Pharmaceuticals in the Environment

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The Priority Substances Directive adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU in 2013, requires the European Commission **to develop a strategic approach to pollution of water by pharmaceutical substances** by September 2015. After some delay, the European Commission will shortly launch the public consultation on the strategic approach, gathering the views from citizens, public authorities and stakeholders.

In this meeting of the 'Agriculture and Water Management' working group we will learn more about the ongoing internal work of the European Commission and we will bring all relevant stakeholders together, from industry and civil society, to discuss the developments at EU and national level, taking into account the two complementary dimensions: the environmental protection perspective as well as the protection of public health.

The debate aims to provide food for thought in the context of the upcoming reviews of the Water Framework Directive and the Priority Substances Directive starting in 2018.

DRAFT AGENDA

16:30-16:40	Welcome and introduction by **Michel Dantin MEP**
16:40-16:50	Keynote speech by **Daniel Calleja Crespo,** Director General, European Commission, DG Environment (tbc)
16:50-17:00	**Jan Peter van der Hoek,** Professor of Drinking Water Engineering, TU Delft (for EUREAU)
17:00-17:10	**Bengt Mattson,** Chair of the Pharmaceuticals in the Environment Task Force, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)
17:10-17:20	**Anja Leetz,** Executive Director, Healthcare without Harm Europe (tbc)
17:20-18:20	**Discussion with the audience**
18:20-18:30	Closing remarks by **Peter Liese MEP**