

Charter of commitments for sustainable material resource 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 local 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** and to **improve waste management plans in order to cope with seasonal variations**. We adopt the **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

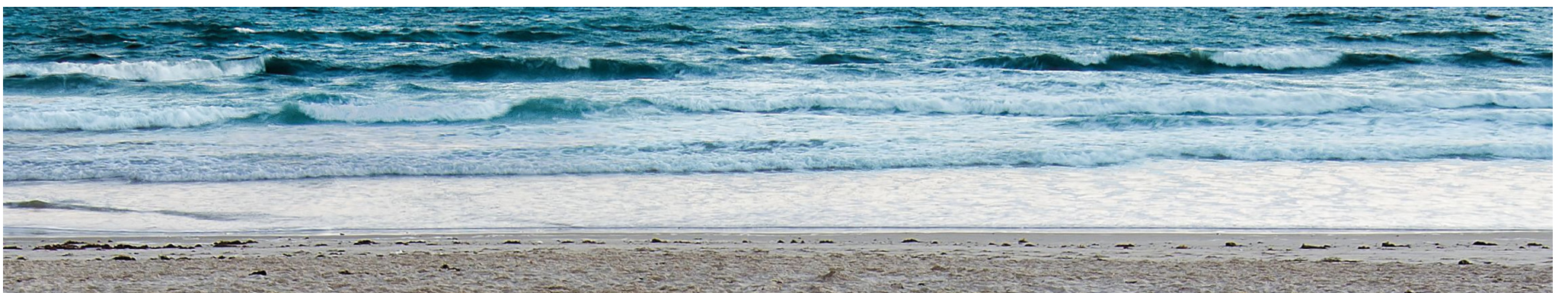
Improve the management of waste generated by tourism and resource efficiency, by promoting short cycles and local, sustainable consumption

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

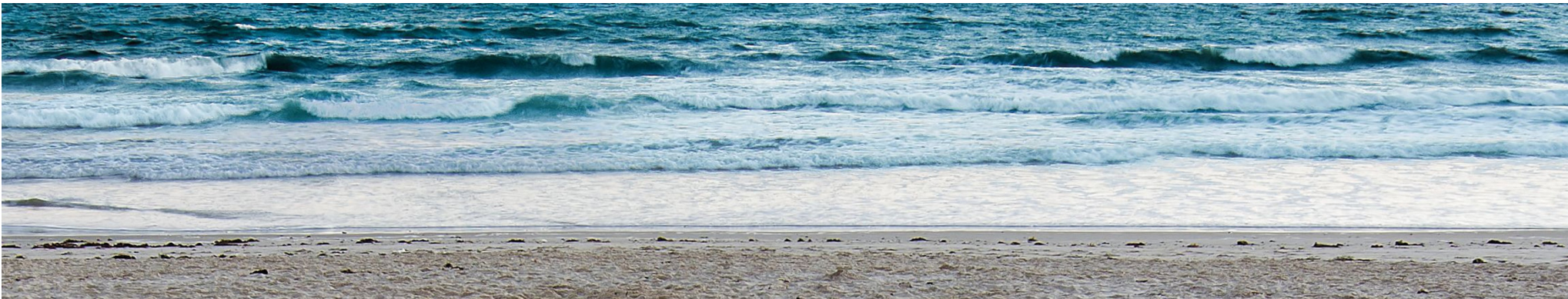
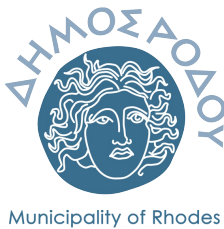


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