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LINDANET: EUROPEAN NETWORK OF LINDANE WASTE AFFECTED REGIONS WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

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LINDANET project



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1st network of European regions to progress on
HCH pollution management

Promoted by the Government of Aragon to join efforts
among European regions to **progress on the solution of
the lindane pollution problem**



LINDANET goals:



To create a **network** of European regions affected by the HCH and lindane contamination

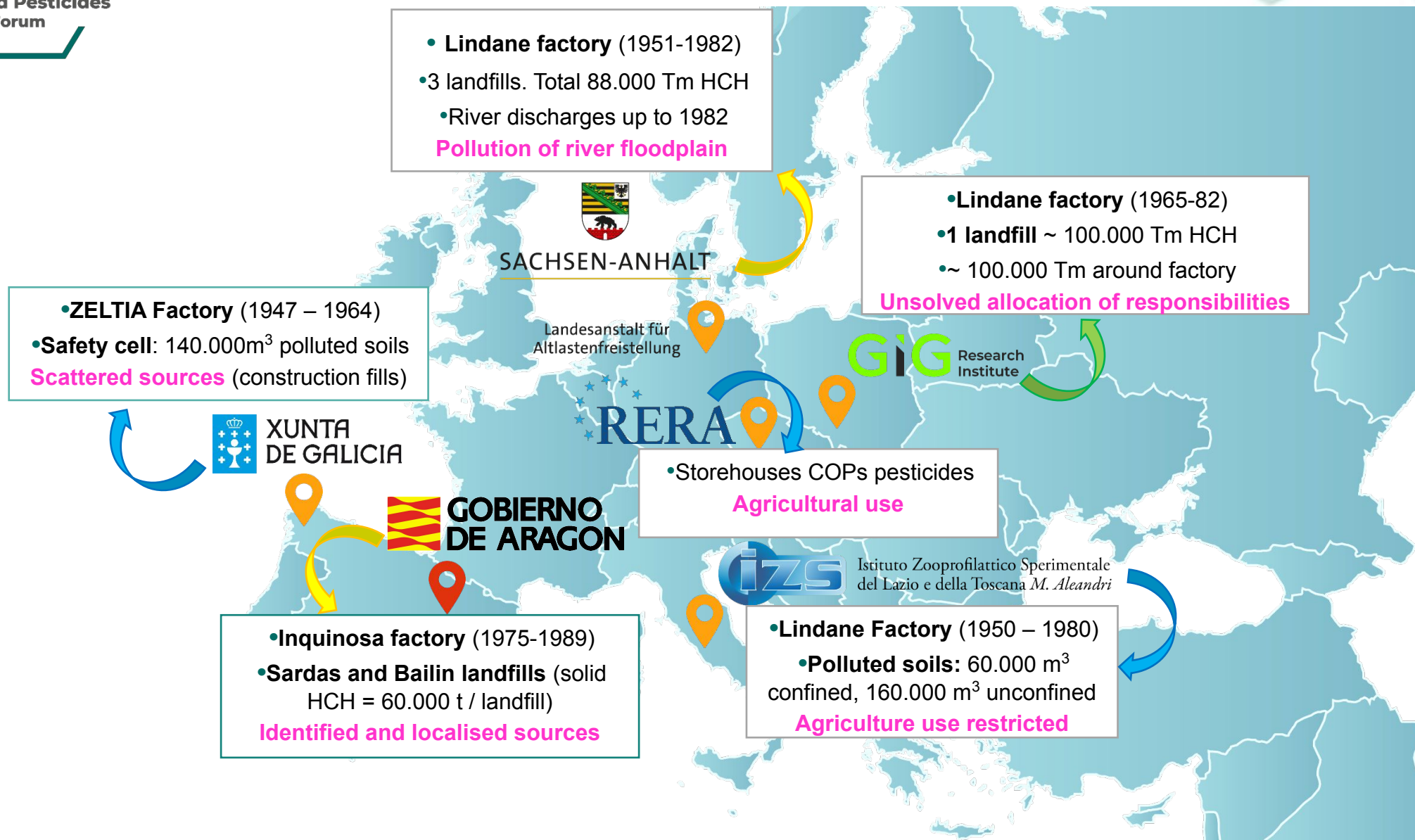


To improve the public policies related to HCH pollution by:

The **interchange of experiences** and knowledge ↕

The development of one  **action plan per region**

Project partners



Main features



LINDANET will create a network of European regions with the objective of improving decontamination policies for the persistent organic pollutant, lindane.

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from 1 Aug 2019
to 31 Jan 2023



Environment
and resource
efficiency

Project phases



Phase 1:

Interregional learning and exploitation of the lessons:

Design and elaboration of action plans



Duration: 5 semesters ► **1 Aug 2019 – 31 Jan 2022**



Phase 2:

**Implementation and monitoring of regional
action plans**



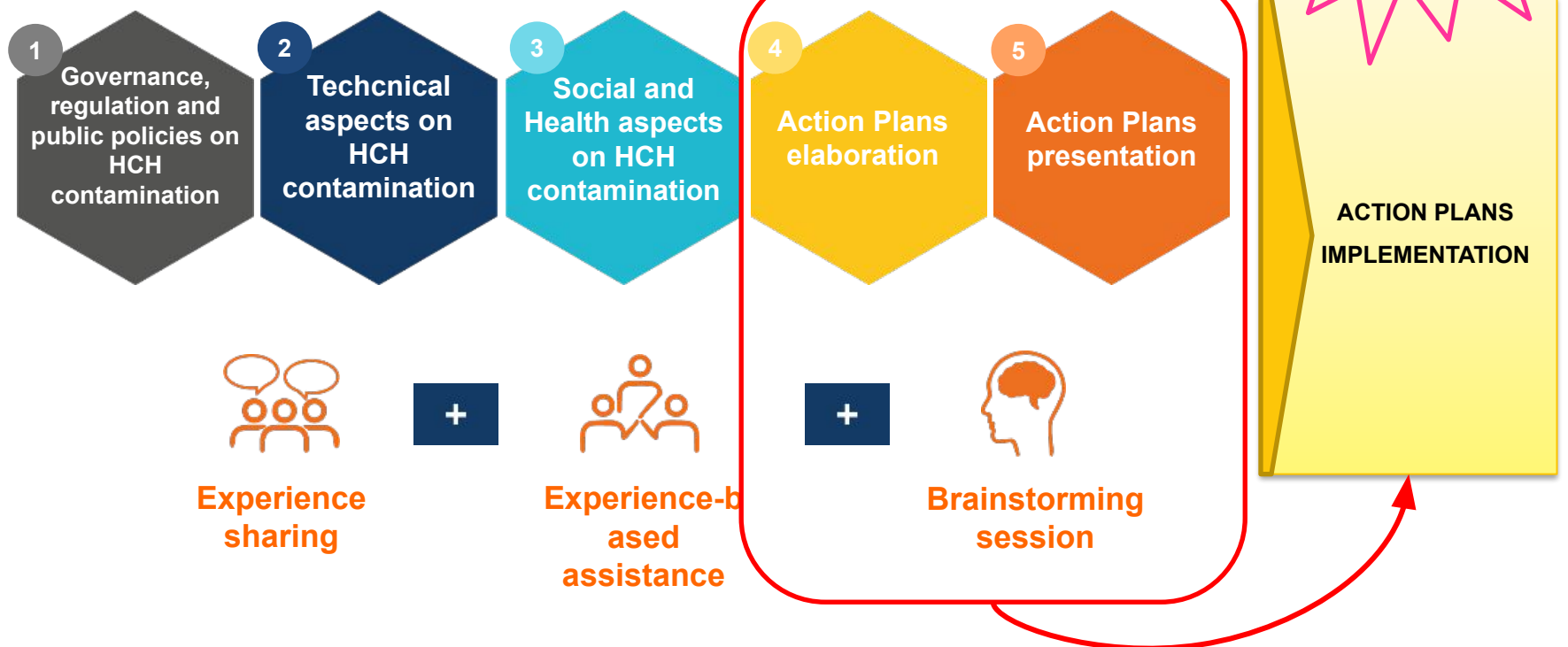
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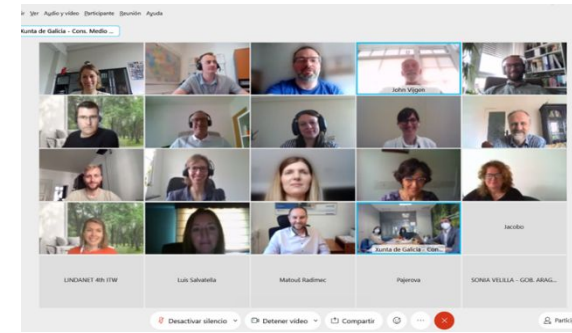
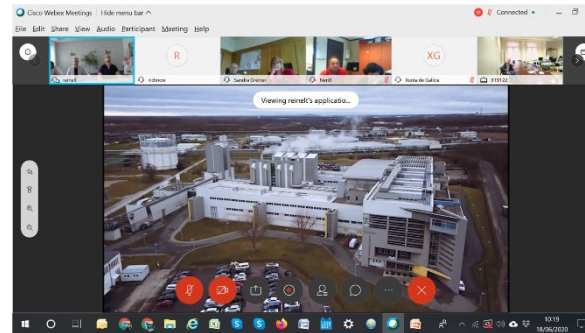
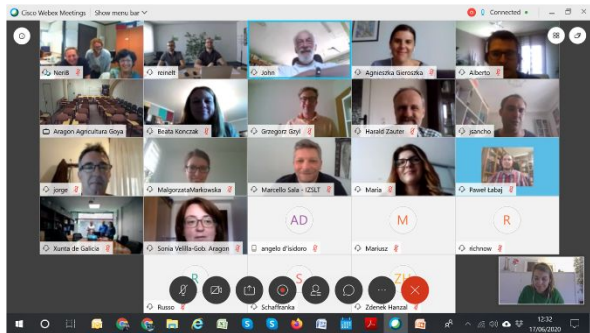
Interregional learning and action plans implementation



PHASE 1: Five Interregional Thematic workshops (ITW) 5 semesters



Partner meetings



Partner meetings

Interchange of experiences



**LUNCH TIME HOME WORK 25/11: KINDLY, FILL IN YOUR REGIONS PERSPECTIVE
SWOT ANALYSIS (FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETING)**

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation & enforcement • Clear governance, including institutional set-up, long term funding • Bilateral communication channels with stakeholders • Transparency and active publicity for citizens • Stakeholder engagement • Capacity & experience to implement monitoring and remediation actions • Long term strategic plans approved and endorsed politically 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term funding, including EU funding for HCH cases
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&D – technology development, collaboration with universities & research centres • Continuous knowledge update and field trials on state-of-the-art technologies. • New possibilities of EU collaboration in R+D+i or pilot/demonstrative projects due to LINDANET network and HCHinEU • Cooperation among Regions to push for EU funding 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient Regional/National funding because of magnitude of problem • EU policy against soil contamination is declining, giving way to other new environmental policies • Less and less funds for soil contamination in EU funding programmes

financial effects

no treatments known?

Stakeholder meetings



Each region shares the experiences
interchanged in the partner workshops
(ITW) with the regional stakeholders



Stakeholder meetings



Results: Good Practices

PROJECT GOOD PRACTICES:



Results: Action Plans

ACTION PLAN FOR THE ARAGON REGION

- **ACTION 1:** Redesign of the HCH website
 - Benefits: increasing the number of projects and improving communication channels
- **ACTION 2:** Study of the forest mass of the former Bailín landfill site
 - Benefits: Minimize forest risk in the site
- **ACTION 3:** Health and safety application, for automatic control of PPE and health surveillance
 - Benefits: Improvement of H&S management of >40 workers and 200 external people
- **ACTION 4:** Creation of a documentary collection on HCH, to be hosted in the Pirenarium's "POPs Reference Centre"
 - Benefits: optimize personnel resources

ACTION PLAN FOR THE GALICIA REGION

- **ACTION 1:** Improved Governance Structure for Lindane management in Galicia
 - Benefits: Efficient coordination, development of future initiatives
- **ACTION 2:** Transparency policy on the communication of lindane polluted spots and their risks
 - Benefits: Creation of a new communication strategy, not available before
- **ACTION 3:** Early warning and action protocol in cases of lindane waste detection.
 - Benefits: enable identification of affected areas, clarify responsibilities, useful for monitoring, control and remediation projects
- **ACTION 4:** Periodic monitoring of the security cell of Torneiros.
 - Benefits: Anticipation of effects of potential impacts on environment

ACTION PLAN FOR THE SOUTH BOHEMIAN REGION

- **ACTION 1:** Increasing capacity and professional knowledge of involved staff
 - Benefits: Positive impact on how hazardous HCH substances are dealt with in case of their discovery in the environment
- **ACTION 2:** Treatment and remediation methodology for POPs contamination
 - Benefits: up-to-date methodology about lindane and HCH and remediation

Action Plans



ACTION PLAN FOR THE SAXONY-ANHALT REGION

- **ACTION 1:** Next Steps on the way to an integral Mulde Floodplain management
 - **Benefits:** Building the basis and guidelines for the future Mulde Floodplain Management
- **ACTION 2:** Establishment of 3 committees for ensuring long-term goal: The joint development of an integral Mulde Floodplain Mgmt
 - **Benefits:** Cooperation among stakeholders and decision makers for a common and efficient development of the integral floodplain management
- **ACTION 3:** Preparation of a technical report on the Lindane heritage of the Bitterfeld-Wolfen region
 - **Benefits:** Establish a pooled knowledge on the lindane legacy in the Bitterfeld-Wolfen region, not available before

ACTION PLAN FOR THE ŚLĄSKIE VOIVODESHIP REGION



- **ACTION 1:** Establishing the regional task-force group for solving the HCH problem at Wąwolnica Valley in Jaworzno
 - **Benefits:** Clarifying the responsibilities among the competent authorities in Silesian Voivodeship, improvement of the efficiency of decision-making on HCH remediation actions, and increase in the number of national projects for the HCH control and remediation.

ACTION PLAN FOR THE LAZIO REGION



- **ACTION 1:** Study on the absorption of HCH by fruit crops in polluted areas
 - **Benefits:** Providing data to promote a selective cultivation throughout the river valley at least in the areas furthest away from polluting sources

Overall Project Results



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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