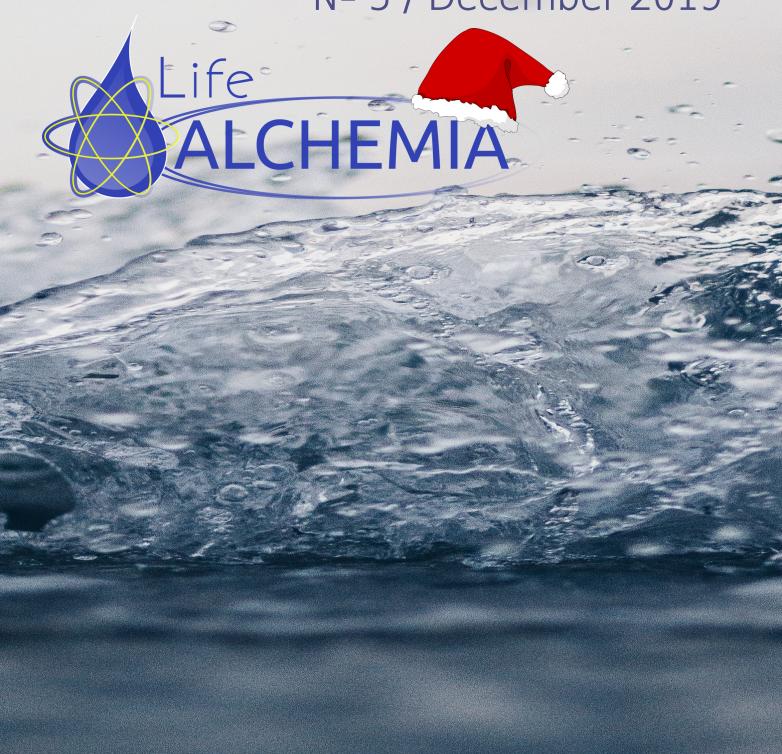
# Newsletter

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## **ACTIONS COMPLETED**



#### **OPERATION OF THE PILOT PLANTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALMERIA**



**Diputación de Almería** keeps **operating** the **three pilot plants** installed throughout the province to develop LIFE Alchemia Project. The pilot plants work in continuous mode, according to demand, obtaining **acceptable results** regarding the elimination of radioisotopes for the time being.

**CIESOL** established a **sampling plan** to carry out the operation control and verify compliance with water quality standards under Spanish regulation. Some measurements are carried out in situ such as pH, redox potential, turbidity, conductivity, temperature and oxygen saturation percentage.

### **VIIMSI PILOT PLANT OPERATION (ESTONIA)**

During the first year of **Viimsi pilot plant operation**, the different treatment schemes proposed have been tested, monitoring the parameters that verify the optimal operation of the pilot plant.

According to the **results** obtained, the conventional HMO scheme showed quite promising results compared to the other tested schemes. For this reason, the pilot plant will continue to operate with this scheme, but including some modification to improve the elimination of radioisotopes in water.

Partners from **University of Tartu** keep taking samples at each stage of the pilot plant, according to the established **sampling plan**.

On-site measures are also being carried out around the plant to ensure the radiological safety of the work area.





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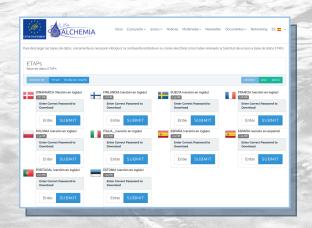
## DATABASE OF EUROPEAN DWTP<sub>s</sub> TREATING WATER WITH NATURAL RADIOACTIVITY

The databases that are already available continue to be updated and more data are being added to the Spanish database. Further databases containing DWTPs that treat water with natural radioactivity from other EU countries keep being added.

**Spanish database** has already **125 DWTPs** from 44 water suppliers.

To Access the database, it is necessary **to request access** to the LIFE ALCHEMIA team through a short form available on the project website.





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## EVALUATION OF THE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS FOR THE INTEGRAL TREATMENT OF RADIOACTIVITY

The tasks to carry out the evaluation of the different scenarios for the integral treatment of radioactivity have started. The elements that most influence the **cost analysis**, and therefore the final decision, are being defined.



## **ACTIONS COMPLETED**



#### TECHNICAL MEETINGS OF THE PROJECT

Technical and project monitoring meetings have been held, such as those held in August and December in Viimsi Vesi's facilities between **Tallinn University of Technology**, **University of Tartu** and **Viimsi Vesi**, to analyse the results obtained so far in the pilot plant, among others.



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### **VISIT TO LARUEX LABORATORY (EXTREMADURA, SPAIN)**

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**CIESOL** and **Diputación de Almería** visited the Extremadura Environmental Radioactivity Laboratory (**LAUREX**) on October.

After visiting the facilities and being informed about the procedures carried out to measure the radioactivity controlling parameters, the partners from the Almeria consortium exposed LIFE Alchemia Project to the Technical Director and the Laboratory Quality Manager .

During the meeting, different experiences and knowledge were exchanged, whereas the results obtained so far and the running-mode of the pilot plants were thoroughly analyzed.

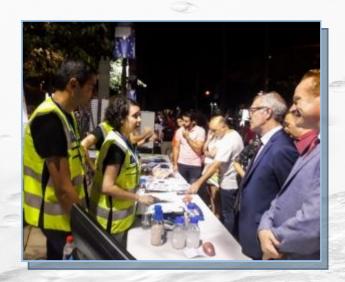
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## **ACTIONS COMPLETED— DISSEMINATION**

## LIFE ALCHEMIA IN EUROPEAN NIGHT OF RESEARCHERS IN ALMERIA



Our partners from **Diputación de Almería** and **CIESOL** showed the public who visited the LIFE ALCHEMIA stand, the problem of radioactivity in drinking water and the most sustainable treatments proposed by the project.

Spanish Minister of Culture and Sport, Mr. José Guirao, visited the LIFE ALCHEMIA stand.

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## DISSEMINATION TALKS AT COLLEGES OF THE PROVINCE OF ALMERIA



Within the activities carried out in the framework of the European night of researchers, partners from **Diputación de Almería** and **CIESOL** gave **dissemination talks** at three colleges in the province of Almería (IES Cura Varela en Huercal-Overa, IES Albaida en Almería y IES Liceo Mediterráneo en El Ejido), where they showed what LIFE ALCHEMIA project is to the youngsters.

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## TECHNICAL CONFERENCE OF THE LIFE ECOGRANULARWATER PROJECT

LIFE ALCHEMIA participated in the technical conference "Biological methods for the elimination of nitrates and pesticides from water for human consumption" organized by LIFE ECOGRANULARWATER project.

Our partners from **Diputación de Almería** (Francisco Javier Martínez) and **CIESOL** (Jose Luis Casas) participated in the exchange of experiences together with other LIFE projects such as **LIFE LIBERNITRATE** and **LIFE InSITRATE**.



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### SCIENCE WEEK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALMERIA



Partners from **CIESOL** (Guadalupe Pinna and Jose Luis Casas) conducted experiments and provided project information to students who participated in the different activities planned in the framework of the **Science Week.** 

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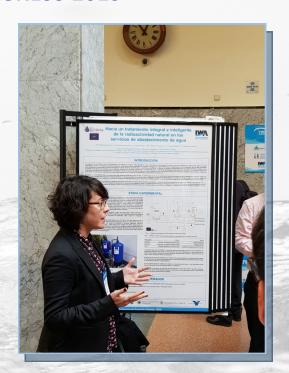
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#### YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS CONGRESS 2019

Isabel Rodríguez from **Diputación de Almería** participated in the **posters session**dedicated to the topic "Water Cycle and
Water 4.0" of the **YWP Congress** held in
Madrid.

The progress in the project was presented through a brief presentation.

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#### LIFE ALCHEMIA IN PRESS MEDIA

Many communication media have informed about the last advances and actions carried out by the project's partnership. Some of the **news** that have appeared in both general press and specialized in the water field press are shown below. These news have served to inform the public about the objectives and progresses of the project.





La Noche de los Investigadores se adelanta para llegar a los centros educativos
Investigadores de la Universidad de Almeria paraiciparán, del 23 al 27 de septiembre, en 32 actividades previsa en diferense institutos de la provincia.

Como antesala a la celebración de la Noche de los Investigadores, ol province 27 de septiembre, un total de 50 investigadores de la Universidad de Almeria daria na concer en los centros educativas de las provincia el trabajo dario de la Universidad de Almeria daria na concer en los centros educativas de las perionia el trabajo que realizan en sus laboratorios de forma amena y diventida del 23 al 27 de septiembre. El cibiptivo es mostrar su trabajo dario de una forma directo y con ello motivar a los estudiantes para que se acorquen a la ciencia, la mota final de la Noche de los Investigadores.
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### **NEXT ACTIONS**



- Contacts will be initiated to carry out the **REPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY** studies in the interested entities.
- **UPDATE** of Spanish and European **DATABASE** of the DWTPs that treat waters with natural radioactivity.
- MONITORING of the environmental INDICATORS and socio-economic impact of the project.
- TRAINING SEMINAR of the pilot plant installed in Viimsi (Estonia)
- 4th COORDINATION MEETING

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