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# **CASE STUDY:**

# Emerging Pollutants in Water and Wastewater of East Ukraine: Occurrence, Fate and Regulation

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## Study area and method



### (a) Installation (duplex)



Climate: continental Population: c.a. 3,000,000 inh Precipitation: c.a.500mm/year 2 WWTP (c.a. 1,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d) Mean annual temperature: 6.9 °C





(c) LC-MS-MS ESI+/-



(d) Data quality

**control** Field and laboratorial blanks Spike and recovery rates Gravimetric control Detection limits

### **Distribution of pharmaceuticals**





**Rural area**: not prescribed pharmaceuticals (caffeine and paracetamol) dominate, where wastewaters are discharged without any treatment and where these compounds can enter with run off from septic tanks and farms.

**Urban area**: prescribed pharmaceuticals (carbamazepine, diclofenac, fluoxetine) dominate and fewer amounts of not prescribed compounds (caffeine, paracetamol) are find downstream of wastewater treatment facilities; significant amount of emerging pollutants is found in the city centre, what indicates that urban run-off does not undergo appropriate treatment and becomes a water contamination source

### **Distribution of phenolic endocrine disruptors**



4OP - 4-tert-octylphenol, 4NP - 4-n-nonylphenol, NP1EC - nonylphenol-ethoxy acetic acid, NP1EO and NP2EO - nonylphenol monoethoxylate and diethoxylate respectively, BPA - bisphenol A.

Phenolic endocrine disruptors were detected mainly downstream of wastewater effluents. Presence of these endocrine disruptors indicate that the municipal wastewater treatment plant is not efficient to eliminate it

4NP was at 7 times higher than the value recommended by EC

### **Consumption patterns: pharmaceuticals**



 $M_{c} = (Q_{w} \times C_{w} - Q_{u} \times C_{u}) / (K_{1} (1 - K_{2}))$ 

Pharmaceuticals	Fact (France, 2006) g/person/year	Calculated (France, 2009) g/person/year
Carbamazepine	0.3	0.1
Diclofenac	4.3	0.3

Vystavna et al. 2012 WASP, Vystavna et al. 2013 EMAS

### **Constructed wetlands for emerging pollutants treatment**



### **Treatment efficiency on constructed wetlands**

20 – 50%	50 – 70%	More than 70%
Carbamazepine Ibuprofen Sucralose Gemfibrozil Diclofenac	Androstenedione Paracetamol Estrone	Caffeine Naproxen Triclosan

Some pharmaceuticals are more efficiently removed than on conventional WWTP Lower construction and treatment costs than compared to WWTP Removal can exhibit seasonal patterns

### **Conclusions and acknowledgements**

- Passive sampling technique is a convenient tool for screening of emerging contaminants in ungauged streams
- Emerging pollutants can be indicators of diverse wastewater sources
- Presence of pharmaceuticals and phenolic endocrine disruptors in urban streams reflects its regional consumption patterns
- Constructed wetlands can be an efficient technique for the elimination of emerging pollutants from rural wastewaters

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