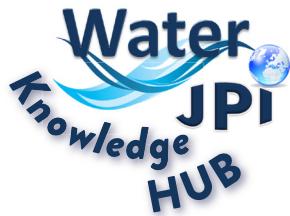


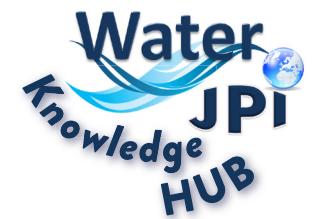
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Adrian Covaci is a professor of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. His research focuses on the analytical, environmental, biomonitoring aspects and risk assessment of emerging organic contaminants and elucidation of exposure pathways to humans for organic contaminants. His focus is also estimation of fate, occurrence, and consumption of illicit drugs and pharmaceuticals via wastewater analysis.

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Previously he worked as a Permanent Lecturer at Marseille University. He contributed to a Research chair at Veolia/Montpellier University working on Risk analysis relating to emerging contaminants in water bodies. He was also involved in PEP-SEA - Transformation and transfer of PPCP:s and their metabolites.  
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His contributions have been made particularly in the development of methods for controlling organic pollution by emerging pollutants in waste and natural water. During the last ten years his research group has obtained key results that have provided better monitoring data for risk assessment of surface waters, waste waters and ground waters as



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Her previous experiences include development of new treatment technologies and methods of wastewater and sludge characterization. During the last years most of her research projects has been conducted at Hammarby Sjöstadsvärk research facility. She was also actively engaged in network building between Sweden and the Universities in the Baltic Sea Region.

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He has developed his research area to encompass exposure and risk/benefit assessment from chemicals and microbials/protozoa in different media. He is partner in the TRACE Water JPI project with responsibility for assessing human exposure to selected Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms from surface water use.

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Her previous posts include Senior Microbiologist at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in the Water Resources Competency Area where she was technical lead on a number of EU and national parliamentary grant funded projects.

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Following her BSc, she studied for her PhD at Edinburgh University: investigating how human pathogens develops resistance to a novel antibiotic. This research continued with a Health Research Board Fellowship at Trinity College Dublin and later she moved to the Department of Agriculture in Switzerland.

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His research interests and activities deal with organic trace compounds in ecosystems with particular focus on high-resolution mass spectrometry based screening and (ultra-)trace analysis, new strategies for passive sampling and monitoring the occurrence, fate and behaviour of emerging organic micropollutants in the aquatic/marine environment, and ozone-



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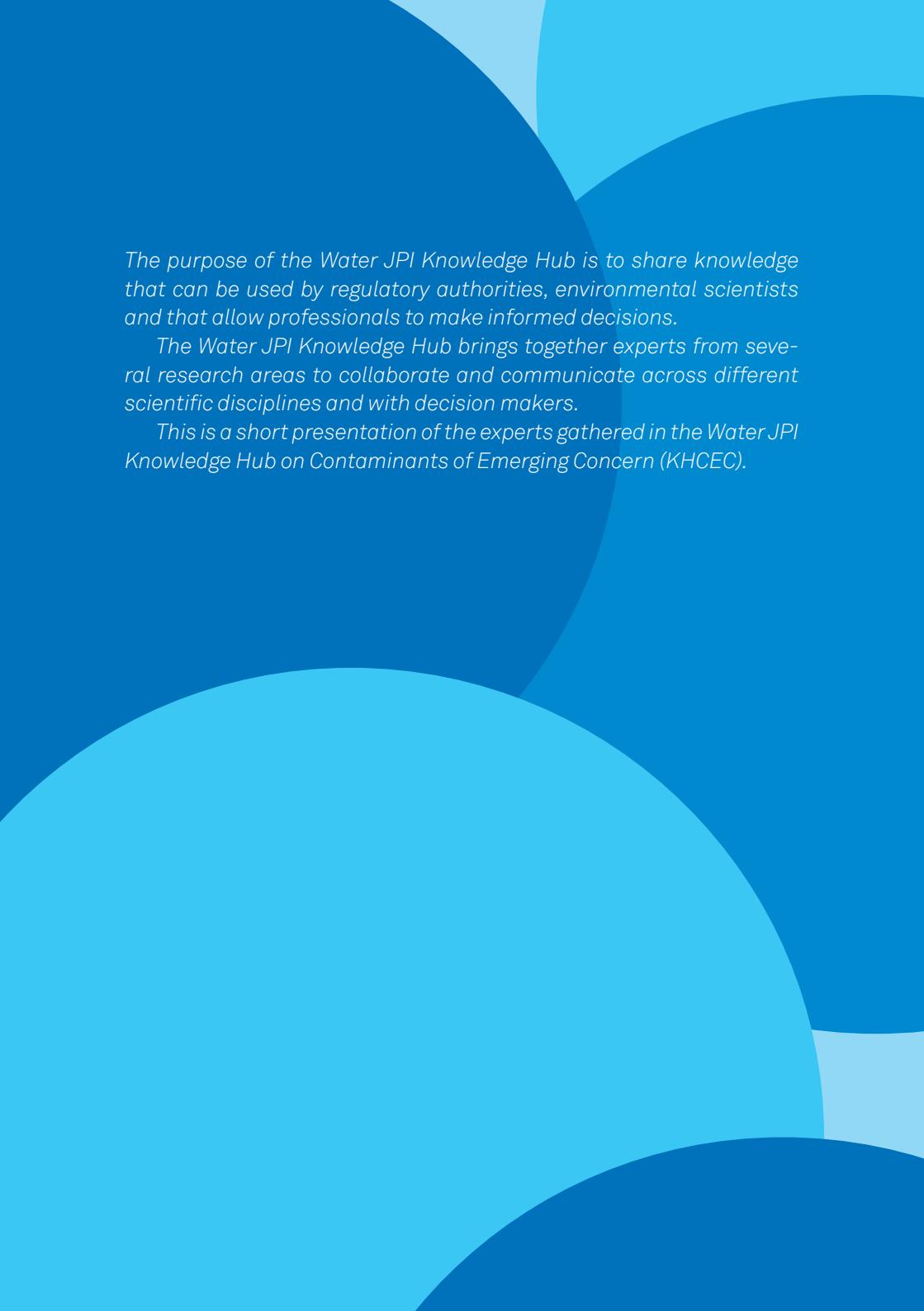
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She coordinates the NORMAN network, today established as a permanent network with more than 70 members from 20 countries. Previous work positions include Coordinator of EU-funded METROPOLIS, a project aimed at improving performance of environmental measurements and monitoring tools in support of EU policies and Seconded national expert at EC-JRC Seville, European Commission.

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