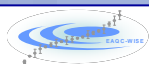


About EAQC-WISE



To support Member States implementing the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and designing water monitoring networks, the EAQC-WISE project (16 partners led by BRGM) was built with the ultimate objective to provide a blue print of an efficient and potentially sustainable pan-European Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) system in order to guarantee data reliability and comparability at river basin scale as well as at European and river basin scale.

During the three years, the project aimed to evaluate the current status of QA/QC tools and systems, of standardisation and research needs, of current practices within the WFD information chain and of current practices within training services, in the frame of the WFD implementation. A survey has pointed out that a lot of products/services/practices exist in the field of QA/QC across the EU. But most practices arise from isolated approaches rather than from a whole QA/QC system.

Therefore, recommendations for a Quality Control System for chemical monitoring under the WFD have been established, which combine the different QA/QC tools and measures.

The workshop - Day 2 - 21 October

The CMA activity 2 on quality assurance and control has the mandate to develop a common strategy (at European, national and river basin level) for quality assurance and control for chemical monitoring data covering both priority substances in surface/marine waters and pollutants monitored in groundwater. The EAQC-WISE project aims to support this activity and to give recommendations based on scientific results.

This workshop will be the place to offer CMA members the project recommendations and to discuss its applicability and the potential impact on CMA activities.

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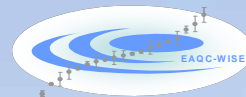
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8th CMA plenary meeting

EAQC-WISE final workshop



NORMAN - Launch meeting of the new permanent network and project final workshop



October 20-21, 2008

V Monday 20 October
E Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable
N Development and Spatial Planning
U 20 avenue de Ségur - 75007 PARIS
E Tuesday 21 October
National Museum of Natural History
57 rue Cuvier - 75005 PARIS

About NORMAN



Emerging substances are of increasing concern to scientists, regulators, industry and the public. The EU-funded NORMAN project (17 partners led by INERIS) was launched in 2005 with the ultimate goal of establishing a permanent network of reference laboratories and research centres able to ensure, in collaboration with competent authorities, industry, standardisation bodies and NGOs:

- A rapid exchange of data and information on emerging substances on a global scale;
- Better data quality and comparability via validation and harmonisation of common (chemical and biological) measurement methods and monitoring tools for emerging substances;
- An independent and competent forum for the technical/scientific debate on issues related to emerging substances.

At the end of those three years of EU funding, the goal has been achieved: NORMAN is now to become a non-profit association and, from January 2009, will start to operate as a permanent, self-sustaining network open to you and all interested stakeholders dealing with emerging substances. Its aim is to facilitate the exchange of information, debate and research collaboration at a global level on these challenging issues.

The workshop - Day 1 - 20 October

As well as a presentation of the results achieved by the project during 2005-2008, the meeting on 20-21 October will be the launch event for the new permanent network, and will include a presentation of: its aims and objectives; its activities linked with the Chemical Monitoring Activity of DG ENV; and the NORMAN Joint Programme of Activities for 2009-2011.

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Monday 20 October

NORMAN project : final results and launch of the permanent network

- 9h00: Registration
- 9H30: Welcome

* 9H45 SESSION 1 *

Final meeting of the NORMAN project

- Presentation of the project main results

* 12H30 LUNCH BREAK *

* 14H00 SESSION 2 *

Launch meeting of the permanent NORMAN network

Provisional programme to be confirmed

- The creation of the NORMAN Permanent Network: a major result of the NORMAN project
- The statutes and functioning of the non-profit association
- The Joint Programme of Activities (JPA) for 2009-2011 and the strategy behind it
- Selected topics covered by NORMAN in 2009-2011

Tuesday 21 October

Chemical Monitoring Activity (CMA)

* 9H00 SESSION 3 *

NORMAN and the European Water Environment

- Current challenges in water policy
- NORMAN support for monitoring of emerging substances under the WFD
- NORMAN support for validation of methods at the European level
- The NORMAN databases in support of WISE and European needs for information on emerging substances
- AQUAREF, the French National Reference Laboratory for water and aquatic environment

* 12H00 LUNCH BREAK *

* 13H30 SESSION 4 *

Final meeting of the EAQC-WISE project

- Why does data quality matter?
- The EAQC-WISE blueprint: recommendations for a quality control system for chemical monitoring under the WFD
- Consequences and follow-up

* 16H15 SESSION 5 *

Other issues of the CMA

- Sediment and biota guidance
- Update of CEN mandate
- Perspectives for 2009

About the CMA

The CMA expert group supports exchanges on chemical monitoring issues in the light of on-going technical progress and in support of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) monitoring programmes. This also includes specific inputs/discussions required about standardisation (links to CEN/TC 230). For the 2007-2009 period, CMA activities are:

Activity CMA-1: exchange of best practices and recommendations on monitoring programme design, sampling, selection parameters, analytical methods update, calculation methods of background concentrations, sediment and biota monitoring in support of WFD-Article 16 implementation, discussion of case studies and organisation of field trials to test methods and exchanges experiences, etc

Activity CMA-2: development of a common strategy for quality assurance and control of chemical monitoring data, in close connection with the progress of the EAQC-WISE project.

Activity CMA-3 - Evaluation of standardisation needs and appropriate actions related to them.

Who should attend?

The first day will specifically target experts from research institutes, reference laboratories, regulatory bodies dealing with emerging pollutants in different fields (water, air, soil) and receptors (human health, drinking water, ecosystems, etc.)

The second day will be dedicated to monitoring in the water field and it will therefore address in particular: CMA members, experts in monitoring, lab managers, accreditation body staff and assessors, QA/QC tool providers (e.g. CRM, PT, training), regulators and other people dealing with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive.

Registration (by the 30th of September)

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