

# Unlocking innovative solutions and developing capacities in the wastewater sector

12–14 MAY 2025, SZCZECIN

The event is hosted by EMPEREST project and Water and Sewage Company Ltd. of Szczecin

## Monday 12 May, PSG meeting

- 16.00–18.00**      **Project Steering Group Meeting**  
Venue: Novotel Szczecin Centrum Hotel (3 Maja 31 St.)
- 19:00**              **Dinner at Nowy Browar Restaurant (2 Partyzantów St.) (at own cost)**

## Tuesday 13 May, open seminar

**Venue:**              **Novotel Szczecin Centrum Hotel (3 Maja 31 St.)**

**08.30–09.00**      **Registration**

**09.00–09.30**      **Welcoming words**

*Representative of the City Hall of Szczecin*

*Patrycja Wolińska-Bartkiewicz, CEO of Water and Sewage Company Ltd. of Szczecin*

*Krzysztof Maciejewski, Water and Sewage Company Ltd. of Szczecin*

*Lotta Lehti, Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission*

### **09.30–11.00**      **SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO PFAS AND POLICIES**

**09.30–09.50**      **Forever chemicals: Uncovering the real challenge of PFAS**

*Riikka Vainio, Turku University of Applied Sciences*

**09.50–10.10**      **The ripple effect: How recent PFAS regulations shape our view of Baltic Sea contamination**

*Markus Raudkivi, HELCOM – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission*

**10.10–10.35**      **Quaternary Treatment: Challenges and Opportunities**

*Klara Ramm, Polish Waterworks Chamber of Commerce*

- 10.35–11.00**      **Occurrence and potential migration pathways of PFAS in urban environments and their impact on health**  
*Grażyna Gałęzowska, Gdansk University of Technology (in collaboration with Magda Kasprzyk, Krzysztof Czerwionka, Katarzyna KołECKA, Magdalena Gajewska)*
- 11.00–11.30**      **Coffee break**
- 11.30–13.00**    **SESSION 2: TECHNOLOGICAL READINESS AND INNOVATIONS**
- 11.30–11.50**      **Lessons learned from the pilot-scale removal of micropollutants**  
*Marek Swinarski, Gdańsk Water Utilities Ltd.*
- 11.50–12.10**      **Precise analysis of PFAS and micropollutants – how the West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin supports the industry in wastewater monitoring**  
*Rafał Rakoczy and Paula Ossowicz-Rupniewska, West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin*
- 12.15–12.40**      **Modernizing the Szczecin plant: Post-EMPEREST plans and strategies**  
*Piotr Miakoto, Water and Sewage Company Ltd. of Szczecin*
- 12.40–13.00**      **From CWPharma 2 to Quaternary step for cleaning pharmaceuticals at HCR Syd 2.0**  
*Jørgen Skaarup, Hillerød Forsyning*
- 13.00–14.30**      **Lunch**  
**Companies' fair during the lunch and session 3**
- 14.30–16.00**    **SESSION 3: WORLD CAFÉ OF SOLUTIONS**
- PFAS risk assessment tool for local authorities
  - Setting the criteria for future WWTP investments in micropollutants removal 1
  - Setting the criteria for future WWTP investments in micropollutants removal 2
  - Training package on PFAS and other organic micropollutants in wastewater effluent
- 16.00–16.30**      **Evaluation and concluding remarks**
- 17.45–21.30**      **Networking dinner incl. local attraction (with a bus transportation)**

## Wednesday 14 May, study visit and internal project meeting

- 08.00–08.30**      **Transport to Pomorzany WWTP**
- 08.30–09.00**      **Presentation of WWTP**
- 09.00–10.30**      **Study tour**
- 10.30–12.30**      **EMPEREST internal meeting**
- 12.30–13.30**      **Lunch (served from 12:15)**
- 13.30**              **Bus transport back to bus station and hotel**

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