Timetable 2024

WEPAL-QUASIMEME proficiency tests follows an annual timetable. This timetable allows all participants to incorporate the test materials into their ongoing analytical programme. This is particularly important for those participants who need to undertake their QA analysis alongside their environmental samples in the laboratory or at sea.

Samples for the schemes ISE, IPE, SETOC, MARSEP and BIMEP are sent by post a few weeks before the start date of the period. Samples for the schemes MS, AQ and BT are sent by courier in the first week of the period. Samples for the schemes FW are sent by courier on pre-determined dates. Participants that receive samples by courier will be notified of the exact date of dispatch.

The deadlines for submission of data are fixed. Any data received after the deadline may not be included in the assessment. A confidential individual laboratory report, the full study report and the electronic summary files will be provided after the deadline for the submission of data. These reports and summary files will also be provided for data received after the report is issued, but the individual laboratory report will include the statement, "Data received after the report was issued."

Period	Schemes	Start date	Deadline submission of data	Reports available
Q1	ISE, IPE, SETOC, MARSEP, BIMEP	1 January	31 March	21 April
Q2	ISE, IPE, SETOC, MS, AQ, BT, MARSEP, BIMEP	1 April	30 June	21 July
	FW-1, FW-2	20 March	10 April	1 May
	FW-3	17 April	8 May	29 May
	FW-4	24 April	22 May	12 June
Q3	ISE, IPE, SETOC, MARSEP, BIMEP	1 July	30 September	21 October
Q4	ISE, IPE, SETOC, MARSEP, BIMEP	1 October	31 December	21 January
	MS, AQ, BT	1 October	31 January	21 February
	FW-5	9 October	6 November	27 November

Proficiency testing scheme 2024

Matrix	Code	Proficiency test	Number of test materials	Period			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Soil	ISE	International Soil-analytical Exchange Programme	4	X	X	X	X
Plant	IPE	International Plant-analytical Exchange	4	X	X	X	X
Freshwater sediment	SETOC	Sediment Exchange for Tests on Organic Contaminants	4	X	X	X	X
Manure & Compost	MARSEP	International Manure and Refuse Sample Exchange Programme	4	X	X	X	X
Biomass	BIMEP	Biomass Exchange Programme	4		X		X
Marine sediment	MS-1	Metals	2		X		X
	MS-2	Chlorinated organics	2		X		X
	MS-3	PAHs	2		X		X
	MS-6	Organotin	2		X		X
	MS-7	Brominated Flame Retardants	2		X		X
	MS-8	PFAS	2		X		X

Matrix	Code	Proficiency test	Number of test materials	Period			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Seawater	AQ-1	Nutrients (high salinity)	3		X		X
	AQ-2	Nutrients (estuarine and low salinity)	4		X		X
	AQ-3	Metals (high and low salinity)	4		X		X
	AQ-4	Mercury (high and low salinity)	4		X		X
	AQ-5	Halogenated organics (high and low salinity)	3		X		
	AQ-6	Volatile organics in estuarine and freshwater (high salinity)	2		X		
	AQ-7	Pentachlorophenol (high salinity)	3		X		
	AQ-8	Pesticides (high and low salinity)	3		X		
	AQ-11	Chlorophyll and Phaeopigments (estuarine and freshwater) (filter)	2		X		X
	AQ-12	Organotin (high salinity)	2		X		
	AQ-13	PAHs (high and low salinity)	3		X		
	AQ-14	DOC (high salinity and estuarine)	4		X		X
	AQ-15	Ocean acidification (total alkalinity and DIC) (high and low salinity)	3		X		X
Biota	BT-1	Metals	2		X		X
	BT-2	Chlorinated organics	2		X		X
	BT-4	PAHs	2		X		X
	BT-8	Organotin	2		X		X
	BT-9	Brominated Flame Retardants	2		X		X
	BT-10	PFAS	2		X		X
Shellfish toxins	BT-7	ASP shellfish toxins	3		X		X
	BT-11	Lipophilic shellfish toxins	3		X		X
	BT-12	PSP shellfish toxins	3		X		X
Special exercises	DE-13	Passive samplers	2				X
	DE-16	Tetrodotoxin (TTX)	2				X
	DE-17	Microplastics	3		X		
	DE-18	PFAS in (sea)water	3				X
	DE-19	Pharmaceuticals in (sea)water	3				X
Freshwater & wastewater (Oppervlakte-water & afvalwater)	FW-1	Metals in wastewater (metalen in afvalwater)	3		X		
	FW-2	Metals in freshwater (metalen in oppervlaktewater)	3		X		
	FW-3	Dried residue (onopgeloste bestanddelen)	5		X		
	FW-4	General parameters in freshwater (algemene parameters in oppervlaktewater)	3		X		
	FW-5	Charge and general parameters in wastewater (heffing- en algemene parameters in afvalwater)	3				X