28.9. Ensure that ports have access to facilities for off-loading and correct disposal of hazardous waste 2.28.10. Provide waste disposal bins and ensure that waste is not left in locations where

it can be blown into the sea

ac	Are there other actions which could be undertaken by port authorities to reduce marine litter? If so, please list these ns:	
	* Harmonize waste fee systems * stimulate separated waste delivery Strenghten the inspection regime regadering illegal discharges * determine certain values of waste generation on board to be used as bases for enforcement	

2.30. If you have any additional comments, please provide them in the box below (max. 1000 characters).					
(maximum 1000 characters)					

Useful links

Commission Staff Working Document on Marine Litter (SWD(2012) 365 final): http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/pdf/SWD_2012_365.pdf