



Network of reference laboratories and related organisations for
monitoring and bio-monitoring of emerging environmental pollutants

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and biomonitoring of emerging environmental
pollutants**

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NORMAN objective:

- **Creation of a network** among
 - national reference laboratories,
 - research centres,
 - in collaboration with competent authorities, industry, standardisation bodies, NGOs, etc.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE:

- **More rapid and wide-scope exchange** of data and information on emerging substances
- **Better data quality and comparability** via validation and harmonisation of common measurement methods (chemical and biological)

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17 partners

Coordination: INERIS

Start date: 1 Sept 2005

EC funding: 3 Years



NORMAN TODAY:

Scientific Watch and Information Exchange

Literature research (for Databases and Newsletter)

Workshops (4 events during the project)

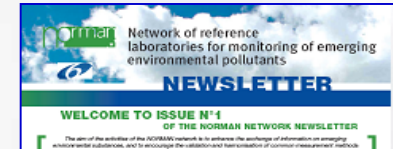
NORMAN Contact Points

Collection /evaluation of data

Three web-based databases on emerging substances (EMPO-MAP, DAT, et MAS)

Validation and harmonisation of methods

Common European Protocol for validation of measurement methods



NORMAN tomorrow?

A self-sustainable independent and competent network designed **to ensure that** knowledge on emerging pollutants is maintained and developed

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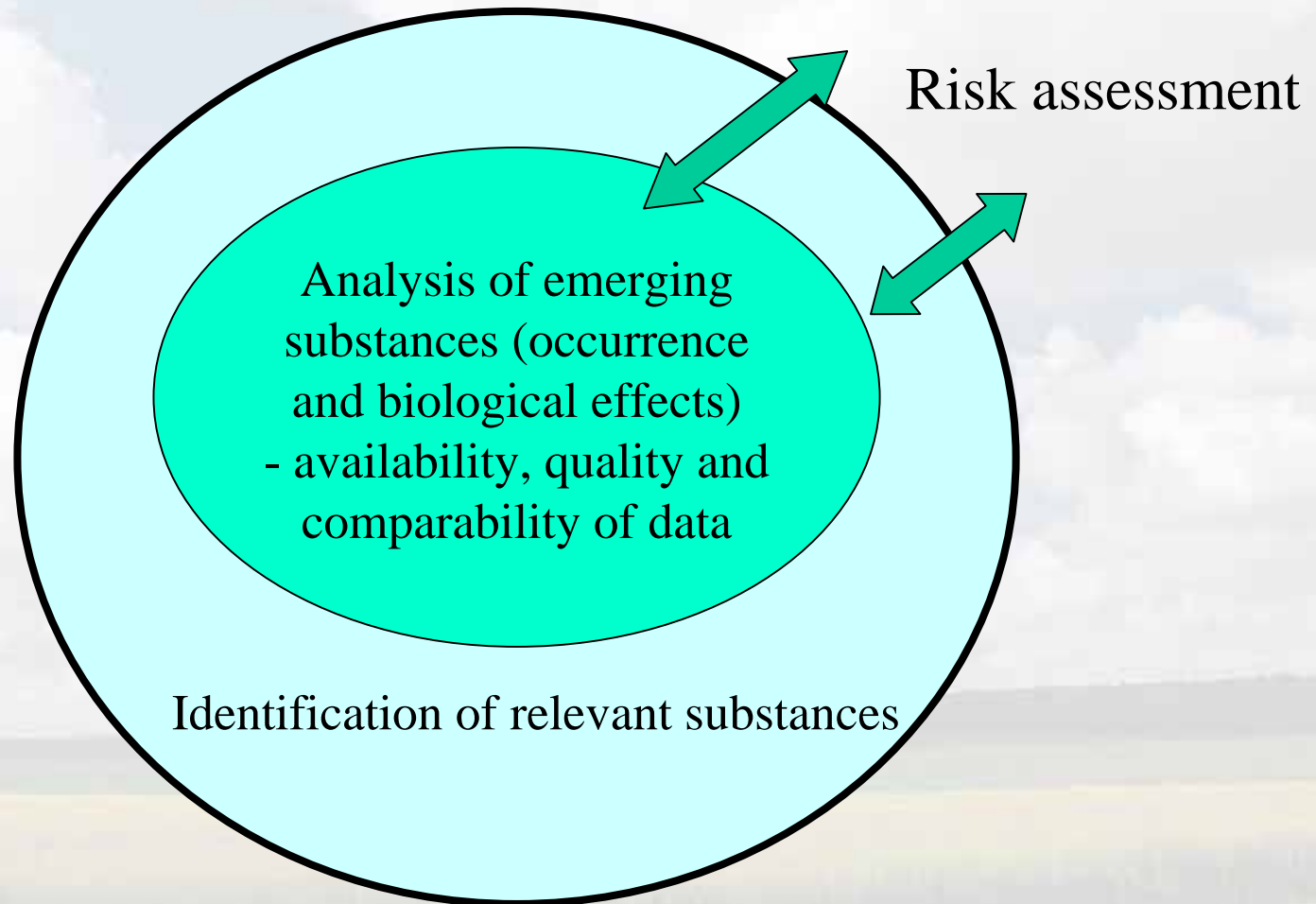
- **Databases**
- **Scientific Watch Bulletin**

**Data collection
and EU-wide
monitoring**

**QA/QC
Initiation of interlab studies
Circulation of info for labs**

- **Expert group meetings
(+ Position Papers)**
- **Workshops (+ reports)**

NORMAN : Scope of activities



Who are we addressing as Members of the NORMAN Network?

- Reference laboratories:
 - institutes/ organisations designated by the competent authorities to offer technical and scientific support in specific fields related to environmental protection.
- Research centres and academia
- Other stakeholders:
 - Industry, NGOs, standardisation bodies
- Institutional bodies / Competent authorities

NORMAN : Structure / organisation

General Assembly:

Founding Members:
•appoint the Steering Group

Regular members:

•participate in the activities, make proposals

Steering Group:

- decides about programme of activities
- appoints the secretariat



Secretariat (permanent):

- implements SC's decisions
- manages finances
- organises the events
- manages communication

What will be the benefits from being members of the NORMAN Network?

- Active involvement at an early stage in the debate on highly strategic topics in the policy -making process:
 - Today's emerging substances will probably be among tomorrow's priority substances;
- Fast and easy access to the available information on institutes, projects and experts in the field of emerging substances:
 - Opportunities for collaborative research with other research institutes
- A bigger voice speaking to the EC and other public institutions:
 - NORMAN as an independent and competent forum will provide an overview of the state of the art for topics of concern, research needs and priorities for future regulations.

