

These (toxic) relations are forever

PFAS Pollution as a threat to water resilience in the EU

iMAL/La Vallee

May 31st, 2024

6 pm-8:45 pm

This event aims at creating raising awareness about the links between water pollution and the exacerbation of water scarcity and empowering the public by informing them of the EU's capacity to mitigate PFAS pollution and equip them with actionable tools to advocate for decisive action from policymakers. The audience will include policy experts from European institutions and civil society as well as the general public in Bruxelles. This innovative event will locate itself at the interface of arts (through the participation of Artists such as Non-Human Non-Sense and Jemma Woolmore), policy and science in the hope of creating new fora for discussion, new approaches to citizen engagement, new tools to address ecoanxiety and solastalgia and new pathways to promote environmental activism. The event will start with the guided visit of two interactive installations related with PFAS at the Museum of iMAL and will follow with a Davos Style interactive panel with a EU commissioner (or his/her delegate), an artist, representative of affected people, regulatory authorities and scientists.

18:00-19:00 guided visit of PFAS-related interactive art installations of the Naturarchy exhibition at iMAL

19:15-20:45 Interactive hybrid panel at la Vallee

Chair: European Environmental Bureau

Panelists:

- Commissioner Vestager (TBC)
- Representative from EFSA
- Caterina Cacciatori, Scientist from the JRC
- Non-Human Non-Sense arts collective and/or Jemma Woolmore
- Representative of PFAS affected community

Q&A

20:30-20:45 Closing of the event with the sharing a toolkit for citizens to act on PFAS (e.g. basic information, presentation and registry of local associations working on the topic)