## **Preventing Plastic Pollution**

(Social Transfer)

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Abstract	Working in partnership with 18 organisations from across France and England, "Preventing Plastic Pollution" seeks to understand and reduce the impacts of plastic pollution in the marine environment. By looking at the catchment from source to sea, the project will identify and target hotspots for plastic, embed behaviour change in local communities and businesses, and implement effective solutions and alternatives.
Keywords	plastic pollution, microplastics, education, agriculture, fisheries, tourism
Aims of the Third Mission activity	Preventing plastic pollution by working together with different sectors such as tourism, fisheries, agriculture, education.
Cooperation partners outside the university sector	please see <a href="https://preventingplasticpollution.com/">https://preventingplasticpollution.com/</a>
Cooperation partners from the scientific/research field	None
Faculty	Psychologie, Stadt- und Umweltpsychologie, in Kollaboration mit der University of Plymouth, UK
Timeframe	2019 - 2022
Funding	Interreg
Research basis	Based on previous research on plastic pollution: psychological and behavioural determinants.
Social/economic relevance	Plastic pollution is a major environmental issue.
Integration into academic teaching/the curriculum	No

Impact	Aimed to reduce plastic pollution, change practices and encourage innovation.
Transfer aspect of the activity	Transferring academic knowledge to different sectors
Future orientation & sustainability	Sustainability is integral in this project.
Achievement of objectives	There is a strict reporting schedule against targets by the EU.
Measures to sustain this activity over the long term/expand it	None
Visibility	https://preventingplasticpollution.com/ Also there is a dedicated communications task.