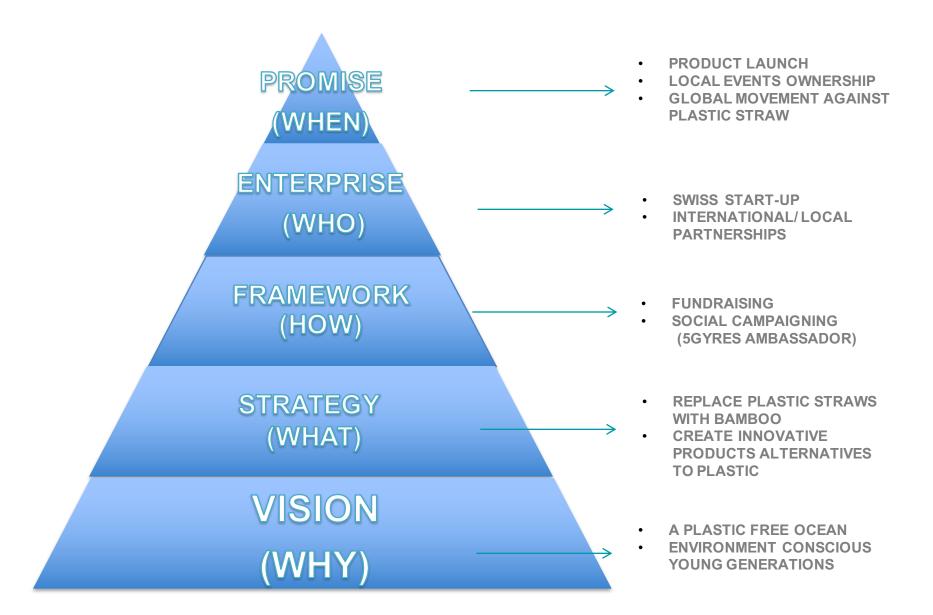
## **Biostraw4planet**



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#### **BUSINESS ARCHITECTURE**



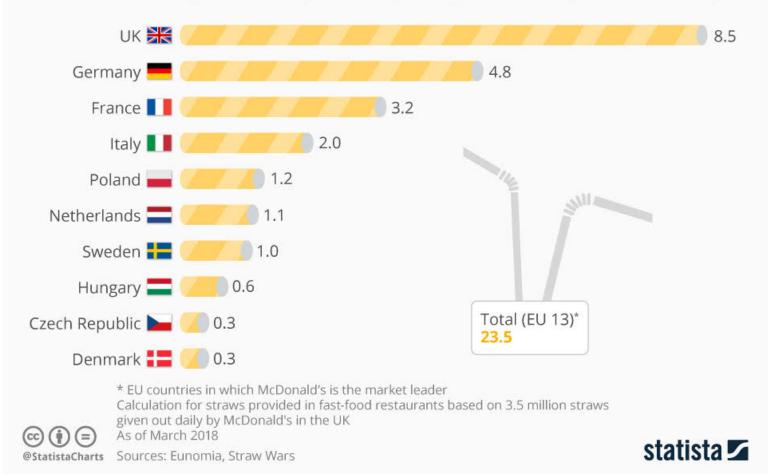
#### **STRAWS BASICS**

- Colorants, plasticizers, antioxidants and UV filters are added
- Individually wrapped in sleeves or bulk-packed in plastic containers
- Symbol of our 'throw away' culture: used for few seconds, lasting for over 500 years
- Too lightweighted to be recycled, entering the drainage and river streams to end in the ocean
- A necessity for those who had a stroke, MS or other life changing physical issue

#### **STRAWS FIGURES**

#### **Billions of Discarded Straws**

Countries with the highest consumption of single-use plastic drinking straws (in billion p.a.)



#### **PLASTIC BASICS**

Toxic chemicals floating on the water surface eaten by marine organisms channeling hazardous pollutants in our food chain-we eat "polluted fish"



White and straw-like, about three inches long



Microplastic: plastic items broken apart

#### **BENEFITS OF BAMBOO TO ENVIRONMENT**





#### BIODEGRADABLE

AS A WOODEN PLANT, BAMBOO IS 100% BIODEGRADABLE



#### **GREATER VIELD**

REQUIRES ONLY 10% OF THE LAND AREA COTTON REQUIRES FOR THE SAME VIELD



#### **GROWS NATURALLY**

THRIVES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FERTILIZERS OR PESTICIDES



#### NOT THIRSTY

ONLY REQUIRES NATURAL AMOUNTS OF RAIN WATER TO GROW FAST

#### **BAMBOO STRAWS**

**#01 > 100%** natural & renewable raw materials

- #02 > Durable, reusable & biodegradable
- #03 > Ethically manufactured
- #04 > Optimised resource management

**#05 > CO2 footprint optimised** 





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United Nations Carbon offset platform

## BAMBOO MANUFACTURING PROCESS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN



## **BAMBOO STRAWS FROM RODRIGUES**



#### **CURRENT OVERVIEW: LOCAL LENS**

 In Switzerland bamboo straws can be bought from ZERO WASTE online shops for 2CHF each-HIGH COST

 The negative impact of the product in Switzerland is due to the Carbon emission caused by its 'journey'- <u>The</u> journey of plastic

#### **PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**

- Envision a global movement to educate, aspire/inspire, drive a strawless Switzerland
- Boost *Geneve* visibility and exposure via social campaigns exhibiting its profile as sustainable city
- Pioneer the « plastic free » image of Switzerland via replacing the plastic straws with bamboo straws

## CONCLUSION

- Project based on a <u>circular economy</u> <u>model</u>: products value and materials are maintained for as long as possible and waste and resource use are minimized
- Inclusion and jobs for the community are generated through this approach

## **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES**

- Campaign #biostraw4planet promoted on social platforms: <u>www.travel4thoughts.com</u> (blog) <u>www.instagram.com/travel4thoughts</u> <u>www.facebook.com/travel4thoughts</u>
- Articles published:
  - il fatto quotidiano
  - Huffington post
  - <u>La nuova ecologia</u>
  - Eco dalle città
  - Voglio vivere cosi



- TV emissions on Italian national channels (<u>Raidue</u>);
- Videos in English, Italian, French and Sign languages to promote <u>#biostraw4planet campaign</u> (english, italian, french)
- Swiss Radio emission: radiopizzainternational

## **COMMITTED SUPPORTERS/PARTNERSHIPS**

MORE ©CEAN LESS PLASTIC 5 GYRES INSTITUTE	Ambassador for 5GYRES Institute 5 GYRES AMBASSADOR Visit us of 5Gyres.org! EMPOWERING ACTION AGAINST THE GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION THROUGH SCIENCE, ART, EDUCATION, AND ADVENTURE.
SOUTENU PAR SOFTWEB	Selected by Softweb for project acceleration programme
	GEW Mentorship and support
EUROPEAN R E S E A R C H I N S T I T U T E	Support in fundraising and identifying Calls for proposal
PLASTIC CEAN PROJECT	Committed support and partnership by the Co-founder at Plastic Ocean Project Inc., Bonnie Monteleone
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LONELY 🚧 WHALE	Podsquad member for advocacy on action against plastic on social platform ( <u>www.instagram.com/lonelywhale)</u>
VILLEDE   VILLEDE   GENÈVE   Conève Internationa Conève Internationa Conève Internationa Conève Internationa	Ongoing discussions for collaboration/project sponsorship
IMPACT HUB	Selected for the Hubonaut programme from the biggest global network of changemakers engaged in social innovation for a more sustainable world

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Thank you.



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