



International Akademie Fresenius Conference

PFAS Transition

Regulation, Compliance, and Industry Pathways

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4 May 2026

Highlights

- Regulatory update from the European Commission (DG GROW & DG ENV)
- An authority perspective on the PFAS restriction (RIVM)
- PFAS in the water cycle – insights from the European water sector (EurEau)
- Current regulatory state from an industry point of view
- Implications of the PFAS restriction for medical technology
- Legal firm briefing on liability risks, litigation trends, and REACH Annex XVII implications
- PFAS in municipal solid waste incineration – results of a full-scale measurement
- Pathways for industrial PFAS destruction at scale

Discuss one of the EU's most imminent regulatory changes with your peers and other stakeholders!



The Experts

Frauke Averbek German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) | **Valentina Bertato** European Commission | **Ronald Bock** Fluoropolymers Product Group | **Jonathan Crozier** BASF | **Preslava Dilkova** Jones Day | **Maren Gadermann** Ramboll | **Hans-Joachim Gehrman** Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) | **Dimitrios Giannakouloupoulos** Spectaris | **Bärbel Ines Hintermeier** Lekker & Partners | **Jonatan Kleinmark** ChemSec | **Thijs de Kort** Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) | **Oliver Loebel** The European Water Services (EurEau) | **James McKone** Claros Technologies | **Denis Mottet** European Commission

Monday, 4 May 2026

Timings are in
Central European Summer Time [CEST](#).

Morning Session | 08:30 – 12:50 CEST

08:30 Welcome Address by the Organisers and the Chair
Frauke Averbeck, Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Germany

Regulatory Developments

08:40 Update from the EU Commission: A Joint Perspective from DG GROW & DG ENV

Denis Mottet, Valentina Bertato, European Commission, Belgium

09:15 Authority Perspective on the PFAS Restriction

Thijs de Kort, Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands

09:45 An NGO Perspective on PFAS and its Restriction

Jonatan Kleinmark, ChemSec, Sweden

10:15 Coffee Break

10:40 Industry Perspective on the Current State of Regulation

Ronald Bock, Fluoropolymers Product Group (FPG), Belgium

11:10 PFAS in the Water Cycle

- PFAS concentrations in drinking water resources and the need for additional water treatment
- Removing and destroying short-chain molecules: technically demanding and economically unviable
- Wastewater treatment: Between environmental quality standards, lack of technologies and prohibitive costs
- Human PFAS uptake is through food

Oliver Loebel, The European Water Services (EurEau), Belgium

Practical and Legal Implications

11:40 PFAS-related Challenges in the Chemical Sector

- Analytical methods robust enough for detection and speciation at ppb level
- Waste management for equipment
- Long-term procurement for non-replaceable equipment parts
- Portfolio steering and substitution of PFAS in products: state of the art.

Jonathan Crozier, BASF, Belgium

12:10 The PFAS Restriction and its Implications for the Medical Technology Industry

Dimitrios Giannakouloupoulos, Spectaris, Germany

12:40 Discussion

12:50 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session | 13:30 – 17:00 CEST

13:40 Legal Firm Briefing, Liability Risks, Litigation Trends, and REACH Annex XVII Implications

Preslava Dilkova, Jones Day, Belgium

14:10 “PFAS-Free” Claims under EU Law: Environmental Advertising between the EmpCo Directive, Future Regulation and Enforcement Practice

- EU framework: “PFAS-free” as an environmental claim under the EmpCo Directive and related EU chemicals regulation
- Substantiation and limits: Evidentiary standards, scope of the claim and risks of misleading advertising
- Harmonisation and enforcement: Regulatory outlook, role of authorities and courts, compliance challenges

Bärbel Ines Hintermeier, Lekker & Partners, Germany

14:40 Coffee Break

Innovation, Substitution & End-of-Life Solutions

15:10 Planning Substitution: A Roadmap for Replacing PFAS

Maren Gadermann, Ramboll, Germany

15:40 PFAS in Municipal Solid Waste Incineration – Results of a Full-Scale Measurement Campaign and Significance for the Industry and Authorities

- Municipal solid waste incineration (MSWI)
- Full scale measurement campaign
- PFAS-spiking
- Thermal decomposition
- Measurement comparison
- Reduction rate of products of incomplete combustion (R2PIC)

Hans-Joachim Gehrmann, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany

16:10 Pathways for Industrial PFAS Destruction at Scale

- Comprehensive Characterisation: Utilising targeted and non-targeted analytical methods to identify and quantify PFAS contamination in complex water matrices
- Mineralisation at scale: Moving beyond sequestration to complete destruction using the ClarosTechUV™ platform at high flow rates in industrial environments
- Solving the TFA Challenge: Case studies on the >99.99% destruction of ultra-short-chain PFAS, specifically trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), addressing emerging regulatory concerns in Europe and the UK

James McKone, Claros Technologies, United States of America

16:40 Final Discussion and Closing Remarks by the Chair

17:00 End of the Conference

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- ✓ Regulatory affairs
- ✓ Registration and authorisation
- ✓ Product stewardship
- ✓ Research and development
- ✓ Quality assurance

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- ✓ Chemical producers
- ✓ Downstream users (automotive, aerospace, semiconductors, medical technology, packaging, textiles, consumer goods)
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