



Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)  
*Common Implementation Strategy*

## 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Technical Group on Marine Litter (TG ML) - Hybrid

**Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 May 2024**

**Meeting venue:** Edifici del Rellotge. Muelle del Grao s/n, Poblados Marítimos, 46024 - Valencia, Spain.

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## DRAFT - ACTION POINTS

- **EU Coastline Litter Trends 2015-2021**
  - JRC to explore the potential inclusion of results at country-regional scale on the report
  - JRC to finalise the report, consult TG ML and publish the report – including the interpretation of results and to provide clear recommendations for intermediate target setting and planning of measures
  - JRC to explore the potential inclusion of the top-ten litter items in the report
  - EEA to share the synthesis report with TG ML members through TG ML Wiki for comments [End of summer / beginning of autumn 2024]
- **Beach Litter Data Collection**
  - MS agreed to submit beach litter data from previous years to EMODnet in a regular basis, starting with 2022 and 2023 data [Deadline: 31 July 2024; Every end of July]
  - JRC to set up a questionnaire to collect needs on further developments (e.g., use of apps, trainings, etc.)
  - TG ML members to share the status of development of intermediate targets within their MS. JRC to set up a questionnaire for this purpose.
- **Floating macro litter baseline**
  - TG ML members to share with JRC available data/data-formats from projects [Deadline: 31 July 2024]
- **JRC Floating Litter Monitoring app**
  - JRC to provide information about the FLM app (usability, use, accessibility to data, etc.) to TG ML members via TG ML Wiki.
  - JRC encourages MS to start monitoring using the FLM app: coverage of all EU MS and priority on short coastal transects [summer and autumn 2024]
- **Joint List of Litter Categories**
  - TG ML joint list of litter categories subgroup to start the review of the Joint List and to finalise it within a year. Pilar Zorzo kindly agrees to lead this activity [Deadline: 31 March 2025]
- **Seafloor Macro Litter TV setting**

- JRC to set up additional meetings to follow up the discussions on the development of seafloor TV at the end of June and in September 2024. JRC will share doodle forms with the TG ML to establish the most favourable date for the meetings [Deadlines: 05 June 2024 and 19 August 2024]
- JRC to share, in writing, seafloor macro litter TV documentation with the points to discuss in the following meetings
- **Seafloor Macro Litter Imaging Monitoring**
  - JRC kindly invites TG ML members to share available data/data-format with EMODnet and JRC [as soon as possible latest by 31 July 2024]
- **Seafloor Macro litter Shallow Seafloor Monitoring**
  - TG ML members to share available shallow seafloor data/data-formats with EMODnet and JRC [as soon as possible, latest by 31 July 2024]
- **Seafloor Macro Litter Trawling Baselines + Trends**
  - TG ML seafloor trawling subgroup to set up a meeting to follow-up the methodology approach proposed [Meeting date: 11 June 2024]
- **Megalitter and Ghostnets**
  - TG ML added this topic to its work programme, its implementation will depend on resource availability. Please indicate your interest to contribute to this activity through the TG ML Wiki
  - TG ML members to share available information and data/data-formats through the TG ML Wiki [Deadline: 31 July 2024]
- **MSFD reporting Art. 8, 9, 10 in 2024**
  - TG ML members to provide feedback on the discussion points (worked examples and reference lists of elements) to DG ENV [Deadline: 07 June 2024]
- **Microlitter monitoring QA/QC (Position Paper)**
  - TG ML members to provide relevant scientific publications and inputs through TG ML Wiki [Deadline: 30 June 2024]
  - TG ML members to inform on ongoing QA/QC activities
  - TG ML requires active collaboration for this task
  - TG ML to finalise the drafting of the microlitter position paper [Deadline: 15 December 2024]
- **Preparation of micro-plastic reference materials adapted for sampling with manta nets and upcoming proficiency testing in the EU**
  - TG ML members are kindly invited to declare their interest to participate in the inter-laboratory comparison organised by the JRC [Deadline: as soon as possible, latest by 28 June 2024]
- **MSFD Floating microlitter dataset + baseline**
  - MS to send 2023 data through NODCs [Deadline: 30 September 2024]
  - JRC to prepare a questionnaire to follow-up the process of floating microlitter data collection [Deadline: 01 August 2024]
- **EU Beach mesolitter fragments and pellet dataset**
  - JRC to create a TG ML Wiki thread/page regarding mesolitter and pellets monitoring [Deadline 01 July 2024]
  - TG ML members to provide available data formats used for monitoring mesolitter and pellets
  - MS are kindly invited to start monitoring [summer and autumn 2024]
  - JRC to launch a mesolitter fragments and pellet questionnaire on the status of monitoring and data collection
- **Marine litter measures scheme**
  - JRC to share the last version of the marine litter measures scheme to receive feedback through the TG ML Wiki [Deadline 01 July 2024]
- **Update on marine litter research projects**
  - TG ML members to provide available information on new and ongoing projects through the TG ML Wiki [Deadline: 31 July 2024]

- JRC to update the marine research project list and to improve keyword classification [Deadline: 1 November 2024]
- **International activities**
  - JRC to share, through TG ML Wiki, basic points to have a better understanding on monitoring requirements and challenges to support the negotiations of the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution [Deadline: 15 June 2024].