



## **(Micro)plastics: How to prepare for tomorrow?**

### **4<sup>th</sup> REMEDIES CLUSTER MEETING**

**8th November 2024**

**Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**In-person & YouTube broadcasted event**

4th Remedies Cluster Meeting “(Micro)plastics: How to Prepare for Tomorrow,” will be organized by the National Institute of Chemistry and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of Slovenia during Science Month. This event serves as a platform for critical discussions surrounding the challenges posed by (micro)plastics and the strategies needed to address them effectively.

“(Micro)plastics: How to Prepare for Tomorrow” promises to be an insightful and forward-thinking event where participants can engage with leading experts, exchange ideas, and explore actionable strategies to address one of our most pressing environmental challenges. Your involvement in this event contributes to the dialogue and plays a crucial role in shaping the future of plastic pollution management.



The event will feature a line-up of prestigious speakers and expert panelists who will delve into the future frameworks designed to tackle the pervasive issue of (micro)plastics. These discussions will encompass a range of topics, including the significant role of the REACH legislation in regulating chemical safety within the EU. Attendees will gain insights into the recent ban on intentionally added microplastics, largely influenced by grassroots movements.

Presented examples from Slovenian partners in project REMEDIES will emphasize the importance of understanding the full spectrum of microplastic pollution to develop comprehensive solutions. Furthermore, the event will tie into other EU Mission Ocean and Waters projects, showcasing innovative, state-of-the-art solutions that are currently being implemented on the ground. These real-world case studies will illustrate effective strategies for mitigating microplastic pollution and highlight collaborative efforts across different sectors and disciplines.

As the discussions unfold, participants will give insights into the upcoming Global Plastic Treaty negotiations in Busan, scheduled for the end of November. This treaty aims to foster international collaboration and commitment to reducing plastic pollution globally. By engaging in these discussions, attendees will be better equipped to understand the broader context of microplastic pollution and the collaborative efforts needed to combat it.

Registration for in-person participation is required via [online form](#).

The event will be [broadcasted live on YouTube](#).

**Location:** MASARYKOVA CESTA 16, 1000 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

**Moderators of the event:** Uroš Novak, National Institute of Chemistry and Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of Slovenia

### **9.00 – 9.30 Coffee networking**

#### **9.30 – 9.45 Welcome speeches**

- Tomaž Boh, General Director of the Directorate for Science and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
- Vesna Kuralt, REMEDIES Project Manager, National Institute of Chemistry

#### **9.45 – 10.00 EU mission to support the European Green Deal**

- Antoine Avignon, Program Manager Environment and Climate Action, European Commission

#### **10.00 – 10.30 From Campaigns to Global Commitments: Tracing the Journey of Microplastic Bans and Beyond**

- Jeroen Dagevos, Head of Programs at Plastic Soup Foundation

#### **10.30 – 12.00 (Micro)plastics: How to prepare for tomorrow?**

*Policy / Research / Business panel*

Moderator: Andreja Palatinus, National Institute of Chemistry



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- Jeroen Dagevos, Plastic Soup Foundation, Head of Programs at Plastic Soup Foundation
- Dr. Tine Bizjak, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
- Dr. Thomais Vlachogianni, Senior Programme/Policy Officer at MIO-ECSDE
- Dr. Katrin Schuhen, Founder & CEO Wasser 3.0 GmbH
- Dr. Viviana Golja, Health analyst researcher at National Institute of Public Health
- Dr. Marjetka Levstek, CEO at WWTP Domžale-Kamnik

## **12.00 – 13.00 Lunch**

### **13.00 – 13.40 Mission Ocean and Waters in Slovenia: Citizen Science, Solutions and Impact**

Moderator: Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of Slovenia

- Uroš Novak, National Institute of Chemistry
- Marko Petelin, Infordata
- Kostja Klabjan, CLERA ONE
- Annamaria Vujanović, University of Maribor

### **13.40 – 14.20 Synergies between Mission Ocean & Waters projects**

Moderator: Tit Neubauer, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of Slovenia

- UPSTREAM project - Malcolm Watson, University of Novi Sad
- iMermaid project - Maria Zafeiropoulou, APCL Innovation & Sustainability
- INSPIRE project - Annamaria Vujanović, University of Maribor
- OneBlue project - Jon Larrachea Coscarat, Finnova

## **14.20 - 14.30 Concluding remarks**