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EUROqCHARM Final Conference
Wednesday-Thursday, 11-12 October 2023
Norway House, Brussels

Day 1 – Wednesday, 11 October 2023

09:30	<i>Arrival and registration</i>	
10:00	Opening session	
10:00	Welcome from Mission of Norway to the EU	Anders Eide Ambassador of Norway to the EU
10:05	Welcome from Arnoldas Milukas (Head of Unit REA.B.3 “Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Environment”)	Arnoldas MILUKAS European Research Executive Agency (REA)
10:10	R&I challenges and needs in the plastics sector	Martin Policar DG Research & Innovation
10:30	Welcome from NIVA	Marianne Olsen Norwegian Institute for Water Research
10:35	Welcome from the EUROqCHARM Project Coordinator	Bert van Bavel Norwegian Institute for Water Research
10:55	<i>20-minute break</i>	
11:15	Policy session moderated by Bavo De Witte	
11:15	Enabling multi-stakeholder action through the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution Marine Litter (GPML)	Carla Friedrich United Nations Environment Programme
11:40	Introduction to plastic monitoring in Europe	François Galgani IFREMER
11:50	Monitoring Marine Litter in Europe: Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)	Georg Hanke European Commission Joint Research Centre
12:00	Round table Q&A: How can EUROqCHARM’s work impact EU policy and Green Deal?	
12:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:40	Harmonization session moderated by Stefano Aliani	
13:40	New approach to assess the state of the art for monitoring plastic pollution	Amy Lusher Norwegian Institute for Water Research
13:55	Progress Toward Meaningful Shoreline Monitoring: Confronting Survey Design Challenges in the United States	Amy Uhrin National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

14:15	International harmonization of monitoring methods and data	Noriko Tamiya-Hase Ministry of Environment Japan
14:35	Integrating (micro)plastic environmental monitoring in Norway	Inger Lise Nerland Bråte Norwegian Environment Agency
14:50	<i>10-minute break</i>	
15:00	Round table Q&A: How has EUROqCHARM's harmonisation efforts supported international monitoring?	
15:30	Open ended mingling with refreshments	

Day 2 – Thursday, 12 October 2023

09:30	<i>Arrival and registration</i>	
10:00	The Erasmus Maris Initiative: Achieving Quality Assurance in Citizen Science Measurements of Microplastics by Involving Science Teachers in Inter-Laboratory Comparisons	Håkan Emteborg and Kamel Labibes Joint Research Center (JRC) and ASE: Ayam Sailing Europe
10:15	Tools to support quality-controlled harmonization session moderated by Ralf Kägi	
10:15	Overview of EUROqCHARM's tools for harmonization	Bert van Bavel Norwegian Institute for Water Research
10:25	The importance of standardisation for plastic monitoring	Florian Lahrouch AFNOR, France
10:40	Standard ISO/CEN methods for monitoring microplastics	Nizar Benismail Nestlé Waters, France
11:00	Standard reference materials for microplastic analysis	Marie-Louise Tambo Magni Chiron, Norway
11:15	<i>20-minute break</i>	
11:35	Data reporting as a tool for policy: European Marine Observation Data Network (EMODNET)	Alessandra Giorgetti National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics, Italy
11:50	<u>Stakeholder presentations</u> Implementing analysis of microplastics under accreditation ISO 17025 – lessons learned Importance of microplastic ILC tests in the Eurofins international laboratory network Microplastic testing materials: the Brigid project experience Presentation from Bio-Plastics Europe	Guillaume Drillet SGS Gábor BORDÓS Eurofins Analytical Services Hungary Camilla Carteny Plastics Europe Carolyn Brand Bio-Plastics Europe
12:10	Round table Q&A: What role does EUROqCHARM's work play in quality control of methods to measure plastic pollution?	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Implementing harmonisation for plastic monitoring moderated by Dorte Herzke	
14:00	Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS): from vision to implementation	Artur Palacz Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences

14:15	Operational Network synergies with other EU projects	Elena Stoica National Institute for Marine Research and Development, Romania
14:25	EUROqCHARM capacity building activities	Marinella Farré and Vladimir Nikiforov Spanish National Research Council and Climate and Environmental Research Institute, Norway
14:35	Generating impact: Highlights from the three-year journey	Joan Fabres SALT, Norway
14:45	Round table Q&A: What more is needed to support implementation of monitoring programs?	
15:15	Closing remarks: What's next for EUROqCHARM	Bert van Bavel Norwegian Institute for Water Research
15:30	<i>Conference closed</i>	