

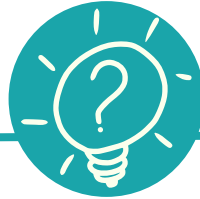
Background Information

- **Regional conventions** and initiatives, such as the **UNEP Barcelona Convention** and the **UfM's GreenerMed 2030**, are dedicated to combating marine litter
- **Collective action** among Mediterranean countries is crucial to combat cross-border impacts of marine pollution
- **Cooperation and public engagement** are essential to effectively tackle this ongoing environmental challenge
- This workshop aims to **bring together stakeholders** to discuss existing policies, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration
- The goal is to foster a **collaborative environment** that encourages innovative solutions for a **cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable Mediterranean Sea**

Best Practice Example

The global **UN agreement on plastic pollution (INC Treaty)**, will significantly impact the reduction of worldwide plastic pollution, including in the Mediterranean.

Discussion



Question 1

What is your opinion on the **status quo of regional and national programs** regarding plastic pollution policies? What could be **improved**?

Question 2

What **lessons learned** and **best practices** can be drawn from **other Mediterranean projects** or **other regions** or **international organizations**?

Question 3

What are **key challenges/trends** in reinforcing cooperation to combat plastic pollution within the Med. region? How can **regional** and **national policies** effectively address them?

Question 4

How can we **enhance regional cooperation** among Mediterranean countries to develop and implement **comprehensive policies** and programs to combat **plastic pollution** from **land- and sea-based sources**?