



BENTHIC DIATOMS AND PHYTOPLANKTON PROFICIENCY TESTS

Dear colleague,

We invite you to participate to the **2021 Phytolab Control** benthic diatoms and phytoplankton proficiency tests. Proficiency tests aims at contrasting results of laboratories working on the ecological assessment of continental surface waters using benthic diatoms and phytoplankton. Both benthic diatoms and phytoplankton are biological quality elements considered by the European Water Framework Directive (WFD). It is crucial to estimate the accuracy and reliability of results from different laboratories using the same procedures (e.g. taxonomic identification, calculation of indices, determination of biovolumes) for comparisons of ecological status and hence fulfill the WFD objectives.

We offer participants who are involved in freshwater ecological assessment of rivers, lakes and reservoirs to benchmark their results against the performance of other analysts. Previous tests included, among others, analysts from Spain, UK, Croatia, Germany, and Switzerland. If you are interested to participate, fill in the registration form before **30 May 2021 (diatoms)** and/or **30 June 2021 (phytoplankton)** at www.phytolabcontrol.com. Contact us at info@phytolabcontrol.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

Feel free to forward this e-mail to other interested parties.

Kind regards,

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