

Proftest SYKE proficiency tests and interlaboratory comparisons

Programme plan 2023 – 2028 (non-binding)

Sustainable use of water resources

Wastewater (WW)			
Sample type	Measurands	Planned period	
Wastewater analyses I			
Pulp and paper industrial wastewater Municipal wastewater Natural water (BOD ₇ and COD _{Mn})	BOD ₇ , COD _{Cr} , COD _{Mn} , suspended solids, Na, TOC And Ca, K, Mg	Yearly Ca, K, Mg every 2 nd year: 2023, 2025	
Wastewater analyses II			
Pulp and paper industrial wastewater Municipal wastewater	N _{NH4} , N _{NO2+NO3} , N _{tot} , P _{PO4} , P _{tot} , pH, condutivity, colour Alkalinity Chloride, sulphate	Yearly, and: Alkalinity every 2 nd year: 2024, 2026, 2028 Chloride and sulphate every 2 nd year: 2023, 2025, 2027	

Natural water (NW and RAD)		
Sample type	Measurands	Planned period
Natural water analyses	l	
Lake or river water	Chlorophyll a, conductivity, colour, N _{NH4} , N _{NO2+NO3} , N _{tot} ,	Every 2 nd year
Coastal water	P _{PO4} , P _{tot} , pH, turbidity, suspended solids	2023, 2025, 2027
Natural water analyses	II	
Lake or river water	Alkalinity, N _{NH4} , N _{NO2+NO3} , N _{tot} , P _{PO4} , P _{tot} , P _{PO4} , dissolved,	Every 2 nd year
Coastal water	Ptot, dissolved, pH, conductivity	2024, 2026, 2028
Natural water analyses	III	
Lake or river water	Chlorophyll a, oxygen, SiO ₂ , TOC, TIC, salinity	Every 2 nd year
Coastal water		2024, 2026, 2028
Radon in ground water		
Ground water	Radon	Every 2 nd year
		2023, 2025, 2027

Drinking water (DW)			
Sample type	le type Measurands		
Drinking water analyses			
Lake and ground water Drinking water	Fluoride, hardness, chloride, pH, NO ₂ , NO ₃ , NH ₄ , Fe, Mn, Ca, K, Mg, Na, sulphate, conductivity	Yearly, and: Alkalinity, turbidity and TOC	
	Alkalinity, turbidity, TOC	every 2 nd year: 2023, 2025, 2027	
	COD _{Mn} , hardness	COD_{Mn} and hardness every 2 nd year: 2024, 2026, 2028	

Biological intercomparisons (PHYTO and ZOO)				
Sample type	le type Measurands Planned period			
Phytoplankton				
Phytoplankton (PHYTO)	Identification of species	es Every 3 rd year 2023, 2026		
Taxonomic identification of macroinvertebrates				
Benthic invertebrates (ZOO)	Taxon identification	Every 3 rd or 4 th year 2024/5		

In addition to these, some schemes are organized less frequently, and development schemes are organized based on the need and the resources, e.g. DIATOM (Benthic diatoms).



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Other intercomparisons			
Sample type Measurands Planned period			
Intercomparison test for field measurements (KMV)			
Natural water	Conductivity, oxygen, pH, temperature, turbidity	At least every 2 nd year	
		2023, 2024/5	

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Built environment

Swimming pool water (SPW)		
Sample type Measurands Planned period		
Swimming pool water analyses		
Swimming pool water	Free, combined and total chlorine, urea, turbidity,	Yearly
	NO ₃ , pH, KMnO ₄	

Indoor air and building material			
Sample type	Measurands	Planned period	
Indoor air VOC measurements (IAVOC)			
Sample in Tenax TA tube	TVOC and separate VOC compounds	Every 2 nd year	
		2024, 2026	
Asbestos in building material samples (ABS)			
Building material	Asbestos silicate minerals	Yearly	

Other intercomparisons				
Sample type	Measurands/methods	Planned period		
Gross and net calorific val	Gross and net calorific value of fuels (CAL)			
Coal, peat, wood pellet	Gross and net calorific value, moisture and ash content, volatile compounds, C, H, N, S	Yearly		
Microbiological housing health analysis (Provider THL)				
Building material and	Cultivation method, identification of pure cultures on	Yearly		
suspension samples, pure	plates, direct cultivation, direct microscopy, qPCR			
cultures	method			

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Circular economy

Other intercomparison tests		
Sample type	Test	Planned period
Leaching behavior	r test for solid waste material (LT)	
Waste material	Leaching behavior test for solid waste material:	
	One stage batch leaching test	2024
	Two stage batch leaching test	2023, 2026
	Up-flow percolation test	2027

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Hazardous substances

Metal analyses (MET) – These will be updated, changes possible		
Sample type	Measurands	Planned period
Water sample		
Spring: Lake or river water Drinking water:	Basic analysis: Al, As, B, Ba, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, Mn, Mo, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Ti, V, Zn	Once or twice a year
ground or tap water Autumn: Industrial wastewater Municipal wastewater	Every 2 nd spring: U, Sr	2024, 2026
In autumn also: Pulp and paper industrial wastewater Also:	Ca, K, Mg (Na) Additionally, when analysed also from the solid sample:	2024, 2026
	Ca, Mg, Sn, S	
Solid sample		
Sediment Sludge Soil	Additional analyses: Ca (soil), Drw, Mg (soil), N _{tot} , P _{tot} , Sn (sludge), S, TC (sediment)	One solid sample provided at least every 2 nd year

Interlaboratory comparisons for organic compounds		
Sample type	Measurands	Planned period
Analyses of organic com	pounds 1 (OIL)	
Natural water	Oil hydrocarbons	Every 3 rd year
Soil	C5-C10, >C10-C40, >C10-C21, >C21-C40	2024, 2027
Analyses of organic compounds 2 (VOC)		
Natural water	VOC compounds	Every 3 rd year
Soil		2023, 2026
Analyses of organic compounds 3 (ORG)		
Soil / building material	Oil hydrocarbons / PCB / PAH	Every 3 rd year
		2025, 2028

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