The TouMali project aims to **improve waste management practices** by implementing **sustainable practices in the HoReCa sector** (like sorting at source), improving **waste management infrastructures**, and setting up **financially viable and sustainable policy solutions** like EPR in pilot regions.

**MAIN LESSONS LEARNED**

- **Stakeholders** have to be made responsible and accountable for circular economy practice and sustainable waste management.
- **Municipalities** have to be offered the opportunity and possibility to address their unique challenges through **decentralised processes**.
- **EPR legislation** should **go beyond registration** of firms to effective and **economically viable** implementation in order to ensure sustainability of the project.
- The **tourism sector/HoReCa sector** holds great potential for leveraging efforts and **continuing project activities** beyond project duration.

By analysing beach litter data, we examined quantities, types, and sizes across regions to establish a **pollution baseline** and develop coherent **improvement policies**.
**BEACH LITTER MONITORING**

- **Categories of beach litter**
  - Plastics: 80.4%
  - Paper/Cardboard: 5.4%
  - Food Waste: 3.4%
  - Slack Coal: 2.7%
  - Metal: 2.2%
  - Cloth/Textiles: 2.0%
  - Glass/Ceramics: 2.0%
  - Other: 1.9%

80.4% of beach litter are plastics, with 12.9% of it being cigarette butts.

- **Sources of macro-litter**
  - Shoreline, poor waste management, tourism and recreation
  - Sanitary and Sewage related
  - Shipping
  - Fisheries
  - n.a.

55.4% of macro-litter originates from shoreline areas, poor waste management and tourism.

**HORECA WASTE MANAGEMENT**

1. **Analysis of the situation in the HoReCa sector**
2. **Categorisation of hotels to 3 levels of waste management**
3. **Training of hotels in segregation and management of waste**
4. **Long-term commitment of the HoReCa sector/federations**

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

1. **Collaboration** with the HoReCa sector should ensure continued sustainable waste management and initiatives like beach clean ups.
2. **EPR schemes** will be developed and enhanced in each pilot country.
3. **Municipality engagement** should be enhanced through decentralised solutions and responsibility for long-term beach litter monitorings.
4. A **TouMaLi company** should be built in each country which will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of a waste recovery center.

**Suggestion for active involvement of the HoReCa sector:**

- Hand out **pocket ashtrays** to reduce cigarette butts on beaches,
- Provide **separate waste bins** at public spaces and beaches,
- Implement a **deposit refund scheme** on plastic cups and containers and promote reusable options,
- Provide **staff training** on waste reduction, sorting and management,
- **Reduce unnecessary packaging** and SUPs by e.g. buying in bulk,
- Implement **public awareness and education campaigns** on marine litter and the environment.