



# Improving governance for water and health through target setting: Example of Health and Water Research

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**Protocol on Water and Health** 





## 1. Target setting under the Protocol

#### **Objective f.3 - Participation and support for research projects**

- "Develop a strategy for managing micropollutants in wastewater, particularly those resulting from drug residues."
  - → Project PILLS and noPILLS (Interreg IVB)





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#### 2. Lessons learnt

Cooperation between these different actors through joint projects enabled a project to be set up quickly during the COVID-19 crisis.

→ CORONA-STEP

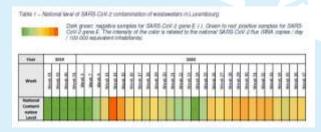


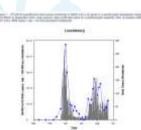






 $\rightarrow$  provide a detailed picture of the evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic by tracking the presence of the coronavirus in waste water





#### 3. Plans for future work in this area

### **"SUPERVIR"** project (2023-2025)

- → setting up, for long-term use, an epidemiological monitoring platform based on wastewater analysis to monitor viral pathogens of interest. (SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Respiratory Syncitial Virus, (Antimicrobial Resistance))
- → Joint project: Environment and Health authorities, local authorities and Research institute
- $\rightarrow$  Project will support the implementation of the future EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive





#### Thank you for your attention!

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