# PERCEPTION AND SATISFACTION OF TOURISTS USING BEACHES IN MAJORCA: MEASURES FOR **OPTIMAL MANAGEMENT**



Axis **Bloc 1.2** Thematic area

**Disciplinary research** Society, economy and culture

Economy, employment and tourism

## Summary

Environmental quality and tourist 'satisfaction' are very closely linked concepts. Satisfaction refers to emotional state after consumption of a product, and the importance of tourist satisfaction is twofold: firstly, it implies positive recommendations of the product by word of mouth to friends and family, who then become new clients; and secondly it promotes client loyalty. So, the study of user perception and satisfaction in visiting environmentally fragile coastal areas such as beaches has important repercussions for the planning and management of said space.





## **Actions**

- -Analyse the perception and satisfaction of the tourist population using Majorcan beaches.
- -Provide a socio-demographic, temporal and attitudinal approach to users of the beach.
- -Measure the perception of massification and its influence on loyalty to a destination.
- Propose correct measures to optimise the management of beaches and their surroundings.





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# **Aplications**

The study of tourist perception and satisfaction is a field widely explored by the international scientific community. Nevertheless, a study of characteristics in the Balearic Islands has still not been carried out, and so this project will provide an important source of data for the planning and management of the coast.

In Spain, responsibility for matters pertaining to tourism is entirely devolved to the regions, and so the Government of the Balearic Islands is the highest competent body in the area, although some of their powers are devolved to island and town councils in some cases. In any case, these three levels will be able to use this study as a reference upon which to base planning and management policy for tourist activity around the Balearic coast.

### **Enterprise**

This study will provide a detailed analysis of the profile of tourists using beaches, as well as their corresponding perceptions of and satisfaction with their surroundings, which allows us to elaborate proposals to create new activities and/or tourist services. Then, the study will allow us to create a database to monitor tourist perception and satisfaction, with all of the public and private implications involved in tourism planning and management.

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