



# Micropollutants in Water

## The European approach to an emerging environmental challenge

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**08:00-09:30**

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### AGENDA

The term ‘micropollutants’ refers to organic and mineral substances with toxic, persistent or bioaccumulative properties that may have negative effects on organisms and the environment. They are present in many products that we consume daily (pharmaceutical products, detergents, cosmetics, phytosanitary products, insecticides, etc.), at home and within industrial processes.

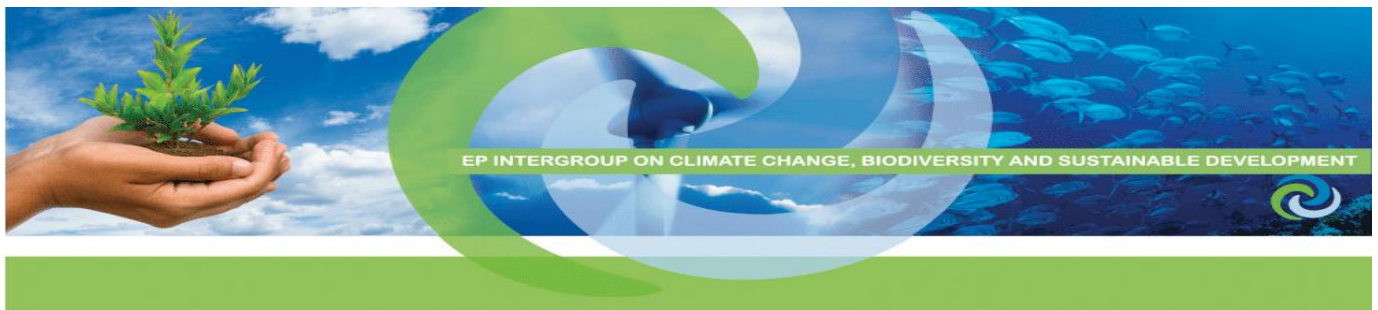
Progress in laboratory analysis is increasingly highlighting their presence in the aquatic environment at extremely low concentrations, in the order of one nanogram per litre or microgram per litre (hence the term micropollutants). Some of these substances are liable to have a potentially chronic direct or indirect effect on ecosystems.

Although progress has been made thanks to European environmental legislation leading to improvements in the aquatic environment (i.e. strict regulation of industrial emissions in water and air quality), several sectoral policies need to be better coordinated to face the challenge of micropollutants.

This breakfast meeting will gather MEPs, European Commission representatives, stakeholders and civil society, and will provide an opportunity to discuss and identify priorities and solutions to improve water policy for the next decade.

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- 08:00-08:05**                      **Welcome and introduction by Michel Dantin MEP**
- 08:05-08:15**                      **Olivier Perceval, Office National de l'Eau et des Milieux Aquatiques (ONEMA)**
- 08:15-08:25**                      **Bruno Tisserand, President, EurEau**
- 08:25-08:35**                      **Jean-Luc Ventura, Director France, SUEZ Water Treatment**
- 08:35-08:45**                      **Andrew Farmer, Institute for European Environmental Policy**
- 08:45-09:25**                      **Discussion**
- 09:25-09:30**                      **Closing remarks by Michel Dantin MEP**

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