Assessing risks and finding solutions to PFAS in local urban environment
10–11 OCTOBER 2024 RIGA

THE EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE EMPEREST PROJECT

Thursday 10 October, OPEN SEMINAR

Venue: Room Bastejs, Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel (Reimersa street 1, Riga)

9.30–10.00	**Registration**
10.00–10.15	**Opening of the workshop**

Welcoming words from the host
Viesturs Zeps, Member of Riga City Council, Chair of the Housing and Environment Committee

Aims and achievements of the EMPEREST project
Lotta Lehti, Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission

10:15–12:00	**SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO PFAS**
10.15–10.45	**PFAS and risk assessment** *Piia Leskinen, Turku University of Applied Sciences*
10.45–11.10	**PFAS in the environment** *Markus Raudkivi, HELCOM – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission*
11.10–11.35	**PFAS actuality for water sector** *Talis Juhna, Riga Technical University*
11:35–12:00	**Latvian national level activities/policies regarding PFAS** *Iveta Teibe, Climate and Energy ministry*
12:00–13:30	**Lunch**
13:30–17:00	**SESSION 2: PFAS CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**
13:30–13:50	**Local examples of addressing PFAS (TBC)**
13:50–15:00	**PFAS risk assessment: EMPEREST solution + group work** *Kamila Gruškeviča, City of Riga / Riga Technical University*

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15:00–15:30	Coffee break
15:30–15:50	**How can we reduce PFAS emissions to the environment?** *Sarah Hale, German Water Centre, online presentation*
15:50–16:10	**PFAS research and analyses in Latvia** *N.N., BIOR certified laboratory*
16.10–17.00	**Panel discussion "PFAS in local community"**
17.00–17.30	**Evaluation and concluding remarks**
19.00–21.00	**Networking dinner**

Friday 11 October, INTERNAL PARTNER MEETING
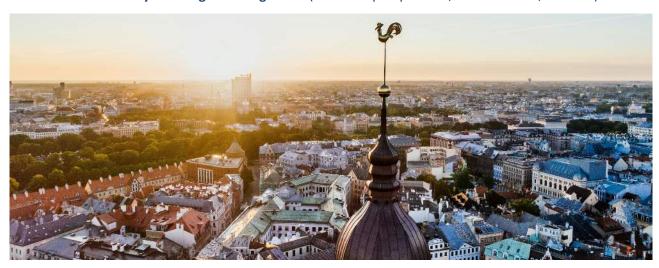
Venue: Room 511, Riga City Council (Rātslaukums 1, Riga)

09.00–09.30	**Individual partner meetings with LP**
09.30–12.30	**Project partners meeting**
12.30–13.30	**Lunch**
13.30	**Bus transportation to the study tour at the Baltezera pumpstation**
14.00- 16.00	**Study tour: Riga drinking water** (Baltezera pumpstation, Ādažu novads, LV-2164)

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