

# **Spurenstoffstrategie des Bundes**

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## **Abstract**

Micropollutants are potentially harmful traces of pharmaceutical substances and other chemicals that are present in various products, which are used by people every day. After being used, they are normally released into the water cycle where they can endanger aquatic life and groundwater. The German Ministry of Environment and the Environment Agency have asked all primary stakeholders to develop common solutions to handle the problem. The pros and cons of different solutions will be evaluated in a professional stakeholder-dialogue, which, ultimately, will result in a policy paper with recommendations for suitable actions. The dialogue process will include several workshops to discuss options for reducing micropollutants during production, consumption, and waste-management treatment.