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inter-sectoral cross-border MEDUWA-Vecht(e) coalition





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environmental cycle of pharmaceuticals and multi-resistant bacteria



human exposure to medicines and antimicrobial resistance via food, water and air





Legend: dark red = accumulation light red = bioaccumulation and/or biomagnification



carbamazepine in urine of healthy people









increase in azole resistant fungi in plants and humans





(Sources in) Fisher M. C. et al. 2018



environmental medicines: endocrine disruptors?

non-hormonal medicines with ED-effect

medicine group	sub group	examples	number studies
analgesics	NSAID	ibuprofen acetaminophen	11
antidepressants	SSRI	fluoxetin sertralin	10
anti-fungal agents	azoles	ketoconazole clotrimazole	7
cholesterol reducers	fibrates	bezafibrate clofibrate	5
antihypertensives	beta-blockers	salbutamol propanolol	4
anti-cancer agents	anti-estrogenics	tamoxifen	2
antihypertensives	diuretics	furosemide	2
antibacterial agents	antibiotics	amoxicillin erythromycin	1
antiepileptics	Na-blocker	carbamazepin	1
antiacids	H2-blocker	cimetidine	1

(based on 30 publications till February 2014, Stg. Huize Aarde)





societal consequences of medicinal environmental cycle



sustainability of measures



organogram of the MEDUWA-Vecht(e) Project



intervention classes of MEDUWA

WP	product	prevention	mitigation	monitoring	simulation prediction	visualisation communication
1.1	Watershed info system					
1.2	Gray water footprint					
1.3	Risk assessment					
2.1	Automatic in-situ monitoring					
2.2	Wireless water monitoring					
2.3	Nanofiltration					
3	PAW oxidation					
4.1	Phytoremediation					
4.2	Herbal antibiotic replacement					
4.3	Algal antibibiotic replacement					
5	Wireless cattle monitoring					
6	Biopharmaceuticals					









biopharmaceutical : alkaline phosphatase (AP)



- Production and application of AP as a natural anti-inflammatory medicine.
- In humans: eg. to prevent steroid use against inflammations in artritis, cystic fibrosis and during cardiac operations.
- In animals: to replace persistent chemicals against mastitis, colitis, weaning diarrhea.









MEDUWA-innovations

Plant and algae mixtures instead of antibiotics



To:

- replace antibiotics in animals and humans
- promote health and growth;
- prevent the contamination of soil, air and water with medicines;
- prevent the development of resistances;
- remediate contaminated water and soil (phytoremediation)









MEDUWA-innovations



plant and algae mixtures instead of antibiotics

	Bacillus subtilis	S. aureus	E. coli	Ps. aeruginosa
Γ	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20
Г	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
E	n.e.	1:20 - 1:40	n.e.	n.e.
Г	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	n.e.
E	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:40
Г	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:40
	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Г	1:20	1:20	n.e.	n.e.
Г	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Г	1:20 - 1:40	1:20	1:20	n.e.
Γ	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Г	n.e.	1:20	n.e.	n.e.
E E	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:640	n.e.
nlant	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20
necies [1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20
	1:20 - 1:160	1:20 - 1:160	n.e.	n.e.
	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
Г	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20
	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:640	n.e.
Г	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20
Г	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20
	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:640	1:20 - 1:320	n.e.
F	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:640	n.e.
F	1:20	1:20	n.e.	n.e.
	1:20 - 1:40	1:20-1:40	1:20	n.e.
	1:20 - 1:2560	1:20 - 1:1280	1:20 - 1:640	1:20
	1:20 - 1:40	1:20 - 1:80	n.e.	1:20
F	1:20 - 1:80	1:20 - 1:80	n.e.	1:20 - 1:40
	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
	1:20 - 1:256	1:20 - 1:256	1:20 - 1:2650	1:20 - 1:40

bacterial species

Intermediate results:

- 15 species and mixtures tested
- Effects differ between bacteria
- Some herbs kill bacteria (green)
- Some only inhibit growth (yellow)









examples of biodegradable

medicines (according to OECD tests)

isosorbide dinitrate	> 90%
mesalazine	> 90%
penicillin V	> 90%
piracetam	> 90%
cytarabine	> 90%
acetylsalicylic acid	81 %
valproic acid	78%
glufosfamide	72%

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Stability does not exclude biodegradability.



Biodegradability can be included intentionally.

Biodegradability can improve therapeutic effect and reduce side effects.







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Lavender oil preparation Silexan is effective in generalized anxiety disorder – a randomized double-blind comparison to placebo and paroxetine



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priorities for action



- Stimulate cross-sectoral pilot projects that work on the whole life cycle of medicines.
- Develop & test source oriented solutions, including prevention.
- Incentives for start-ups and universities for research in biodegradable medicines.





thank you for you attention

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