



WORKSHOP ON MARINE LITTER

10 April 2018, Brussels (Belgium)

Venue: CPMR, 8th Floor, 14 Rond-Point Schuman, 1040 Brussels

This meeting is the second step in the CPMR's work on marine litter after a first meeting held on 31 January 2018. This meeting (see [agenda](#)) aimed at discussing possible initiatives that the CPMR could take following the publication of the communication "A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy".

This meeting aims at pursuing our work based on the conclusions of this first discussion.

14.00-14.45 Marine Litter: the European Context

- Presentation by Mr **Haitze Siemers**, Head of Unit A1 Maritime Innovation, Maritime Knowledge and Investments, DG MARE, European Commission
- Presentation by Mr **Damien Périssé**, CPMR Director for Maritime Affairs, of a Technical Paper with a summary of on-going political activities on marine litter at EU and international levels and options for the CPMR

14.45-16.00 CPMR and Marine Litter

This second session will be dedicated to an open discussion on the CPMR's action with regard to marine litter.

Participants will discuss proposals concerning:

- CPMR Marine Litter Manifesto;
- The organisation of best practice exchanges among CPMR Member Regions;
- Possible partnerships between the CPMR and associations for an awareness raising campaign and cleaning operation;
- How could the CPMR itself be a plastic free organisation.

All of these initiatives involve strong cooperation with CPMR Geographical Commissions.