

2026 EU Green Week Side Event

Fighting PFAS pollution – How can local and regional authorities support the green transition of their industries and local economy?

Date : 2 June

Location: Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office (House of the Dutch Provinces), Rue de Trêves 59-61, 4th Floor, Brussels.

Agenda:

9:30 – Registration and welcoming of participants

10:00 – Start of the event: introduction from the co-organisers
Amélie Smethurst, Lyon Metropole EU Office & Angèle Liaigre, Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office

10:10 – How can Europe support the sustainable transition of its industries? Insights from the European Commission
Denis Mottet, Policy Officer - REACH, DG GROW

10:30 – Panel discussion - Practical insights: dealing with and transitioning away from PFAS

- Example from Lyon Metropole – France
- Example from Leeuwarden – Netherlands
- Example from Flanders - Belgium
- Insights from the European Commission: How can Europe support R&I in developing sustainable alternatives to PFAS?
Bertrand Vallet, Policy Officer (DG RTD)
- Insights from Chemsec
Theresa Kjell, Head of Policy

11:50 – Concluding remarks

12:00 – Networking lunch

13:00 - End of the event

