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1. Planning and logistics

1.1. Introduction

The 2nd Regional Stakeholders Workshop in Bulgaria, of the CAPonLITTER project, was organized by PP4 – Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA). With the title “How to turn coastal activities – of tourism and recreation – zero-waste?” it took place on 02 November 2020, Conference room of AQUA hotel in Varna (Bulgaria). The event started at 10:00 and ended at 13:10, with the lunch offered at 13:30.

1.2. Communication

For this event, a specific poster and programme were designed and printed, based on the CAPonLITTER project poster. The stakeholders were invited by telephone calls and email messages after their identification by UBBSLA team. The email contained all information about the event, a small description of the project, the programme and poster, and, a formal invitation letter, signed by the UBBSLA Executive Director. Some of them were contacted by phone close to the date, to urge them to confirm their presence on the workshop.

1.3. Venue

The chosen venue for the workshop was the Conference room of AQUA hotel in Varna (Bulgaria). It is a versatile room that allowed the organization of a great workspace, with enough space for the tables and chairs, and suitable for the presentation and for the work in groups. The light lunch was served to the participants in the bistro next to the hotel lobby. Other advantages of this venue were the fact that it belongs to one of the UBBSLA supporting organization, with easy access for planning and logistics. Also, it has good parking space and great access to public transportation.

1.4. Registration

The registration was made in the room entrance, with the help of one staff person. The participants list was signed by all participants.

Table 1 presents the profile of the participating stakeholders.

Table 1 - Profile of the participating stakeholders.

Category	Number of participants
Packaging and Goods Producers	2
Distributors and retailers	1
Consumers	10
Waste Management Services	1
Political and Coastal Management Authorities	4
Civic and Non-Governmental Organizations	2
Academia and Research	1
Total of Stakeholders	21

2. Workshop activities

2.1. Project presentations

After the participant's registration, the Project Coordinator Mrs. Mariana Ivanova (PP4 - UBBSLA) started with a welcome presentation, where she thanked for the presence of the participants and briefly explained the event and the UBBSLA participation in CAPonLITTER project. After the greetings, she presented the CAPonLITTER progress, namely the results of ILE1 and ILE2 and ILE3, its objectives, the consortium and the participatory process that will occur along the project.

9:10 –Welcome session, coordinated by Mrs. Boryana Zangova – UBBSLA external expert on environment

- Mrs. Mariana Kancheva, UBBSLA Executive Director and CAPonLitter project coordinator welcomed all participants and presented the overall agenda, the context, methodology and objectives of this workshop.
- Mrs. Kancheva presented the resumed results from the 1st workshop (first CAPonLITTER level, then at the partner level).
- Mrs. Boryana Zangova, the workshop moderator presented the Rules of the Good Participant (Annex D), which was also included in hard copy in the participant's folders.

Each participant presented themselves (name, company/sector...).

They imagine that they are one part of the specific problem inside the theme and imagine everything needed to solve it, following the worksheet template.

The Good Practices Sheets from the 1st Workshop held on January 29, 2020 are shared for inspiration, but it is expected that the participants explore and detail them more.

- 10:15 – As a first challenge, the participants voted for **Policies and Regulation**. For 45 minutes participants worked on the Annex C. At the end, a 5-minute break is taken.
- 11:05 – A different second challenge was chosen to work – the participants voted for the “**Behaviour, Education and Sensibilization**” is the most voted among the participants, so for the second challenge we distributed randomly this one.

All the work for the third challenge **Zero-Waste Alternatives** was repeated in 45 minutes as well.

Thus we have Good Practices for 3 of all challenges of the Top-6.

Conclusions and Closing Session:

- 11:50 –The Moderator Mrs. Boryana Zangova thank everybody for their work on the sessions.

Each group present their Good Practices Worksheets: 1 minute per Worksheet.

After these presentation, the Moderator open the session for questions and debate for 20 minutes.

At the end of the event, Mrs. Mariana Ivanova, the UBBSLA CEO thanked to everybody for their presence and informed that the stakeholders may follow the CAPonLITTER project web page where they will be informed on the results of this workshops and on the activities of the CAPonLITTER project.

Most of the participants filled the Evaluation form (Annex E), which register excellent score for the usefulness and great practical approach shared by all the participants.



2.2. Buffer activity

The warm-up activity was moderated by Mariana Ivanova – CAPonLitter project coordinator.

Two A1 posters, with three questions displayed, were distributed along the room and the participants were asked to write on a piece of paper their answers, individually, to start the thinking process and collect their inputs. The analysed results of the first question: **What is the biggest challenge on setting a zero-waste beach?** are presented on Figure 1. We can conclude that the **infrastructure** of the beaches and the **behaviours** are the main challenge addressing the zero-waste objective. Also, the zero-waste alternatives and the commitments are mentioned by the participants.

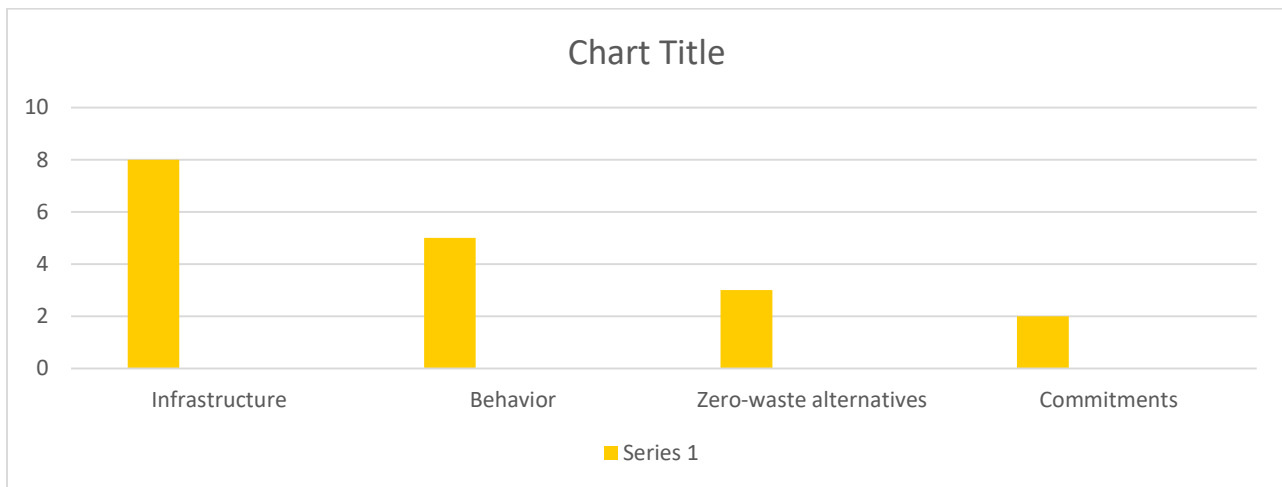


Figure 1 - Analysed results of the question about zero-waste beaches.

Figure 2 shows the analysed results for the answers for the question **“What is the biggest challenge on setting a zero-waste coastal event?”**. The majority of the stakeholders mentioned the need for regulations and for commitments. Infrastructures was also addressed in the answers. The stakeholders also commented that the cost of the implementation of these policies is still a challenge.

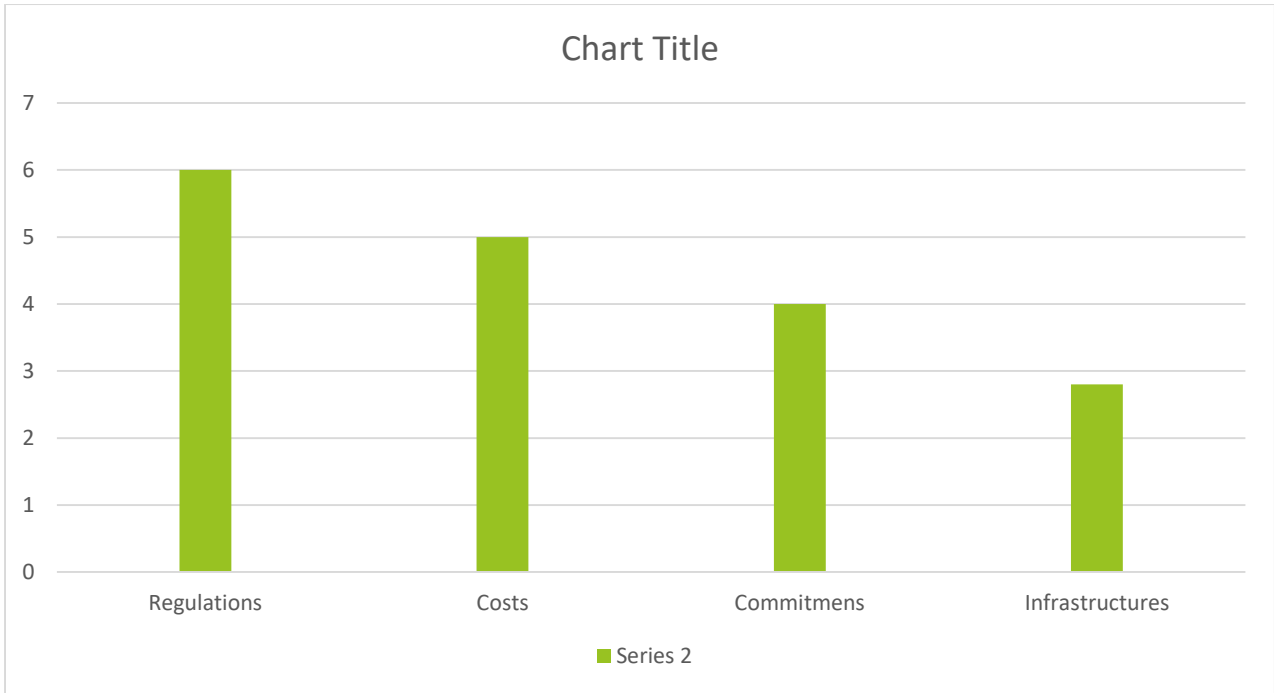


Figure 2 - Analysed results of the question about zero-waste coastal events.

On the third question **“What is the biggest challenge on setting a zero-waste coastal community?”** the main challenges identified by the stakeholders were the Knowledge and information education and the need to create synergies within communities. They also mentioned the need to create adequate regulations, to make zero-waste reality a priority and a strategy for those places and the improvement of behaviour.

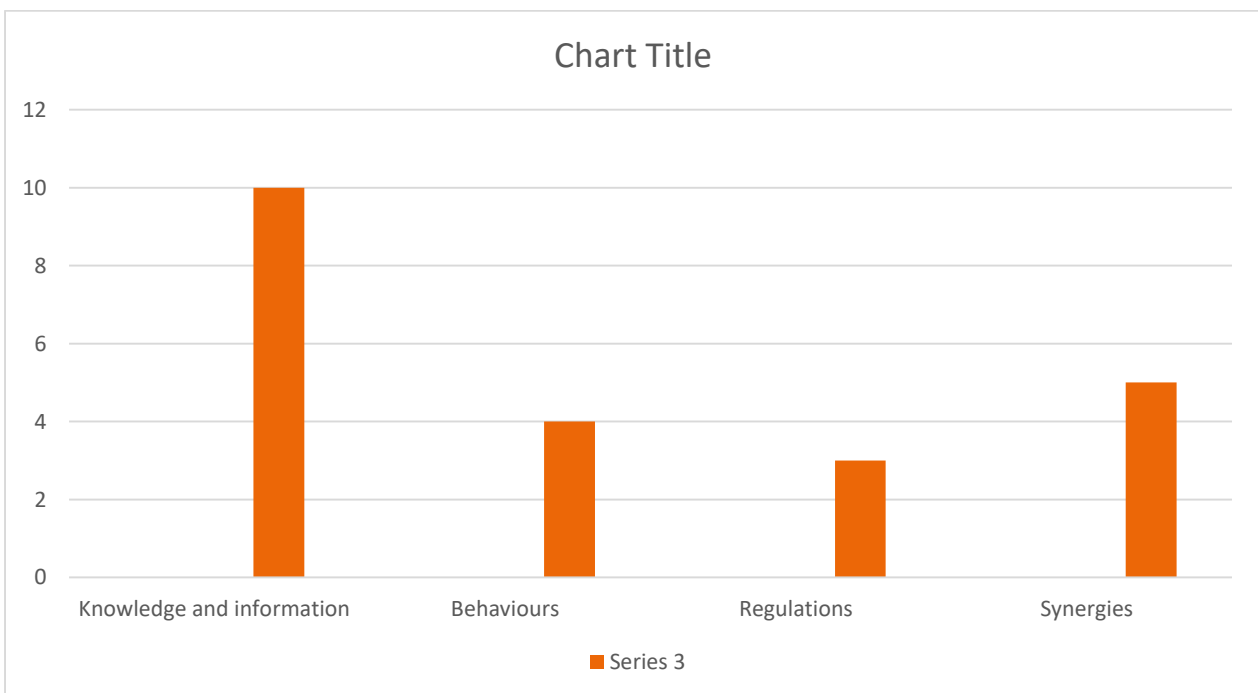


Figure 3 - Analysed results of the question about zero-waste coastal communities.

2.3. Main Challenges Assessment

Municipalities play a decisive role in green initiatives, and the principles can be laid down in procurement requirements. Local authorities are able to impose the use of reusable or compostable utensils in municipal establishments. As the most costly and resource-intensive measures, participants in the meeting identified door-to-door waste collection and improved industrial product design by industry.

2.4. Best Practices Assessment

After the voting, the three groups worked on the three most voted clouds and created best practices sheets.

After the Best Practices sheets presentation, they were voted. The voting results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 - Results of the best practices voting.

Title	Intervention Areas			Aspects to vote		
	Beach	Events	C. C.	Urgency	Replic.	Efectiv.
	X	X	X	16	8	18
	X	X		10	12	14
	X	X	X	10	15	14

2.5. Evaluation

At the end of the event, the stakeholders been asked to fill in the evaluation form of their satisfaction of the event quality.

Figure 4 summarizes the evaluation by the participants of the quality of the event which highlighted the quality of materials and presentations.

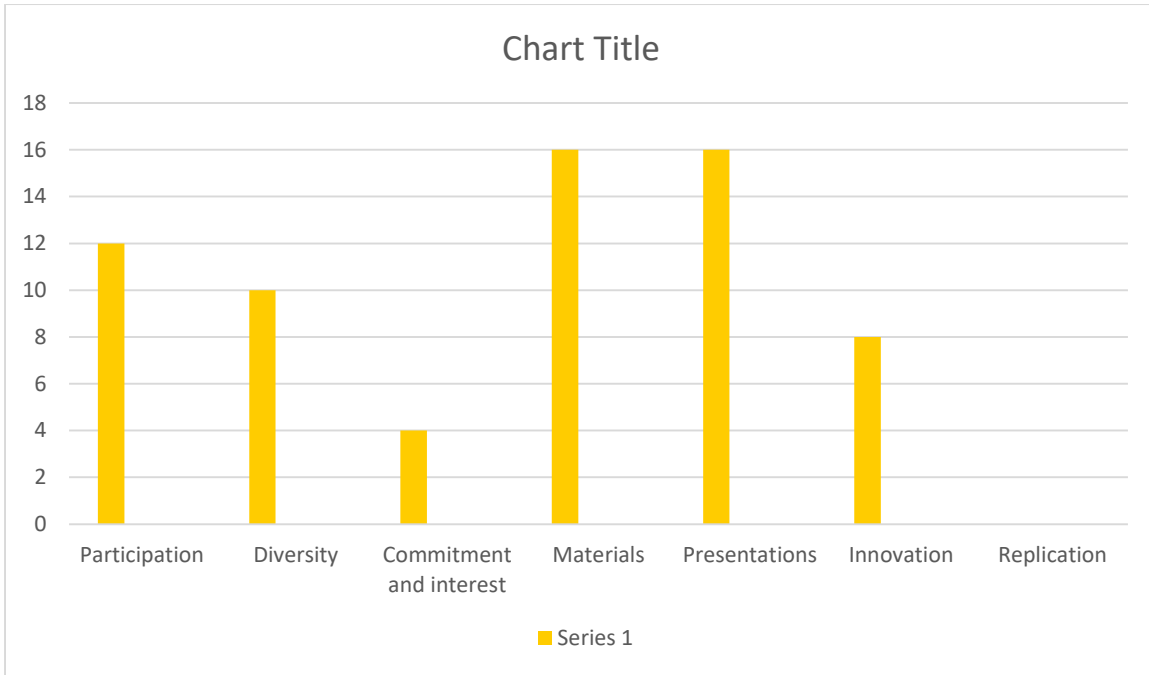


Figure 4 – Evaluation of the event quality