

PRESS COMMUNICATION

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Transnational workshop CityChlor: integrated approach proves to be needed!

On 16th November 2010 the first transnational workshop of the project CityChlor took place in Paris. The aim of this European project is to improve the quality and minimise pollution of soil and groundwater by developing an integrated approach to tackle the threats caused by contamination with chlorinated solvents in urban areas. This deals with technological innovation but also risk management approaches, cost-benefit and financing mechanisms, risk communication and community involvement.

Interested people with various related backgrounds from all over North-West Europe attended the workshop. They were very enthusiastic about the integrated approach CityChlor is working on to tackle the threats caused by contamination with chlorinated solvents in urban areas. The attendees received information about the project and what its aims are. They also got informed about how far the project has come by now. The strengths, weaknesses and bottlenecks of the processing in the participating countries and the different aspects of the integrated approach were also illustrated.

Similar projects and collaboration

Keynote speakers from similar projects in Europe and the US also updated the attendees on their projects. Gabriele Buring from ChloroNet: "We deal with the same questions, collaboration will help us all." Douglas Oliver from MWH talked about the problems MWH faces in similar project in the US. Philippe Billiet from the Gessol-Programme concluded: "The question is no longer 'Why?', but 'How?' using an integrated approach".

Interactivity

In group discussions some points came forward multiple times. Questions as what is the best way to organise this integrated approach and how can you put into practice what you are talking about will be challenges for CityChlor to answer.

Keep informed and get involved

If you want to know more about CityChlor visit our website at www.citychlor.eu. All presentations of the workshop will be published here. On the site you can also subscribe for our newsletter. You can also follow CityChlor on Twitter: www.twitter.com/CityChlor. The discussions held during the workshop will be continued on our [LinkedIn group](#) so please join the discussions and get involved in CityChlor!

