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FOCUS ON PFAS: ETERNAL POLLUTANTS, A COMPARISON BETWEEN ITALY AND SWITZERLAND

Lugano, 30th of September 2025

LAC Lugano Arte e Cultura

PROGRAM

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome – Registration

10:30 – 11:00

PFAS: what they are, why you need to know them, regulations

Eng. Edoardo Slavik – Erica Foundation President /
PFAS and Waste Water Treatment Expert

10:30 – 11:45

*PFAS contamination in Italy: institutional and civil society
responses. The role of CNR-IRSA research*

Dr. Giuseppe Mascolo – Director CNR-IRSA
Dr. Stefano Polesello – Research Director CNR-IRSA

11:45-12:15

*Monitoring of PFAS –
results of the Canton of Ticino and the International Commission
for the Protection of Italian-Swiss Waters*

Dr. Nicola Solcà – Head of SPAAS, Canton of Ticino and International
Commission for the Protection of Italian- Swiss Waters (CIPAIS)

12:15-12:45

*Prevalence, health and regulation –
data from the Swiss experience*

Dr. Marion Junghans – Leader of Risk Assessment
Group – Swiss Center for Applied Ecotoxicology –
Ökotoxikologie – EAWAG

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 14:15

Territorial intervention strategies regarding PFAS

Dr. Daniele Barbone – Coordinator of the Utilitalia Drinking
Water Commission and CEO of Acqua Novara VCO SpA.

14:15 – 14:45

*PFAS pollution in Veneto: a systemic approach
to risk management*

Atty. Monica Manto – General Manager of Acque Venete SpA,
President of Viveracqua

14:45-15:15

*Monitoring, communication and management: SMAT's role
in the fight against PFAS in Turin*

Eng. Paolo Romano - President of SMAT - Società
Metropolitana Acque Torino S.p.A.

15:15 - 15:45

*Sources and fates of «PFAS» in waste and surface waters
from the Canton Zurich*

Dr. Edith Durisch-Kaiser - Head Section
Waste Water Canton of Zurich (AWEL)

15:45 - 16:15

*Uncovering Important and Underestimated PFAS
in Swiss Wastewater Treatment Plants*

Dr. Steven Chow - Research EAWAG

16:15 - 16:45

New perspectives in research for the treatment of PFAS

Dr. Pamela Principi - Senior Professor-researcher -
Head of Environmental Biotechnology Sector,
SUPSI Microbiology Institute

Eng. Raffaele Domeniconi - Head of Italian Switzerland VSA
e Head of Italian Switzerland SVGW

16:45 - 17:15

*Replacing PFAS: SUPSI's commitment and European
research for sustainable innovation*

Prof. Andrea Castrovinci Cercatore - Professor in Materials
polymeric - Head of the SUPSI Polymeric
Materials Engineering Laboratory

17.15 - 17.45 PANEL DISCUSSION

Beyond borders: PFAS, a common problem, how to solve it?

moderated by **Generoso Chiaradonna**,
Chief economics editor of the Corriere del Ticino

Starting at 18:00 networking Aperitif
(registration required)

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