

The AfterLIFE of Water

when waste becomes resource

 **DATE**
4–6 November 2026

 **VENUE**
Tamme Hall, Suur-Ameerika 1
Tallinn

 **LANGUAGE**
English

 **PARTICIPATION**
Free of charge
On site only

DAY 1

Policy and technology

4 November 2026

08:30–09:00 Registration and morning coffee

OPENING

09:00–09:10	Opening words Henry Linnard, Communications, LIFE IP CleanEST
09:10–09:30	The state and direction of the Estonian water sector Kristjan Truu, Deputy Secretary General for Maritime Affairs and Water, Ministry of Climate
09:30–10:00	Tallinn's water and wastewater systems Priit Kappak, AS Tallinna Vesi

SESSION 1 · THE NEW RULEBOOK AND HOW COUNTRIES ARE IMPLEMENTING IT

10:00–10:30	The revised EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (2024/3019): what changes for Member States Anni Mandel, Adviser, Water Department, Ministry of Climate
10:30–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–11:30	The polluter pays principle and extended producer responsibility (EPR) Gari Villa-Landa, Senior Policy Advisor, EurEau
11:30–12:00	Quaternary treatment in Germany: technologies, current practice and the way forward Christof Mainz, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN)
12:00–12:30	Management of on-site wastewater systems in Finland Johannes Hannuniemi, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)
12:30–13:30	Lunch

SESSION 2 · EMERGING SUBSTANCES AND SLUDGE

13:30–14:00	Microplastics in wastewater and sewage sludge Margit Heinlaan, National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics (KBFI), Interreg Balt-Plast-Free
14:00–14:30	Sludge valorisation: phosphorus recycling and a business model that works Anders Kihl, Strategy and R&D Director, Ragn-Sells
14:30–15:00	PFAS and emerging substances in Baltic Sea region wastewater Siiri Velling, University of Tartu (EMPEREST)
15:00–15:30	Coffee break

SESSION 3 · THE ESTONIAN WATER SECTOR

15:30–16:00	Water sector reform in Estonia Helen Barndöck, Ministry of Climate
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PANEL DISCUSSION

16:00–17:00	Transposition experience across countries Moderator: Joosep Nahkor, Environmental Investment Centre (KIK) Christof Mainz, BMUKN, Germany Gari Villa-Landa, EurEau Representative of Latvia Representative of Finland Representative of Estonia
17:00–17:15	Closing remarks of day one

DAY 2

Practice and resilience

5 November 2026

09:00–09:30	Registration and morning coffee
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SESSION 4 · INTEGRATED PROJECTS AND CATCHMENT EXPERIENCE

09:30–10:00	Experience from LIFE IP CleanEST in Ida- and Lääne-Virumaa, and LIFE SIP AdaptEST Vallo Kõrgmaa, LIFE IP CleanEST
10:00–10:30	LIFE IP GoodWater Elina Klodane, Thematic group leader for point source pollution, B-Nature – Baltic Institute for Natural Capital, Latvia
10:30–10:45	Coffee break

SESSION 5 · COMMUNITIES, RECONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCE

10:45–11:15	Micropollutants in UK rivers: how communities and catchment partnerships are building resilience Rob Collins, The Rivers Trust, United Kingdom
11:15–12:00	Ukrainian wastewater infrastructure on the path to EU standards Volodymyr Vorobey, LIFE-U-SPRINGBOARD, Ukraine
12:00–13:00	Lunch

13:00–13:15	Introduction: the CER Directive and the resilience of water infrastructure
13:15–15:30	Tabletop exercise: scenario-based group work
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–16:30	Group presentations and joint discussion
16:30–16:45	Closing summary of the seminar
19:00–21:00	Seminar dinner

DAY 3

Site visits

6 November 2026

Two parallel groups, Group A in Estonian and Group B in English, visit both sites in reverse order to avoid overcrowding and to shorten waiting times. Each site can host 10 to 20 visitors at a time. Transport between the sites is provided. The visits take place outdoors, so weatherproof clothing and footwear are recommended.

09:00	Meeting point in front of the Ministry of Climate Suur-Ameerika 1
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Group A · in Estonian

09:30–11:00	Ülemiste Water Treatment Plant Järvevana tee 3
11:00–11:30	Transfer to Paljassaare
11:30–13:00	Paljassaare Wastewater Treatment Plant Paljassaare põik 14

Group B · in English

09:30–11:00	Paljassaare Wastewater Treatment Plant Paljassaare põik 14
11:00–11:30	Transfer to Ülemiste
11:30–13:00	Ülemiste Water Treatment Plant Järvevana tee 3

During the lunch breaks participants can visit the Balt-Plast Free bus.