

PROGRAMME

Final conference – 19th/20th September 2012



Wednesday 19th

10:30 **Arrival, registration, coffee & snacks**

11:30 **Welcome and introduction**

Dr. Jochen Stemplewski, CEO Emschergenossenschaft

The assessment of the draft list of priority substances from the German perspective

Dr. Helge Wendenburg, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety [tbc]

The consequences of pharmaceuticals as priority substances for European wastewater services

Michaël Bentvelsen, European Federation of National Associations of Water & Wastewater Services (EUREAU)

Questions, discussion & votings

13:00 **Coffee**

13:30 **Strategies and options for action for precautionary reasons**

- Social and political challenges
- International strategy on the level of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
- National strategy of Switzerland

Ben van de Wetering, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) and Dr. Michael Schärer, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

Questions, discussion & votings

15:00 **Coffee**

15:30 **The PILLS project: Background, objectives & main topics**

Dr. Issa Nafu, Emschergenossenschaft

16:00 **„PILLS partners on stage“**

Moderated discussion on the project findings

Questions, discussion & votings

17:00 **The PILLS project and its meaning within Interreg IV B for European cooperation – a “niche project” or politically “hot” !?!**

Ruut Louwers, Director Interreg NWE

17:20 **Final moderation**

17:30 **Transfers to conference dinner (in walking distance)**

18:30 **Apéro & dinner**

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Thursday 20th

09:00

PILLS partners plenum presentations

1. Pharmaceutical consumption and emission in hospitals
2. Advanced waste water treatment for the elimination of pharmaceutical residues in hospital wastewater
3. Occurrence of antibiotic resistant bacteria in hospital wastewater
4. Ecotoxicological assessment of hospital wastewater

Questions, discussion & votings

11:00

Coffee

11:30

PILLS partners plenum presentations

5. Life Cycle Assessment of the elimination of pharmaceutical residues in hospital wastewater
6. Conclusions – Criteria for the selection of measures for elimination of pharmaceutical residues in hospital wastewater

Questions, discussion & votings

13:00

Plenum / Dr. Stemplewski: wrap up, conclusions and outlook on follow-up project activities

13:30

Lunch snack

14:00

Start site visits in small groups to PILLS pilot plant at Marienhospital Gelsenkirchen

