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PROFILE

I am a first-year PhD student in Environmental Ecotoxicology. Part of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) Doctoral Network Pharm-ERA.

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PROJECT TITLE

Assessing and predicting the fate of model pharmaceutical compounds and their transformation products in soils & towards the aquatic systems

Steps of the research

- Identification of Pharmaceuticals (PhCs) in probable contaminated areas (WWTP, agricultural soil, Ground water, manure).
- In silico analysis of the selected PhCs with the tool Typology of Pollutants (TyPol), a compound classification tool. And propose potential Transformation Products (TPs).
- Set a field dissipation and plant uptake experiment of the PhCs and TPs for the risk assessment
- Find new TPs with Untargeted metabolomics (Ion mobility LC-HRMS)
- Train TyPol with the acquired data

Research Contribution

The improved version of TyPol tool will enable a robust estimation of the fate of pharmaceutical TPs using the molecular properties of the TPs as main predictors. This tool will be useful to the EU providing a more comprehensive Risk assessment for Pharmaceuticals including their TPs.

Collaborations

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Why should you care?

Global contamination of soil and aquatic ecosystems by pharmaceutical pollutants raises severe concerns about impacts on ecosystem health and repercussions on humans and animals.

A *a priori* estimation of the Pharmaceutical TPs' fate in soil and potential transfer to aquatic ecosystems, will preserve environmental contamination and humans in an One Health scheme.