

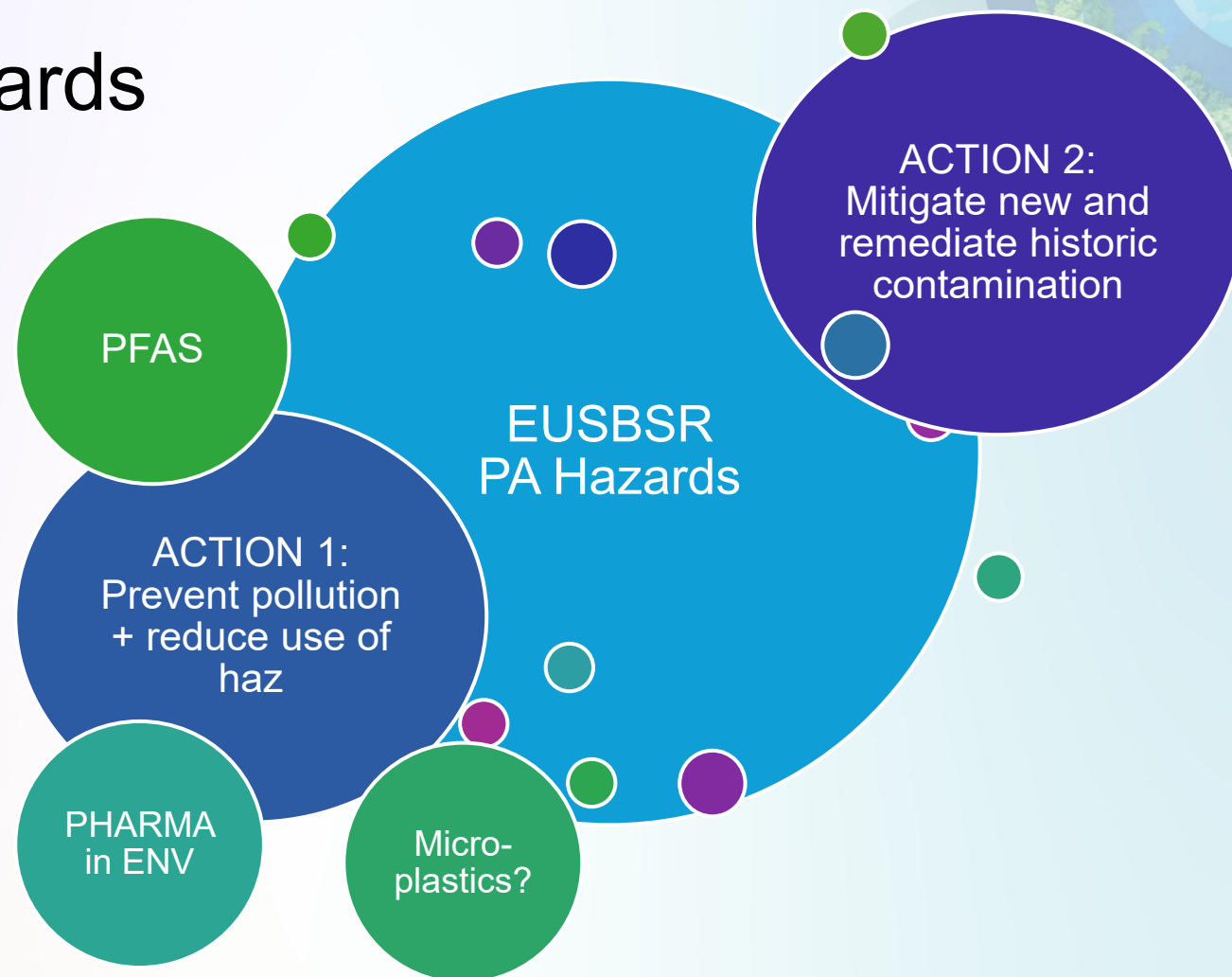


EUSBSR: Policy Area Hazards

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Policy Area Hazards: Potential contribution to the implementation of the Water Resilience Strategy

- Objective 1 **Restoring and protecting the water cycle**
 - Principle: From source to sea
 - Need to work on both prevention at the source (“upstream”) and remediation (“downstream”)
 - High cost of remediating PFAS
 - Preventing pollution is key

- Supporting enhanced implementation of EU water acquis



Support to enhanced implementation of EU water acquis

- 2021 PA Hazards started up the **Baltic Sea PFAS Network** (Run by IVL/Swedish Environmental Research Institute)
- Capacity building for public institutions to implement provisions on sustainable water management and pollution reduction (remediation and prevention) → to help with implementation of existing measures
- Example: Upcoming seminar on PFAS-containing firefighting foam
- Monthly “coffee sessions”



Cooperation: bringing together the upstream and downstream measures

- PA Hazards work closely with
 - EMPEREST project - technologies to monitor and remove PFAS and micropollutants + support to municipalities (downstream)
 - NonHazCity projects 1-3 – tools and guidance for municipalities, individuals and the building sector for tox-free environment (upstream)
 - ChemClimCircle 1-2 projects - circular procurement (upstream)
 - APRIORA project – pharmaceuticals in the environment (downstream)
- EUSBSR Annual forum 2024: Joint seminar “Let’s talk about PFAS!” involving a number of upstream and downstream projects
 - Conclusions: Banning PFAS works!
 - Lessons learnt from tackling the pharmaceuticals monitoring issues
 - Need to see to the whole water cycle!



Cooperation: bringing together the upstream and downstream measures

→ HazGone project platform

- Start July 2025, financed by Interreg Baltic Sea Region programme
- For better hazardous substances **governance** and **policy** in the Baltic Sea Region
- Support to public authorities, NGO's, businesses
- Bringing together solutions for both prevention at the source and remediation in a “one-stop-shop”
 - Make solutions easy available to end users
 - To make project results last