

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023, STRASBOURG

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION AGAINST ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS (EDCS)

WHAT ROLES FOR AN ALLIANCE OF CITIES
AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN EUROPE?

SYMPOSIUM IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ROOM WIC 100
13H15 - 17H30

ORGANISERS:



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This symposium is organised by the Réseau Environnement Santé (RES), in partnership with the EDC-Free Europe coalition, the Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) Germany and the Interreg NonHazCity3 project ; and with the financial support of the triennial contract Agora Strasbourg European Capital.

It will highlight the important role that local authorities can play in reducing exposure to chemical pollution and will aim to initiate in Strasbourg the construction of a European Alliance on this issue.

As the improvements of EU legislation on chemicals are progressing slowly, people and nature continue to be exposed everyday to harmful chemicals including endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) present everywhere in our daily life.

This symposium aims at promoting and sharing information on the initiatives taken at the national, regional, and local levels to increase awareness, prevention, and actions at different levels to inform citizens, and help reducing exposure to EDCs and other harmful chemicals, in particular for vulnerable groups. We will also explore the opportunities to increase synergies and networking between local authorities across Europe to contribute to this goal.

This initiative builds in particular on the experience developed in France with the network of cities and territories striving to be free of endocrine disrupting chemicals (VTSPE) and the experience of the Baltic Interreg project Non Hazardous Cities (NonHazCity). These initiatives have been highlighted in the [European Parliament Resolution of 10 July 2020 on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability \(2020/2531\(RSP\)\)](#) and in the policy recommendations of the [2019 Opinion of the European Committee of the Regions: Towards a Comprehensive EU Framework on Endocrine Disruptors](#).

Interpretation FR/EN

Invitation-only event (no live and no replay), proceedings will be published

13:15 | Welcome and opening

Agnès Firmin Le Bodo, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Health and Prevention, in charge of Territorial Organisation and Health Professionals, France [tbc]

Jeanne Barseghian, Mayor of Strasbourg, France

Dr. Alexandre Feltz, City Council member in charge of public health and environmental health, City and Eurometropolis of Strasbourg, France

13:30 | Introduction: why this symposium?

André Cicoella, President, Réseau Environnement Santé, France

Heidrun Fammler, Chief Executive, BEF Germany

13:45 | [Panel 1] State of play to strengthen EU regulations on EDCs and necessary complementary actions at (sub)national level

Moderator: Sandra Jen, Coordinator, EDC-Free Europe Coalition

MEP Jutta Paulus, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), Greens/European Free Alliance, Germany

Christelle Lehry, Regional Councillor and Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee, Grand Est Region, France

Jordane Wodli, Sustainable Chemicals Unit, DG ENV, European Commission, EU

Hélène Moraut, Administrator at the Secretariat of the Commission for Natural Resource, European Committee of the Regions, EU

Arne Jamtrot, Head of unit of the Chemicals centre Environment and Health Department, City of Stockholm, Sweden

14:30 | [Panel 2] Prevention and protection: focus on non-persistent endocrine disruptors

Moderator: André Cicoella, President, Réseau Environnement Santé, France

Prof. Anne-Simone Parent, Paediatrician endocrinologist, University of Liège, and representative of the European Society of Endocrinology, Belgium [tbc]

Dr. Marike Kolossa-Gehring, HBM4EU coordinator, Head of section toxicology at the German Environment Agency (UBA)

Dr. Aleksandra Rutkowska, Biotechnologist at the Medical University of Gdansk and member of the Polish Society of Endocrinology, Poland

Sandrine Jouan, Senior regulatory toxicologist and coordinator of the Belgian national plan on EDCs (NAPED), SPF Public Health, Belgium

Yann Wehring, Vice-President in charge of the Ecological Transition, Climate and Biodiversity, Île-de-France Region, France

15h15 Break

15:45 | [Panel 3] Local actions, learnings from the Baltic Interreg project NonHazCity

Moderator: Véronique Bertholle, City Council member in charge of cross-border, European and international relations, City of Strasbourg, France

Arne Jamtrot, Head of unit of the Chemicals centre Environment and Health Department, City of Stockholm, Sweden

Mairita Lüse, City Council member in charge of the working group on waste reduction and management, City of Riga, Latvia

Esa Nikunen, Director General of environment services, City of Helsinki, Finland

Lisa Kern, Member of the parliament of the City of Hamburg, Spokesperson for consumer protection for the green party at Hamburg, Germany

Heidrun Fammler, Chief Executive, BEF Germany

16:30 | [Panel 4] Local actions, learnings from 6 years of implementation of the EDC-Free Charter in France

Moderator: Heidrun Fammler, Chief Executive, BEF Germany

André Cicoella, President, Réseau Environnement Santé, France

Nadine Rivet, City Council member in charge of public policies towards young children, City of Limoges, France

Ludivine Quintallet, Councillor of Alsace and founder of the plastic-free canteen initiative in Strasbourg, European Collectivity of Alsace, France

Pascal Rouillard-Neau, Head of the Environmental Health and Hygiene Department, City and Eurometropolis of Strasbourg, France

Jean-François Bridet, Vice-President in charge of the Ecological Transition, Climate and Biodiversity, Centre-Val de Loire Region, France

Céline De Laurens, City Council member in charge of health, prevention and environmental health, City of Lyon, France

Dr. Richard Chemla, City Council member in charge of health, City of Nice and Vice president of the French Network of WHO Healthy Cities, France

17:15 | Conclusion and ways forward

André Cicoella, President, Réseau Environnement Santé, France

Sandra Jen, Coordinator EDC-Free Europe coalition

Closing: 17:30

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