

POLLUTER OF GROWING CONCERNS

PHARMACEUTICALS IN GROUND AND DRINKING WATER



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@VIRTUAL MEETING

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PROGRAMME

WELCOME & OPENING

DR. PAUL RÜBIG RET. MEP

President SME Connect

INTRODUCTION

PERNILLE WEISS MEP (tbc)

Committee on the Environment, Public Health & Food Safety; Committee on Industry, Research & Energy; Chair of MEP Water Group; Shadow Rapporteur for Parliament's Circular Economy report on Water Re-use; Board Member of SME Europe of the EPP

KEYNOTES

DURK KROL (tbc)

Executive Managing Director Water Europe

DR. ALEXANDER NATZ (tbc)

Secretary General European Confederation of Pharmaceutical Entrepreneur

INTERVENTIONS

VTA (tba)

MARKUS MITTERLEHNER (tbc)

CEO Probig GmbH

MODERATION

DR. HORST HEITZ

Chair SME Connect Steering Committee

ABOUT THIS EVENT

To treat diseases in animals and humans effectively, we rely on the access to safe pharmaceuticals. Simultaneously, pharmaceuticals cause emerging problems of pollution with increasing risks to the environment and human health when consider antimicrobial resistance. Through manufacturing, usage and disposal, residues enter the surface and groundwater. They have also been found in animal tissues, soils and accumulated in plants across the EU. Especially antimicrobials, painkillers, hormones like contraceptives and antidepressants are chemical residues found in drinking water. As the industry and policymakers drive for innovation, it might improve the facilitation of wastewater treatment to endorse greener and smarter manufacturing which impacts the elimination of pharmaceutical residues.

This online event will bring together actors of the pharma and wastewater treatment sector and policymakers to highlight the impact of pharmaceuticals in water and treatment alternatives to ensure safe and clean drinking water for European citizens.

ABOUT SME CONNECT

[SME Connect](#), founded in 2017, is now a vast network and an umbrella organization for SMEs and their supporters seeking to maximise the impact of SMEs on national levels. SME Connect is non-political but advised by a non-profit board of politicians made up of all constructive political groups.

[The Working Group SDG6](#) was established to bring together SME actors of the water sector, stakeholder and policymakers to raise awareness of the importance of a more circular approach of water management and to help finding solutions, to settle projects and to build a network of knowledge to ensure and support better water policy regulations while eventually meeting the Sustainable Development Goal 6.

Please do not forget to register [here](#) for this virtual event.