

Proposals for NORMAN Joint Programme of Activities 2023

Title	Monitoring, trends and effects of substances in the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic
Type of activity	Assessment activities on hazardous substances
Leader	OSPAR Commission
Topic / activities	<p>Background / Justification for the proposed activity:</p> <p>Based upon the initial discussions at MIME 2019 and the list of identified areas for collaboration in between OSPAR and the NORMA Association, HASEC agreed to collaborate with NORMAN association intersessionally, to prevent pollution by hazardous substances, by eliminating their emissions, discharges and losses, to achieve levels that do not give rise to adverse effects on human health or the marine environment with the ultimate aim of achieving and maintaining concentrations in the marine environment at near background values for naturally occurring hazardous substances and close to zero for human made hazardous substances.</p> <p>Description of the proposed activity and expected outcomes for 2023:</p> <p>OSPAR's Working Group on Monitoring and on Trends and Effects of Substances in the Marine Environment (MIME) would ensure an effective collaboration with NORMAN Association linked with the following actions¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CONNECT project and other project initiatives b. Ecotoxicology c. Passive sampling d. List of chemicals for priority action and its annex e. Wide-scope target and suspect screening f. Chemicals in top predators and in polar regions <p>Added value / Link with other NORMAN activities and / or other projects</p> <p>The institutional collaboration in between OSPAR and NORMAN Association supports the implementation of the Northeast Atlantic Environmental Strategy 2030, specifically:</p> <p>S2.O1: By 2022 OSPAR will introduce a revised approach to managing the OSPAR Lists of Chemicals for Priority Action and Substances of Possible Concern (LCPA and LSPC). By 2022 and regularly thereafter, OSPAR will identify contaminants of emerging concern for the marine environment and prioritise them for action, including promoting and where necessary supplementing measures under relevant EU legislation and international organisations.</p> <p>S2.O2: OSPAR will develop and identify marine-relevant assessment criteria for hazardous substances, for use in the Quality Status Report 2023 and subsequently further develop these, including for emerging contaminants, working closely with relevant experts, particularly in the Working Group Chemicals under the Water Framework Directive Common Implementation Strategy.</p>
Participants	<p>Brendan McHugh (Ireland), Dag Øystein Hjermann (Norway), Rob Berbee and Irene van der Stap (The Netherlands), Alejandro Iglesias Campos (OSPAR Secretariat).</p> <p>Other MIME experts participating in the implementation of the new holistic approach for the List of Chemicals for Priority Action (LCPA) and its annex (ICG-List) and involved in CONNECT initiatives and in collaboration with the NORMAN Association.</p>
Proposed in-kind contribution	The work to be carried out builds on the work programme of the OSPAR Working Group on Monitoring and on Trends and Effects of Substances in the Marine Environment (WG MIME) and on the priorities of the work of the OSPAR Committee on Hazardous Substances and Eutrophication in line with the implementation of the Northeast Atlantic Environmental Strategy and the Zero Pollution Ambition in the region.
Contribution needed from NORMAN Association²	<p>Collaboration of the NORMAN network in the prioritisation of LCPA and LSPC, also supporting the interaction with the EU working groups on WFD, MSFD and the Stockholm Convention.</p> <p>NORMAN datasets to further develop an exercise to add robustness to the assessment.</p>

¹ MIME 2022 (Aveiro, PT, 20-25 November 2022)

² Please, provide here a transparent justification of the requested resources and of the in-kind contribution, thereby distinguishing between the costs associated with "person-months" for the organisation, the "travelling costs" for invited speakers and the costs for the logistics (e.g. meals, room rental etc.)

