

REPORT

3rd Meeting “Club of TwiNSol-CECs Interest”

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The 3rd Meeting of the “Club of TwiNSol-CECs Interest” was held on September 26, 2025, at the Faculty of Technology Novi Sad, University of Novi Sad, Serbia. The event was a half-day gathering with the main objective of fostering interactive engagement with potential stakeholders interested in the research domains addressed by the TwiNSol-CECs project (GA101059867). The focus of the meeting was the dissemination of the project’s final results and the exchange of knowledge on the occurrence of Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) in Serbian surface waters, as well as innovative approaches for their removal.

Following the successful organization of the first two Club meetings, the third event was designed to present the project’s conclusive findings and to encourage dialogue with representatives of industry, public utilities, administration, schools, and civil society organizations. Invitations were sent both to stakeholders who participated in earlier Club meetings (food industry, local, regional and state administration for environmental protection), and to new institutions, which allowed the project to broaden its outreach and strengthen connections with relevant actors. In total, representatives from 5 institutions joined the discussions, alongside members of the TwiNSol-CECs team and colleagues from the Faculty of Technology Novi Sad.

The meeting began with welcome remarks delivered by Prof. Zita Šereš, Dean of the Faculty of Technology Novi Sad and TwiNSol-CECs Project Manager for strategic issues, together with Prof. Biljana Pajin, Vice Rector for Science and Art at the University of Novi Sad and TwiNSol-CECs Project Manager for legal, administrative, and financial matters. Both emphasized the importance of stakeholder collaboration and underlined the innovative and practice-oriented character of the research conducted within TwiNSol-CECs.

Subsequently, Prof. Nataša Đurišić-Mladenović, TwiNSol-CECs Project Coordinator, and Dr. Nikola Maravić, TwiNSol-CECs Project Communication Coordinator, jointly introduced the session “Identification of priority areas of research and innovation for tackling environmental problems related to Contaminants of Emerging Concern”, thereby framing the central themes of the meeting.

Afterwards, four project researchers presented the latest results obtained in the treatment of real surface waters in Serbia. Dr. Maja Buljovčić, Teaching Assistant with PhD, presented recent findings on the occurrence of contaminants of emerging concern in Serbian rivers. Jelena Marić, Research Assistant, reported on the application of membrane filtration in municipal wastewater treatment at pilot plants. Dr. Sanja Panić, Senior Research Associate, provided insights into catalytic

treatments for the removal of CECs from municipal wastewater. Dr. Dragana Lukić, Associate Professor, presented results on biosorption of CECs from municipal wastewater. These presentations highlighted the multidimensional approach of TwiNSol-CECs to both fundamental research and applied solutions, while also showcasing cooperation with public operators such as the municipal wastewater treatment plant in Subotica.

Table 1. Representatives of stakeholders at the 3rd Meeting of the “Club of TwiNSol-CECs interest”

Sector	Institution	Number of representatives
Public company	Public utility company “Water and Sewerage”, Novi Sad	1
	Public utility company “Water and Sewerage”, Subotica	1
Education	Secondary Technical School „Pavle Savić“, Novi Sad	1
	Secondary Food, Forestry and Chemistry school, Sremska Mitrovica	2
	University of Novi Sad	4
Citizens		3

The formal program concluded with an open discussion session and a networking B2B coffee break with refreshments, which offered participants an opportunity for further knowledge exchange, potential collaborations, and direct engagement with project researchers

Photos and videos recorded by TwiNSol-CECs team are available through the project social media accounts.



Welcome speech of Prof. Dr. Zita Šereš, Dean, and Vice Rector for Science and Art at the University of Novi Sad Prof. Dr. Biljana Pajin



Identification of priority areas of research and innovation for tackling environmental problems related to Contaminants of Emerging Concern presented by Dr. Nikola Maravić and Dr. Nataša Đurišić-Mladenović



Presentation of Dr. Maja Buljovčić, project researcher



Presentation of Jelena Marić, PhD student, project researcher



Presentation of Dr. Sanja Panić, project researcher



Presentation of Dr. Dragana Lukić, project researcher



Engaging in project result discussion and B2B coffee break with refreshments

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