

EMPEREST project

Workshop on monitoring and assessment of PFAS

Thursday, 30th of November in Helsinki/online

The EMPEREST Helsinki workshop is mainly aimed for experts working in the fields of hazardous substance (or PFAS specifically), environmental monitoring and/or sampling and analysis. The workshop results will provide guidance for the development of project deliverable 1.1 "Draft methodological recommendations to monitor PFAS group in the aquatic environment", to be ready by early spring 2024 with the purpose of moving towards a harmonised PFAS group monitoring strategy for the Baltic Sea region. After further piloting and testing of the selected methods during summer 2024 the project output will be published by the end of 2024.

Agenda (EET, GMT +2)

09.30 – 10.00	Physical participant registration, settling in, testing connections
10.00 – 10.20	Welcoming words, explanation of the day and agenda
10.20 – 10.40	Introduction to the workshop by Markus Raudkivi <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMPEREST project quick summary and updates• Deliverable D1.1 and output O2.1 introduction• Timelines and next steps
10.40 – 11.10	Indicators in HELCOM, potential for a PFAS indicator by Owen Rowe
11.10 – 11.45	PFAS data call preliminary results by Markus Raudkivi
11.45 – 12.00	Questions and discussions
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break
13.30 – 13.45	Setting up the workshop groups, explaining the tasks
13.45 – 14.30	Workshop groupwork session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring targets for different matrices – specific PFAS, a group of PFAS or a sum parameter,• Matrixes and respective sampling and analysis methods for PFAS monitoring in the marine environment.
14.30 – 14.45	Coffee Break and shuffling of the groups and topics
14.45 – 15.30	Workshop groupwork session #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spatial and temporal coverage of the PFAS monitoring (considering the main sources and pathways),• Possibilities for assessment – target values and evaluation criteria.
15.30 – 16.15	Workshop results discussion
16.15 – 16.30	Closing and next steps