

## REPORT:

### 7<sup>th</sup> onsite TwiNSol-CECs Training

### Development of new project proposals

**Date:** October 14-18, 2024

**Location:** CSIC-IDAEA, Barcelona, Spain

**Project:** TwiNSol-CECs (GA 101059867)

#### Visiting researchers:

- Prof. Biljana Pajin, TFNS
- Prof. Nataša Đurišić-Mladenović, TFNS
- Dr. Jelena Živančev, TFNS

#### Hosting researchers:

- Dr. Marinella Farre, CSIC-IDAEA
- Dr. Marta Llorca, CSIC-IDAEA

#### Purpose of the Visit

The visit of three senior researchers from the Faculty of Technology Novi Sad (TFNS) to the Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (CSIC-IDAEA) was organized as part of Work Package 3 (WP3) of the TwiNSol-CECs project. The primary objective was to explore potential funding opportunities to strengthen the collaboration between TFNS and CSIC-IDAEA in the domain of environmental pollution and protection, beyond TwiNSol-CECs.

#### Key Discussions

The central focus of the discussions was on the ongoing call for **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**. The researchers reviewed some of the possible hot issues in domain of water pollution/protection and identified potential new partners, including institutions from Serbia.

Besides MSCA, twinning call was also discussed as a topic of common interests for further involvement of both partners.

Both programmes were considered in line with the strategic interests of the Faculty of Technology, specifically focusing on **contaminants of emerging concern (CECs)**.

## Other Activities

Several working meetings were held during the visit, with the following outcomes:

- **Manuscript Review:** The researchers finalized corrections to the proof of a joint manuscript that has been accepted for publication in the journal *Environmental Pollution*.
- **Data Analysis:** Discussions were held on the results from High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) analyses of Serbian surface water samples, which were a part of ongoing research into environmental contaminants.
- **Research Management and Operations:** The team gained valuable insights into research management practices at CSIC-IDAEA, including **equipment maintenance**, **financial management**, and **administrative procedures**, to enhance operational efficiencies at TFNS.
- **Visiting researchers** attended the conference PLASTIC'2024 organized by CSIC-IDAEA, where research results on various aspects of plastic pollution were presented.
- **Planning of the activities in the last project year:** provisional dates for mutual visits were discussed in accordance with the planned budget lines. In addition, joint publications and presentations at upcoming events are planned to share the project's findings on the wide-range surveillance of CECs in Serbia's surface waters.

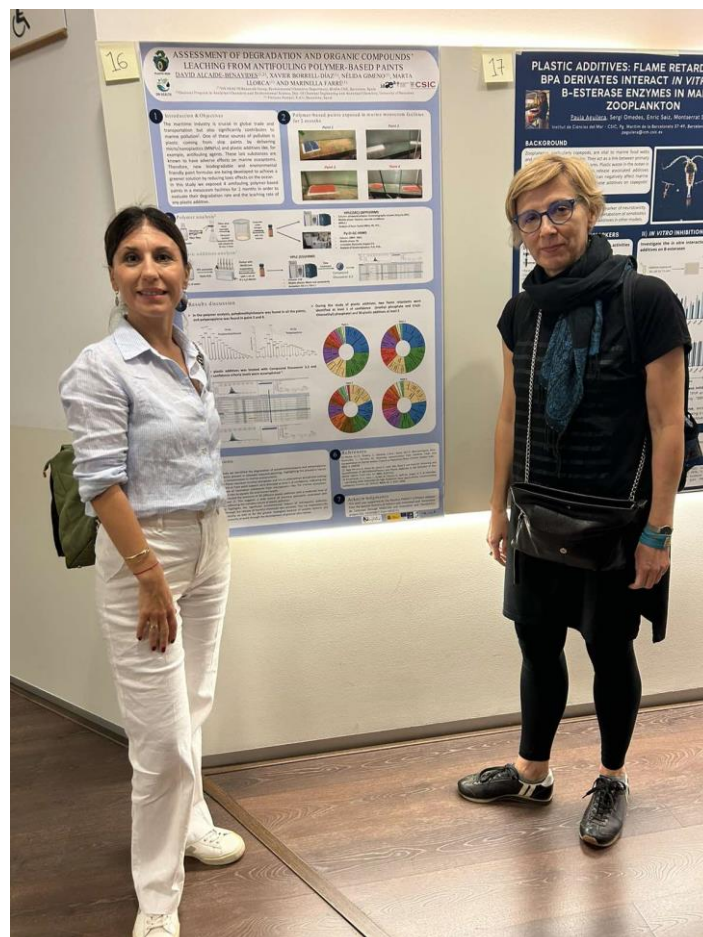
The agenda of this one-week visit is attached to the report.

## Conclusion

The visit successfully laid the groundwork for further collaboration between TFNS and CSIC-IDAEA, with a particular focus on preparing for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie funding call and refining ongoing research initiatives.



Working meeting at CSIC-IDAEA with Dr. Marinella Farre and Dr. Marta Llorca



Dr. Jelena Živančev and Prof. Natasa Đurišić-Mladenović during PLASTIC'2024 conference, Palau Macaya, Barcelona, in front of the poster of the IDAEA researchers, acknowledging TwiNSol-CECs project.

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**with working meetings**

***organized at Spanish National Research Council, Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research (CSIC), Spain,***

***within the TwiNSol-CECs project (101059867)***

**14-18 October 2024**

**PROGRAM**

14.10.2024

10,00-14,00 Discussion of the HRMS results processed by Compound Discoverer

14,00-16,00 A joint manuscript accepted for publication - Proof correction

15.10.2024

10,00-17,00 MSCA - Doctoral Network 2024: development of project proposal elements

16.10.2024

10,00 – 14,20 Attendance to PLASTIC'2024, CaixaForum Macaya, Barcelona

17.10.2024

10,00-15,00 MSCA- Doctoral Networks 2024: development of project proposal elements

15,00-17,00 Horizon Europe Twinning: development of a new idea on twinning

18.10.2024

09,00-12,00 Planning of the last project year – mutual visits, experiments, publications, conference appearances

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