



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

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pollutants**

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- **Creation of a network** among :
 - national reference laboratories,
 - research centres,
 - 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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Final objective:

A self-sustaining permanent network

- EC funding: 3 Years
- Start date: 1 Sept 2005

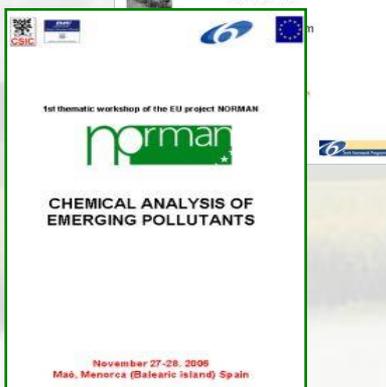
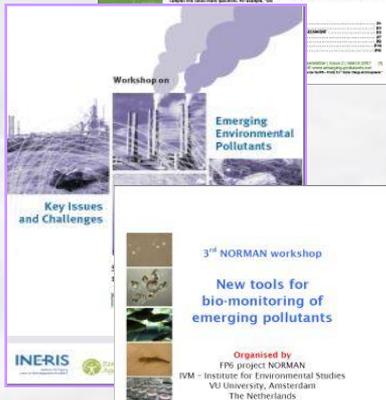


- 17 partners
- Coordination: INERIS



NORMAN focus

- **Systematic long-term information exchange on emerging substances**
 - Network of Contact Points all over Europe+
 - Newsletter (critical reviews of publications)
 - Thematic workshops
- **Collection /evaluation of data**
 - Three web-based databases
 - Data collection from ‘grey literature’
 - Launching of pan-European monitoring campaigns on specific substance(s)
- **Validation and harmonisation of methods**
 - Common European protocol for methods validation



Activities of NORMAN beyond 2008

- Publication of **Scientific Watch Bulletin** , i.e. preparation of 'science notes' highlighting relevant scientific findings for a given topic
- Organisation of **Workshops and Expert Group meetings**, with the publication of position papers;
- **Data collection** and EU-wide monitoring campaigns
- Regular updating and maintenance of the EMPODAT, EMPOMAP, EMPOMASS **databases**
- Initiation and (when necessary) organisation of **interlaboratory studies** for validation and harmonisation of measurement methods

Added value from NORMAN network

- NORMAN as a competent and independent forum will help :
 - Collection and assessment of information on emerging contaminants
 - Exchange / transfer of results from national and European research activities
 - Validation & harmonisation of practices (data quality & comparability)
 - Formulation of joint views on existing research needs