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## **FRENCH MINISTER OF ECOLOGY RUGY LAUNCH OF A CALL FOR PROJECTS ZERO MARINE WASTE**

### **TO REDUCE IMPACT OF WASTE**

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