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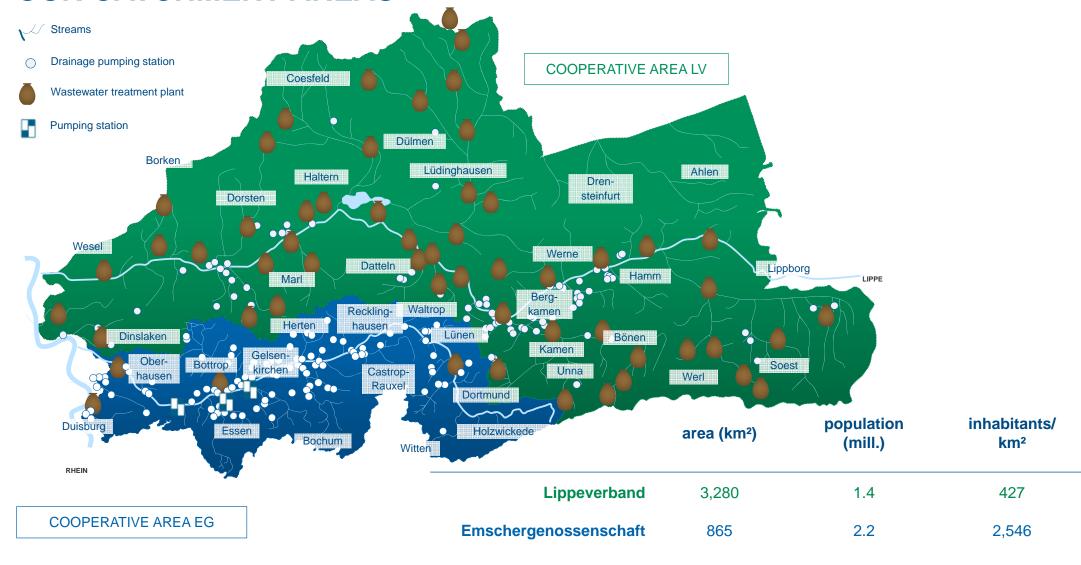


Public water associations for more than a hundred years



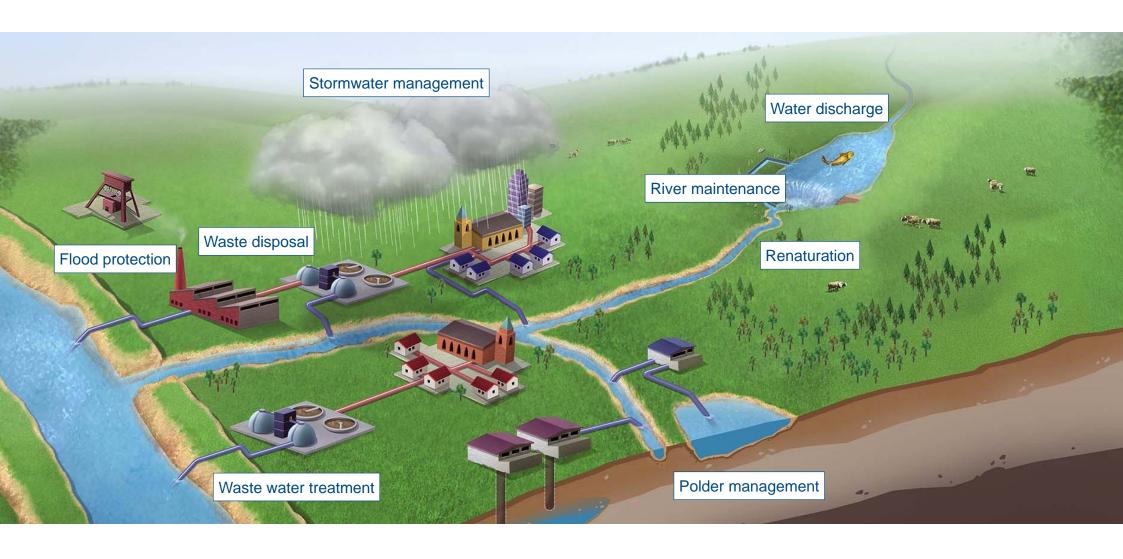


OUR CATCHMENT AREAS



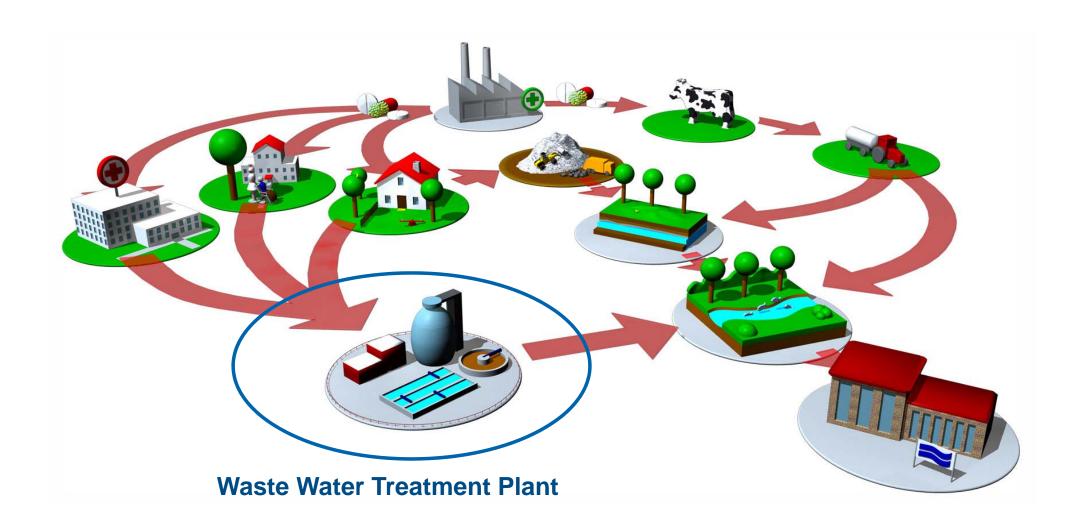
INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AROUND THE WATER CYCLE





SOURCES AND ROUTES OF PHAMACEUTICALS INTO THE WATER CIRCLE





OUR ADVANCED TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE ELIMINATION MICROPOLLUTANTS R ADVANCED TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE ELIMINATION MICROPOLLUTANTS



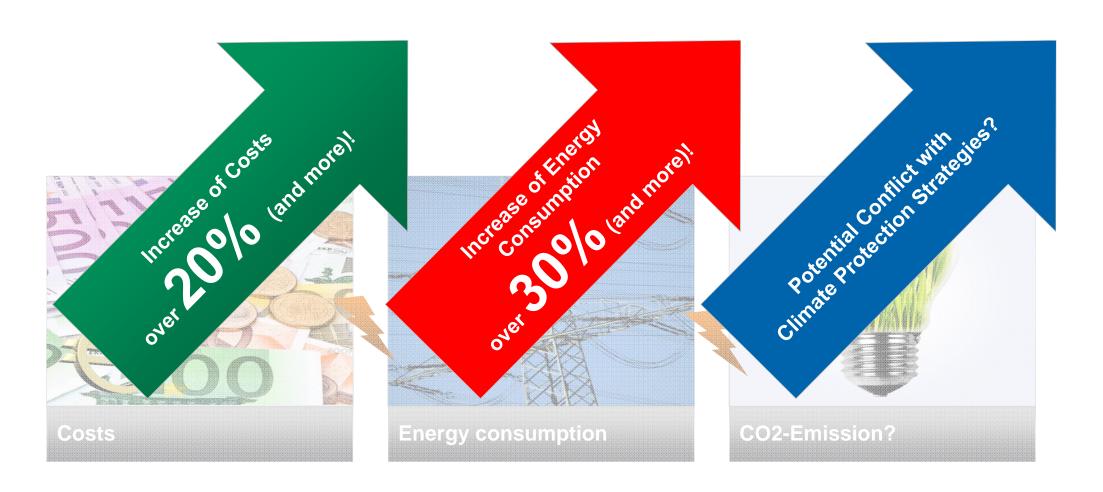
Investigations on technologies for the elimination of micropollutants at large-scale



CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

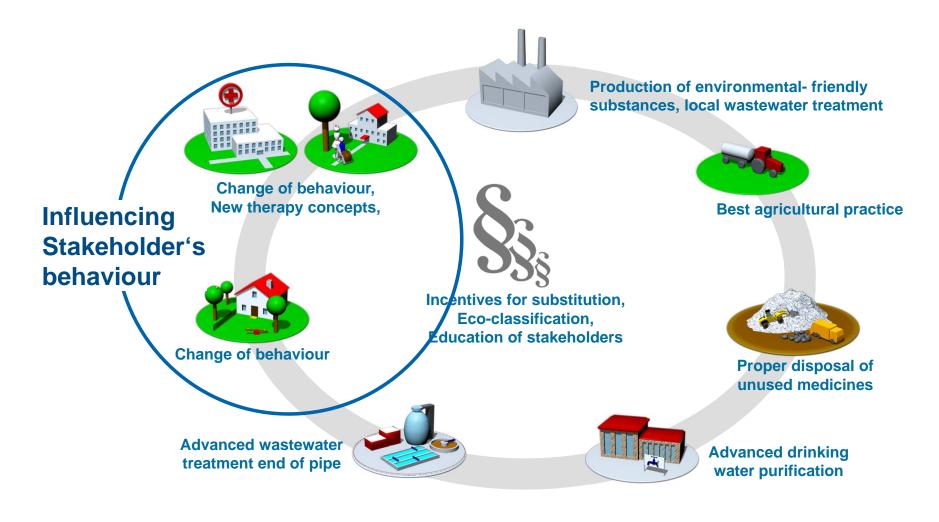


No total removal of all micropollutants by advanced wastewater treatment!



SOME OPTIONS TO REDUCE PHARMACEUTICALS IN WATERS





CASE STUDY DÜLMEN









 100 doctors and clinicians

- 11 pharmacies
- 3 hospitals
- Nursing homes

- Raise of awareness
- Change of prescription and dispensing habits







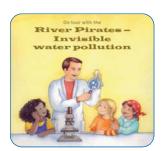
• 19,900 households

• 47,000 inhabitants

- Raise of awareness
- Change of medicine consumption, use and disposal habits

Community-wide





7,000 pupils and students

- Raise of awareness
- Disseminator / catalysts for awareness raising on the issue inside and outside the school walls

Schools

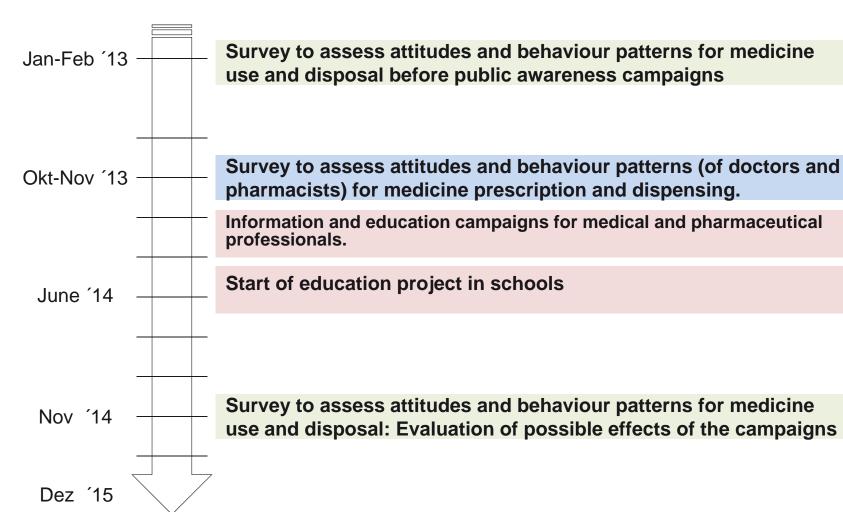
CASE STUDY DÜLMEN - BOARD OF SUPPORTERS -





Awareness campaigns

APPROACH OF THE 'CASE STUDY DÜLMEN'



SURVEYS BEFORE THE AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES Some policy pointers (1) -



- The protection of the aquatic environment is of high value for the population.
- Even though the majority of the respondents have heard in general about pharmaceutical residues in waters, there is a **lack of awareness** about the relevance of the topic in the local situation.
- OTC medicines make up an important part of pharmaceutical pollution in waters.

 However, there is apparently good recognition that drug treatment for headaches and colds is not always necessary.
- Leftover medicines are disposed of via wastewater at least occasionally apparently due to the lack of information about the possible impacts on waters. Information about 'good disposal practices' of leftover medicines, might usefully address this.

SURVEYS BEFORE THE AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES Some policy pointers (2)



- There is considerable support for the prescription and promotion of 'environmentally friendly drugs' amongst GPs and pharmacists, but **not enough information is available to professionals**
- Advice of pharmacists and doctors is perceived in a positive way by the population and doctors and pharmacists can play a key role for the change of patient behaviour
- Awareness raising activities might usefully aim at promoting environmentally friendly alternatives recommended by experts such as doctors and pharmacists
- There is a demand for non-drug treatment alternatives by patients. Such alternatives are proposed in some cases by the medical professionals. Advice on non-drug alternatives should be enhanced in appropriate cases

BASIC IDEA AND SOME KEY MESSAGES OF THE AWARENESS ACTIVITIES





Communicating the message that **everyone can participate in the success** of the case study in order to prevent water pollution by medicines, because even the smallest contribution helps

Addressing the public as a local community that committed to actively **protect and preserve the good local water quality** for long-term:

- It is worth to act today in order to prevent possible negative effects for the aquatic environment tomorrow!
- > 'To ensure that our water remains without no side effects!'
- Never dispose of liquid and solid medicines leftover via the sink or the toilet, but in the trash (local trash is burnt).
- Inform your doctor or pharmacist about your storage and leftover that may be sufficient for an upcoming treatment. Ask for 'environmentally friendly' alternatives.
- Reduce medicine leftover by a wise purchase. Select the smallest package size sufficient for a successful therapy.

RAISING AWARENESS IN THE CITY OF DÜLMEN

Involvement of pharmacists



Frühjahrsputz für Hausapotheke

Nächste Woche Beratung in allen Dülmener Apotheken



FRÜHJAHRSPUTZ FÜR DIE HAUSAPOTHEKE! BRINGEN SIE IHRE ALTMEDIKAMENTE EINFACH MIT.



IN ALLEN APOTHEKEN IN DÜLMEN 31. MÄRZ-5. APRIL 2014

putz" ist es natürlich nahe- zu vermindern. Ein wichti- noch viele Mülldepon

ben – aber "beim Frühjahrs- neimittelresten ins Wasser ten, als in Deutsch

'Spring cleaning in the medicine chest'

im Rahmen des Spurenstof-

fe-Projekts statt, das der Lip- Viele Menschen wissen langten. Heute wird peverband zusammen mit nicht genau, wie sie ihre müll nirgendwo in De der Stadt Dülmen und Part- Altmedikamente loswerden land mehr neu deponi

wässer und Grunds







... repeated every year since 2014!

Quelle: Dülmener Zeitung (25.03.2014)

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RAISING AWARENESS Involvement of GPs -

Ein Flyer zum Rezept

Ärztenetz und Lippeverband starten Projektwochen zum Thema Medikamenten-Entsorgung

Von Kristina Kerstan

DÜLMEN. Den blauen Flyer werde er auf seinen Schreibtisch legen, hat sich Dr. Martin Olbrich vorgenommen. Um ihn direkt bei der Hand zu haben im Gespräch mit Patienten. Und auch am Empfang werden die Faltblätter liegen. "Im Prinzip wird es bei jedem Rezept einen Flyer geben", betont der Vertreter des Dülmener Ärztenetzes.

"Man kann Medikamente ruhigen Gewissens in den Hausmüll geben."

Dr. Martin Olbrich

Denn die Patienten darüber zu informieren und da-



Die Flyer und Plakate für die Projektwochen stellt Michael Steinbach (2.v.r.), Sprecher des Lippeverbandes, zusammen mit (v.l.) Dr. Christoph Everding, Nicole Waltering und Dr. Martin Olbrich

Küchenkauf mit dem Service 1. Klasse € S KÜCHENSTUDIO Koppelweg 10, 48249 Dülmen

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Projekt verlängert

Das Projekt "Spurenstoffe auf der Spur" hat der Lippeverband bis Mitte 2015 verlängert. "Wir haben gesehen, dass wir es mit etwas mehr Zeit sinnvoller abschließen können", erläutert Sprecher Michael Steinbau. Bis dahin werde auch die Aktivkohlestufe, mit der das Dülmener Klärwerk neu ausgerüstet wird, fertig sein. Ursprüng-

Awareness campaign 20.10. - 31.10.2014

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... repeated every year since 2014!

'A flyer for each drug prescription'

Auch in den Apotheken hän- der Müll verbrannt.

Apotheke gehen muss, um schütten und das dann in In dem Flyer, der ab Mc Source: Dülmener Zeitung (18.10.2014)

chen, dass man nicht zur dazu, diese in ein Tuch zu verschreiben.

Montag, 20. Oktober, bis zum "Man kann sie ruhigen Ge- statt, welches der Lippever- lauf von Arzneistoffen im 31. Oktober in sämtlichen wissens in den Hausmüll ge- band in Dülmen durchführt. Wasser veranschaulicht. Bis-Dülmener Praxen (mit Aus- ben." Denn der werde, anders Der Verband habe sich mit lang sei die Konzentration nahme der Zahnärzte) die als früher, nirgendwo in der der Idee für die Aktionswo- von Arzneistoffen im Wasblauen Flyer ausliegen. Zu- Bundesrepublik mehr depo- chen an das Ärztenetz ge- serkreislauf für Menschen sätzlich sollen Patienten auf niert, ergänzt Michael Stein- wandet, berichtet Martin Ol- unbedenklich, heißt es da. das Thema angesprochen bach, Sprecher des Lippever- brich. "Wir müssen uns als Aber selbst modernste Klärwerden, erläutert Olbrich, bandes. Stattdessen werde Ärzte auch an die eigene Na- methoden könnten nicht alle se fassen", betont er, und Stoffe herausfiltern. In Flüs-Bei flüssigen Medikamen- manchmal lieber eine klei- sen sei ihre Konzentration "Wir wollen bewusst ma- ten, etwa Tropfen, rät Olbrich nere Medikamentenpackung teilweise schon so groß, dass Eischo goschädigt worden

frage des Rhein-Ruhr-Institutes aus Duisburg anstehe, bei dem telefonisch die Nutzung und Entsorgung von Medikamenten abgefragt werde. In Kooperation mit den Schulen sei ebenfalls noch eine Veranstaltung geplant. Gespannt sei man zudem auf die Vorher/Nachher-Analysen

Involvement of schools

Schüler forschen nach Rückständen im Wasser Jugendliche Spurensucher



In der Quiz-Show zeigten die Schüler sich gut informiert. Foto: Kerstan

Dülmen. Vor große Probleme stellten die Fragen die Schüler nicht. Schließlich waren sämtliche Antworten bei dem Quiz, das dem Vorbild "Wer wird Millionär" folgte, bereits in einem vorher gezeigten, kurzen Film erläutert worden.



From initially 4 schools and a youth group for nature conservation ... to a total of 10 (of the 13) schools in Dülmen, including primary schools, at the end of the project!

Source: Dülmener Zeitung (13.12.2013)



Involvement of schools





The making of ...

Cinema spot by pupils and student Marienschule, class 10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqUIM_ZuGXg&feature=youtu.be

Cinema spot was shown from 26.02.- 26.03.2015 in 3 movie theatres and displayed again in Aug-Sept 2015!

Involvement of schools





Writing a thriller on the topic of medicines in the aquatic environment

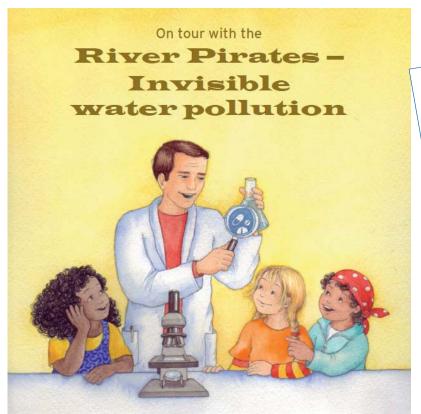
45 pupils and students, 12-18 year old

4 groups and 4 writing weeks ('baton change' after every writing week)

Supervision and guidance by two professionals

Thriller is available in bookshops starting May 30th, 2015

Involvement of schools





- > Mini book for primary schools
- > available in 8 languages





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SURVEY AFER THE AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES - EVALUATION OF AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS -



- About 77% of the respondents had heard of the individual awareness campaigns; 71% of them took notice of at least one of the printed information materials; 20% of them actively participated in at least one of the campaigns
- The fraction of the respondents in Dülmen with **knowledge about medicines residues in the aquatic environment increased** by 19%
- 20% more respondents used the proper disposal way of leftover medicines and 6% less respondents used an improper disposal option in comparison to the situation before awareness campaigns
- About 34% of the respondents stated they had changed their own habit regarding the disposal of leftover medicines due to the awareness campaigns
 - 16% of the interviewees claimed to have changed their own behaviour regarding medicines consumption due to the awareness campaigns in the Dülmen



SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Different group-specific activities were carried out to sensitize consumers, pupils and students, GPs and pharmacists on the issue of medicines in waters.
- The awareness campaigns were based on a communication concept that took into account the lack of knowledge about the issue and the perception of the "problem" by the target groups.
- The activities conducted in the case study to raise awareness of the issue were effective.
- Pupils and students are good catalysts for awareness raising on the issue inside and outside the school walls
- Medical and pharmaceutical professionals play a key role for the change of consumers' and patients' behaviour regarding medicines use and disposal
- A stakeholder analysis prior to the awareness campaigns and the involvement of representatives of the key stakeholder groups in the design of targeted awareness campaign modules is essential for the success
- Activities for awareness raising should focus on clear messages without using controversy between environment and health





Initiative "Den Spurenstoffen auf der Spur"

Gemeinsame Absichtserklärung zur Sensibilisierung der Bevölkerung für einen wasserschonenden Umgang mit Spurenstoffen

Common "Declaration of Intent" of the members of the board of supporters for the continuation of the awareness activities after the end of the noPILLS project!



NEW PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ESSEN:

Influencing stakeholder's behaviour regarding pharmaceuticals in the environment (2017 to 2018)









The challenge is to design and conduct awareness raising campaigns for a big city with: 600,000 Inhabitants, 175 Schools, 145 Pharmacies, 10 Hospitals, > 1000 Doctors & GPs



Thank you for your attention!



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