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## **Bunzl Becomes a partner of Plastic Odyssey**



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**France.**

**Bunzl France, a leading group in specialized distribution to companies (hygiene, personal protective material, equipment for professional catering), is committing alongside Plastic Odyssey, to actively contribute to the reduction of plastic pollution on a global scale.**

The French division of the British group Bunzl thus becomes a financial partner of the expedition, which will set sail in early summer 2021 to develop recycling centers across the globe aboard a unique laboratory vessel that serves as a platform for the revalorization and reduction of plastic waste.

### **Bunzl France in a Few Words**

Bunzl France gathers several distribution companies specializing in supplies to local authorities and companies in areas as diverse as hygiene and maintenance (PLG, Hedis), personal protective equipment (France Sécurité, Prorisk-GME, Line T), or equipment for professional catering (Comptoir de Bretagne/Comptoir de Bourgogne, Comatec). The Bunzl companies hold leading positions in their markets thanks to their in-depth product expertise, a wide range of associated services, strong proximity to customers, and, lastly, the attention paid to their employees.

### **What is Plastic Odyssey?**

Plastic Odyssey is an expedition around the world that aims to build a global network of local initiatives to fight against plastic pollution. The expedition will be carried out by a unique vessel that embodies the first solution-ambassador. Onboard will be displayed recycling machines to develop and distribute them all over the world. The expedition is expected to launch in June 2021 for a 3-year journey across 30 stopovers in the countries most affected by the plastic issue. The expedition holds one objective in mind: to develop small-scale solutions to fight pollution at the source: ashore.





Because every minute, 20 tons of plastic waste are dumped into the ocean. Yet, once at sea, plastic decomposes into micro-particles or sinks and can no longer be recovered.

It is, therefore, ashore that our action must prevail and where waste must be recovered. Yet, in low- and middle-income countries, few waste management systems are set up. But if we were to recycle 1 out of 2 plastic waste in 20 of these countries, ocean pollution could be reduced by over 40%. Thus, Plastic Odyssey aims to develop small recycling centers around the world to put an end to this scourge.



## **The First Step Is Set in France to Unveil the Vessel and the Onboard Recycling Machines**

From the first days of June until September, the Plastic Odyssey vessel will be presented in several cities in France. On the program: Dunkirk, Rouen, Le Havre, Brest, Concarneau, Nantes, Bordeaux, with an arrival set in Marseille at the beginning of September, to participate in the World Conservation Congress (IUCN). The opportunity to meet the team and discover the ship near you!

## **A Long-Term Partnership**

At the end of 2020, Bunzl France made a 3-year commitment alongside Plastic Odyssey, becoming the first partner of the expedition in the Solidarity category. This long-term engagement is in line with the efforts begun several years ago by Bunzl companies to achieve their «green revolution.» The latter reflects the transformation of product catalogs and the development of bio-sourced ranges, the transformation of vehicle fleets, and partnerships with players in the waste collection and recycling sector.

Positioned at the forefront of thinking and trends affecting the plastic industry and its alternatives, Bunzl believes it can enrich the Plastic Odyssey journey with its experience and generate new initiatives within its teams to go further in its environmental ambition.



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