

# Raising awareness and initiating actions towards socio-environmental resilience to PFAS

12–14 FEBRUARY 2024 TARTU

The event is hosted by Zero PFAS II and EMPEREST projects.

## Monday 12 February

- 16.00–18.00** EMPEREST Project Steering Group meeting (by invitation)  
Venue: VSpa hotel, conference room Lithuania
- 19.00–22.00** Networking dinner for all event participants  
Venue: Two-masted barge at the Lodjakoda shipbuilding hall (Ujula 98)  
Departure from VSpa lobby at 18.35 > Bus transport to dinner at 18.40 from [Vanemuine lower parking lot](#)

## Tuesday 13 February

Venue: VSpa hotel, conference rooms Sweden and Baltic areas

- 8.30–9.00** Registration
- 9.00–9.30** Opening of the workshop and welcome from the hosts
- 9.30–9.50** Presentation of the projects EMPEREST and Zero PFAS II
- 9.50–10.20** Substances of Concern and EU Developments  
Hannela Artus, national POPs expert
- 10.20–10.40** Estonian work on organic micropollutants and PFAS  
Pitches from Kati Suik, Estonian Environmental Agency; Krista Mõts, Estonian Environmental Research Centre; Koit Herodes, University of Tartu; Sergei Preis, Tallinn University of Technology
- 10.40–11.10** Coffee break
- 11.10–11.30** PFAS hazards: focus on health  
Angela Ivask, University of Tartu

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- 11.30–11.50**     **Risk management – PFAS contaminations at Swedish airports**  
Jonas Henriksson, IVL (Swedish Environmental Research Institute)
- 11.50–12.10**     **Micropollutants and PFAS removal in wastewater treatment plants with advanced treatment**  
Matthias Barjenbruch and Nikolaos Tzoupanos, Berlin University of Technology
- 12.10–12.30**     **National PFAS Coordination and networks in Sweden**  
Bert-Ove Lund, KEMI (Swedish Chemicals Agency)
- 12.30–14.00**     **Lunch**
- 14.00–15.30**     **Parallel sessions**
- Local PFAS risk assessment (rooms: Estonia and Lithuania)
  - Technology pilots for organic micropollutant removal from effluent (room: Sweden)
  - PFAS Strategy: Coordination of PFAS Network at national level (room: Latvia)
- 15.30–16.00**     **Coffee break**
- 16.00–16.30**     **Feedback panel from parallel sessions: What is needed in the near future?**
- 16.30–17.00**     **Evaluation and concluding remarks**
- 18.00–19.00**     **Study visit to the EMPEREST mobile pilot plant (under construction at [Riia 130a](#))**  
**Departure from VSpa lobby at 17.35 > Bus transport at 17.40 from [Vanemuine lower parking lot](#)**
- 19.00–21.30**     **Afterwork event at the university**  
**Venue: [Chemicum](#), University of Tartu**
- Bus transport back to VSpa**

## Wednesday 14 February

- 8.30–10.30**     **EMPEREST Partner meeting (for project partners)**  
**Venue: VSpa hotel, conference room Baltic area**
- 10.30–12.00**     **Zero PFAS II + EMPEREST: planning future cooperations**  
**Venue: VSpa hotel, conference room Baltic area**
- 12.00–13.00**     **Lunch**  
**Venue: VSpa hotel**
- 13.00–15.00**     **Study visit at Tartu wastewater treatment plant**  
**Departure from VSpa lobby at 13.05**  
**> Bus transport at 13.10 from [Vanemuine lower parking lot](#)**
- Bus transport back to VSpa**



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