

Improving current barriers for controlling pharmaceutical compounds in urban wastewater treatment plants

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Objective

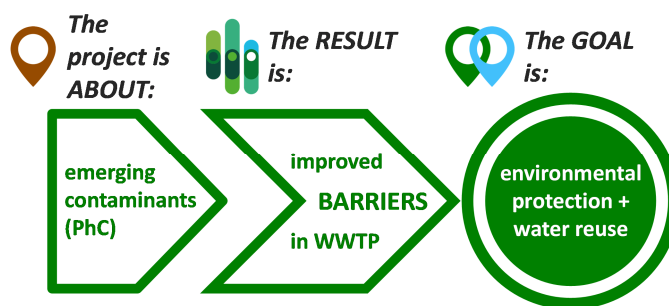
LIFE IMPETUS aims at demonstrating measures for improving pharmaceutical compounds (PhC) removal in urban wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) with conventional activated sludge (CAS) treatment. As CAS is the most common biological process in urban WWTPs, the solutions may be easily transferred to wastewater treatment across Europe.

A complementary objective is to produce valuable knowledge for water resource protection from PhCs and associated environmental policy. This includes PhC occurrence and concentration, control in WWTPs, bacterial antibiotic resistance and PhC bioaccumulation in clams, a key product in many local economies in the Algarve and elsewhere in Europe.

Description

The LIFE IMPETUS project involves 3-year (2016-2019) field tests in two Portuguese WWTPs with conventional activated sludge in water stressed regions (Lisbon and Algarve), focusing on performance assessment, using benchmarking tools, and chemical enhancement measures easily implementable in the current treatment lines. The project will thus provide, for several scenarios of European wastewater quality, the guidelines for reliable and sustainable improvement of PhCs removal in conventional WWTPs while maximising energy efficiency. New adsorbents from local vegetal wastes (carob and cork) and biopolymer coagulants will be compared to commercial products.

LIFE IMPETUS project in a nutshell



Industries

- Water utilities
- Industries producing plant residues: e.g. carob tree, cork
- Other industries

COORDINATING BENEFICIARY

- LNEC - Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil

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- AdA - Águas do Algarve, S.A.
- EHS - Environment and Regional Development Consulting, Lda
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