

The NORMAN Network on emerging substances

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Network of reference laboratories, research centers and related organisations for monitoring of emerging environmental substances

- Former EU-funded FP6 project (2005-2008), established as a permanent network (NORMAN Association) since 2009
- >55 members from EU leading organisations (from 19 European countries and Canada)

Mission:

- Exchange information on emerging substances
- Improve data quality
- Promote synergies among research teams and more efficient transfer of research findings to policy-makers





Network of reference laboratories, research centers and related organisations for monitoring of emerging environmental substances Working Groups

1) Prioritisation

2) Bioassays

3) Effect-Directed Analysis

4) Engineered Nanoparticles

5) Wastewater reuse

6) NEW! Indoor air

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NORMAN & research projects



NORMAN needs to **interact as efficiently as possible** with ALL research projects dealing with emerging contaminants (national and international initiatives)



NORMAN activities to identify the relevant emerging pollutants

Monitoring Toxicity Properties data

EMPODAT Database

Prioritisation

Target screening

Relevant pollutants Nontarget screening

NORMAN Validation protocol Measurement methods

Effect-Directed Analysis Identification of unknowns

Mass**Bank**





NORMAN activities to improve harmonisation and quality of monitoring data

NEW (2013 – 2014)

Collaborative trial **non-target screening** of river water samples

- First time worldwide
- In-depth study on methodologies used by laboratories
- 16-18 Sept 2014 workshop: results and next actions

Interlab study for testing a battery of in vitro bioassays on concentrated river water samples

- To verify whether bioassays on complex water extracts can be conducted in different laboratories with comparable results
- To promote the use of biotests for water quality monitoring at the level of European policy-makers





NORMAN EMPODAT Database

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Emerging contaminants: FINAL OBJECTIVES

- Which are those that have the potential to adversely impact ecosystems and / or human health via the environment ?
- Which are those that deserve priority attention for further actions?

A NORMAN – SOLUTIONS workshop to share our visions



...and contribute to improve prioritisation!

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