

Charter of Commitments for Sustainable Material Resources Management and Circular Economy

European cities and islands are some of the world's greatest tourism destinations. The socio-economic impact of tourists and visitors is extraordinary and tourism, with the economic and employment opportunities it creates, has become a key factor in urban policies and planning.

At the same time, tourism brings a range of negative externalities, including high levels of unsustainable resource consumption and seasonal waste production. Figures show that during high season some of the tourist cities and islands have to cope with a residing population reaching from two to ten times their usual number of inhabitants. These challenges create inconveniences in waste management while litter threaten the preservation and conservation of ecosystem services - sea, beaches, natural parks - offered by tourist destinations, that are at the basis of the attractiveness of tourist cities and islands.

For these reasons, we, European public authorities of touristic areas, assert our shared vision towards a more sustainable tourism. We adopt the "URBAN-WASTE & BLUEISLANDS Charter of Commitments for Sustainable Material Resources Management and Circular Economy" as a significant step toward this direction, and we will therefore work to:



Reduce waste generation by tourists and tourism service providers;



Improve the management of waste generated by tourism and resource efficiency, by promoting short cycles and local, sustainable consumption;



Involve all relevant local and regional stakeholders in collaborative and mutual learning activities;



Raise awareness on reducing marine litter;



Raise awareness of tourists and help them to act responsibly and in a sustainable way;



Share our vision and promote exchange of good practices with other touristic cities, regions and islands;



By doing so, we will contribute to reinforce the attractiveness of our territories as well as to foster our local development creating new local green jobs and services.



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