



**LINDANET** Newsletter 5

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# LINDANET 5<sup>th</sup> Interregional Thematic Workshop

5th Interregional Thematic Workshop of the LINDANET project, Interreg Europe project, devoted to Action Plans presentation.

The 5th Interregional Workshop of the LINDANET project, initially planned to be celebrated in Galicia region (Spain) under the leadership of the Government of Galicia - General Directorate of Environmental Quality and Climate Change, took place, due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, under a virtual format in the 23rd and 24th of November of 2021, focusing on the Action Plans presentation.

The first session (23rd of November) was devoted to the explanation of the lindane problem situation of Galicia region, as well as to review the progress of the Joint studies being developed within LINDANET project.



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# **LINDANET Stakeholder meetings**

### Three stakeholder meetings were organized during the fifth semester.



SAXONY-ANHALT region (Germany)

4th Stakeholder meeting Saxony-Anhalt (Germany)

The 4th Stakeholder Meeting was dedicated to the site visit of the Bitterfeld megasite and its vicinity. A bus was waiting there for the participants, to take them to the relevant sites throughout the day. During the first 2 hours the bus was also used for a guided tour to present the production and deposition sites as well as

the general history of the megasite. More info...

### Silesia region (Poland) Two stakeholders meeting were presented

One, on the 22th of October 2021, the 4th regional thematic workshop as part of the LINDANET project took place. During the workshop physical site visit took place. The problem of HCH contamination in Jaworzno was presented on-site. The contaminated areas in the surrounding of Chemical Plant Organika-Azot S.A in the valley of the Wąwolnica stream, which connects with the Przemsza River, which in turn connects with the Vistula River flowing into the Baltic Sea, were visited. More info





The second stakeholder meeting during this semester on Silesia Region was on the 7th of December 2021, the 5th regional thematic workshop as part of the LINDANET project took place. The main aim of the workshop was to discuss the coordination of administrative activities in the field of lindane pollution. The lindane production in the Jaworzno had been performed predominantly from 1965 until 1982. <u>More info...</u>

# **Other related events**

### **Closing workshop HCH in EU**

The closing workshop presented the results of the "Pilot Project to evaluate and address the presence of Lindane and HCH in the EU" (HCH in EU project). The Project was developed by the consortium consisting of Netherlands-based TAUW (Lead consultant), Germanybased CDM Smith Europe GmbH and Spain-based Sociedad Aragonesa de Gestión Agroambiental (SARGA), commissioned by the European Commission. The European Commission was asked to initiate the HCH in EU project by the European Parliament.

The two objectives of this project were:

- Obtain an overview of the legacy of Lindane and Technical HCH production in Europe.
- Assist authorities to sustainably manage 7 HCH-contaminated sites.

Following on from the open workshop on November 16 (morning), the consortium of HCH in EU organized a stakeholder workshop on



November 16 (afternoon) and November 17 (all day), in which the steps followed to fulfill the objectives were developed:

Overview of sites where HCH and/or Lindane was handled. The consortium mobilized its European network to identify sites where HCH and Lindane were handled. The inventory involved collecting information about pesticide use in all 27 EU countries. Governments, companies, and NGO's were approached to gather relevant information about these locations. This resulted in a list of 299 sites, and provided an insight into the many uses – more than initially thought – for HCH and Lindane. The inventory has been incorporated into a custom-made Geographic Information Model (GIM), which identifies sites that are known to have handled HCH and may thus have been impacted. For each EU member state, a report featuring a country-specific list of such sites was prepared.

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## Interreg Europe in Aragon: Lindanet & CECI



The General Directorate of Climate Change and Environmental Education of the Government of Aragon, will present to the staff of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment the two Interreg Europe projects, in which it participates together with other partners from the European Union. These projects are:

CECI project "Citizen involvement in circular economy implementation"

https://www.interregeurope.eu/ceci/https://www.interregeurope.eu/ceci/

Lindanet project (European Network of Lindane waste affected regions working together towards a greener environment).

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The objective of the conference is to share the experience that this intervention brings to Interreg Europe through these two projects, the achievements and benefits and the difficulties that have been overcome.

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# LINDANET in a nutshell

#### European Network of Lindane waste affected regions working together towards a greener environment

LINDANET is an ambitious project that aims to join efforts among European regions to work together towards the improvement of the HCH (Lindane) contaminated sites. LINDANET will create a network of European regions with the objective of improving decontamination policies for the persistent organic pollutant, lindane.

#### **PROJECT PARTNERS**



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