

ADVANCING CIRCULARITY AND CLIMATE ACTION IN PAN EUROPEAN TOURISM



At the conclusion of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and held in Nicosia, Cyprus, delegates adopted a [Ministerial Declaration](#), recognizing the urgent need to ensure the tourism sector “builds back better” from the impacts of the pandemic. Central to this will be accelerating the shift towards a circular tourism economy, while at the same time reducing waste and ensuring the sector meets its climate action responsibilities.

[The Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism](#), launched by UNWTO and partners at the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) and [the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative](#), a joint initiative from UNWTO and UNEP were both referenced as key initiatives to help guide the transformation of the sector. The One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme co-hosted with UNEP and its Mediterranean Action Plan a side event on “Tourism and

Circularity for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean”, where a new [repository of tools and resources](#) focused on the circular economy and tourism was launched, alongside two [new publications from the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative](#) around measurement and procurement produced with the financial support of the Government of France.

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