
An ambitious EU Chemicals Strategy and a broad PFAS restriction – a requisite for urban water resilience

When: 4th of June 2024 (14:00 – 16:15 CET)

Where: Rue du Commerce 31, 1000 Bruxelles

Programme description

A water resilient and toxic-free environment requires an ambitious implementation of the EU chemicals strategy and related EU water and chemicals policies. Preventing potential pollutants from entering our environment is key to keeping us healthy and water services affordable. During our event, “*An ambitious EU chemicals strategy and a broad PFAS restriction – a requisite for urban water resilience*” we will discuss which key actions we see as necessary for tackling PFAS pollution in our water bodies.

By focusing on upstream (control at source) measures, the Polluter Pays Principle and introducing a broad restriction on PFAS chemicals, we establish an ambitious implementation of the EU Chemicals Strategy. This will facilitate achieving the zero-pollution ambition and increase coherence of EU water policy.

Agenda

- 14:00 - 14:05** - *Welcome and house rules* by Lina Forsman, (Policy Officer, Gothenburg European Office)
- 14:05 - 14:15** - *Introduction* by moderator Anders Finnson (Task Force PFAS/chair Joint Working Group Water Framework Directive, EurEau)
- 14:15 - 14:25** - *Why a broad PFAS restriction is important* Oliver Loebel (Secretary General, EurEau)
- 14:25 - 14:40** - *Case Gothenburg - PFAS in our water system* (R&D Manager Lena Blom, Department for sustainable water and waste, City of Gothenburg)
- 14:40 - 14:55** - *Alternatives to PFAS in different sectors* (Senior Chemicals and Business Advisor, Jonatan Kleimark, Chemsec)
- 14:55 - 15:15** - *Coffee Break*
- 15:15 - 16:00** - *Roundtable discussion* in small groups
- 16:00 - 16:10** - *Next steps and summary* by Valentina Bertato (Policy Officer, PFAS restriction file, European Commission)
- 16:10 - 16:15** - *Final thanks to the speakers* by moderator Anders Finnson (Task Force PFAS/chair Joint Working Group Water Framework Directive, EurEau)



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