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Successful kick-off meeting of the H2020 project Plasticheal

The gathering was held in a virtual format due to COVID-19 restrictions

The Plasticheal kick-off meeting took place on 29 and 30 April 2021 in a virtual format and it was chaired by the team of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, who are in charge of the project coordination. Over 60 scientists, experts and stakeholders from 11 partner organisations located at seven EU countries met to begin the work of this four-year research and innovation action funded by the EU program Horizon 2020 under Grant Agreement No. 965196.

The consortium is also formed by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Wageningen University, the Technical University of Denmark, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, the National Institute of Health and Medical Research of France, the Foundation for Health Training and Research of the Region of Murcia and the Plastics Technology Centre in Spain, the University of Manchester, the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research and the Leipzig University.

This first gathering concluded with productive discussions about the actions to undertake during the next months. From now on, partners will work together to combine the use of breakthrough research and reliable test methods to develop new methodologies and reliable scientific evidence of the impact of micro and nanoplastics (MNPLs) in human health and to set the knowledge basis for adequate risk assessment.