

Information about the conference

The objective of this conference is to exchange knowledge on plastics in European freshwater environments and to discuss its environmental and societal implications.

Stakeholders from regulation, non-governmental organisations, industry, water resources management, waste management and science will present lectures and posters.

Invited speakers will present lectures on various topics, including sources and sinks, environmental concern, risk perception and management options.

The conference is organised by the German Environment Agency (UBA) and the German Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

We look forward to seeing you there.

The event is free but a binding registration is essential.

Please note:

The number of participants is limited. We therefore ask for early registration (www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/plastics-conference-2016). The registrations are dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis.

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Call for posters

The conference is open for a limited number of posters. Please submit your abstract at the conference website (www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/plastics-conference-2016).

Information for your stay in Berlin

The venue is located in Berlin-Mitte, the historical center of Berlin. Suggestions for hotels in the area you can find at: www.berlin.de/en/accommodation/

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21 June 2016 - 19.00

You are kindly invited to dinner reception at Bernheimer Contemporary. The gallery is in short walking distance of the conference venue.

Please register on the conference website.

Address
Bernheimer Contemporary
Art Solutions & Projects
Monbijoustraße 2
10117 Berlin

How to find us



Pictures: GeoBasis-DE/BKG, BfG

Venue

Federal Press Office/Bundespresseamt (BPA)
Reichstagstrasse 14
10117 Berlin

Arriving by train and public transport

The venue is close to S- and U-Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse.

Arriving by plane

From Tegel airport
Bus 128 to Kurt-Schumacher-Platz, then change to U-Bahn line 6 (direction Alt-Mariendorf) and leave at S- and U-Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse.

From Schönefeld airport

Take the local train or S-Bahn (direction Hauptbahnhof) to S- and U-Bahnhof Friedrichstrasse.



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Programme – Plastics in Freshwater Environments

Day 1	Tuesday, 21 June 2016
09.00	Reception and coffee
10.00	Welcome address Barbara Hendricks, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
10.20	EU activities and plans to address plastics and microplastics in the aquatic environment Helen Clayton, European Commission - DG Environment
10.40	Plastics in Freshwater Environments: from monitoring to management options – how can we get there? Lilian Busse, German Environment Agency
11.00	Keynote: How concerned should we be about plastic debris in freshwater systems? Richard Thompson, Plymouth University, United Kingdom
Session 1 Monitoring	
11.30	Overview on plastics in European freshwater environments Georg Reifferscheid, German Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG)
12.00	Lunch break
13.00	Monitoring activities for plastics in rivers and lakes in Germany Julia Schwaiger, Environment Agency Bavaria

13.20	Panel discussion on monitoring
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myra van der Meulen, Deltares (tbc) • Christian Laforsch, University of Bayreuth • Bruno Tassin, University of Paris-Est • Anne Marie Mahon, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology • Florian Faure, ETH Lausanne • Georg Reifferscheid, BfG
	Moderation: Philipp Hohenblum, Richard Thompson
14.00	Coffee break
Session 2 Sources and risk characterisation	
14.40	Sources of microplastics Anja Verschoor, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands
15.00	Effects of plastics on freshwater organisms Heather Leslie, VU University Amsterdam
15.20	Conceptual considerations on the environmental risk assessment of microplastics Karen Duis, ECT Oekotoxikologie
15.40	Monitoring of riverine litter - options and recommendations Georg Hanke, European Commission - DG JRC
16.00	Discussion and summary of day 1
16.30	Poster session
17.30	End of day 1

Day 2	Wednesday, 22 June 2016
09.00	Keynote: Plastics and society Anthony Andrade, North Carolina State University, USA
Session 3 Management options	
09.30	Monitoring and Modelling of Riverine and Marine floating macro litter (RIMMEL) Daniel Gonzalez, European Commission - DG JRC
09.45	Citizen science for riverine monitoring Jean-Baptiste Dussaussois, Surfrider Foundation Europe
10.05	Trashbusters H ₂ O - crash the trash! A youth project for clean waters Elena Lange, Youth Association for the Protection of Nature (NAJU)
10.25	Plastics as a systemic risk of social-ecological supply systems Carolin Völker, Institute for Social-Ecological Research
10.45	The New Plastics Economy: Rethinking the future of plastics Michiel De Smet, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
11.05	Coffee break
11.45	European overview on management options and measures in place for plastics in freshwater environments Philipp Hohenblum, Environment Agency Austria

12.05	Regional Action Plans to combat marine litter including input from rivers Stefanie Werner, German Environment Agency
12.25	Chances and limitations of standardisation for managing plastics in the environment Rüdiger Baunemann, Plastics Europe
12.45	Discussion on management options
13.15	Conclusions of the conference
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	Moderation: Lilian Busse
14:00	End of conference