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# Detergents and Cleaning Products

17 and 18 September 2026  
in Mainz/Germany  
and via Live Stream

## Highlights

### Regulatory deep dive

- Detergents Regulation revision: Key upcoming changes
- ESPR working plan and its relevance for detergents
- Chemicals Industry Action Plan and Omnibus Package: Industry implications

### Hygiene and microbial cleaners

- Stricter BPR requirements and approval changes
- Microbial cleaners: Regulatory status, claims and greenwashing risks
- New insights for hygiene product innovation

### Critical ingredients and risk debate

- Latest findings on phosphonate degradation
- Environmental and regulatory implications

### Probiotic and next-generation cleaning

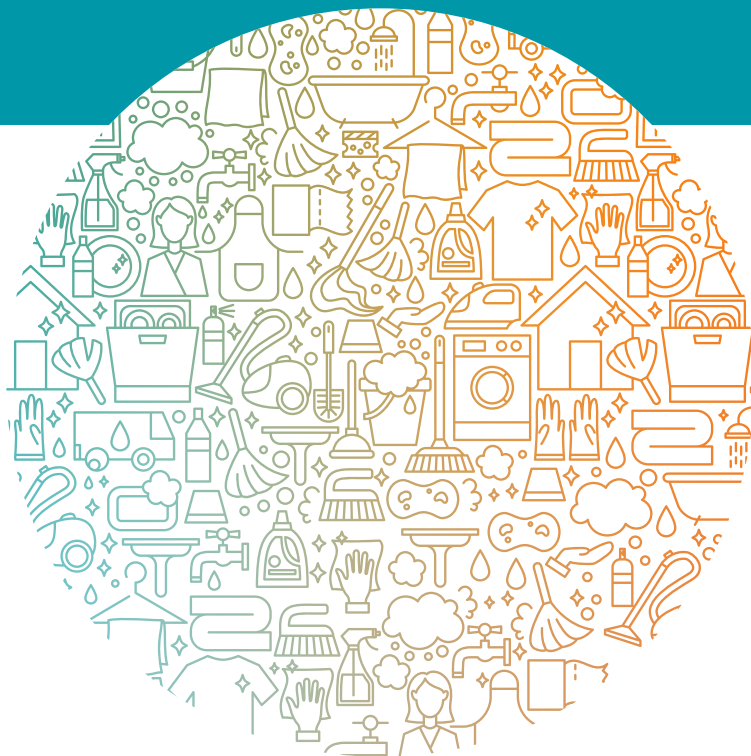
- Performance testing of probiotic cleaners
- Real-world application: What works in practice
- Biosurfactants and low-impact cleaning technologies

### Testing, consumers and behaviour

- Advances in cleaning performance testing
- Insights from consumer studies and dishwashing habits
- Short-cycle hygiene efficacy in dishwashers

### Innovation and regulation

- Microplastics legislation and fragrance encapsulation
- Microbiome and probiotic impacts on textile hygiene



## The Experts

**Dirk Bockmühl** Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences | **Britta Brands**

Dr. Brill + Prof. Bockmühl Institute for Applied Hygiene | **Florian H. H.**

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**Zena Malocho** SGS Institut Fresenius | **Meris Milek** Evonik Corporation

| **Stephanie Morris-Piou** IKW (German Cosmetic, Toiletry, Perfumery

and Detergent Association) | **Dorit Munzke** Stiftung Warentest | **Lars**

**Pfeiffer** SGS Institut Fresenius | **Volkert de Villeneuve** Lysning Innovation

Consultants | **Mirko Weide** Henkel | A representative of **Procter & Gamble** |

A representative of **Detergents Europe**

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# Thursday, 17 September 2026

Timings are in  
Central European Summer Time [CEST](#).

## Morning Session | 09:30 – 13:30 CEST

09:00 Registration and coffee

09:30 Welcome address by the organisers and the Chair  
**Dirk Bockmühl**, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences,  
Germany

The presentation slots include sufficient time for questions and answers.

## Regulatory deep dive and implications for industry

09:40 **Regulation (EU) 2026/405 on detergents and surfactants: What it means for the industry, key timings, and the road ahead**

- New Detergents and Surfactants Regulation (EU) 2026/405 and what it means in practice for industry
- Key changes, critical deadlines, and transitional provisions
- Secondary legislation shaping implementation in the years ahead

**Julia Kheifets**, Reckitt, Germany and Detergents Europe, Belgium

10:10 **Current state of the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) – implications for detergents and cleaning products**

**Lars Pfeiffer**, SGS Institut Fresenius, Germany

10:40 **Navigating the Chemical Omnibus Package: Understanding the regulatory change and compliance challenges for detergents under CLP**

**Stephanie Morris-Piou**, IKW (German Cosmetic, Toiletry, Perfumery and Detergent Association), Germany

11:10 **The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) working plan – what it means (and doesn't) for detergents**

Representative of Detergents Europe, Belgium (confirmed)

11:40 Coffee break

12:10 **Current regulatory developments on hygiene products and microbial cleaners**

- BPR: Stricter approvals, some actives banned, push for alternatives
- Probiotics: More microbial cleaners, unclear status (biocide/other), safety & claim checks
- Claims & greenwashing: Proof for hygiene claims, stricter green marketing rules

**Florian H. H. Brill**, Dr. Brill + Partner Institute for Hygiene and Microbiology, Germany

## Critical ingredients & risk debate

12:40 **Degradation of phosphonates – new scientific findings**

**Carolin Huhn**, University of Tübingen, Germany

13:10 Panel discussion

13:30 Lunch break

## Afternoon Session | 14:30 – 17:30 CEST

## Probiotic cleaning – from concept to market

14:30 **Probiotic cleaning: Testing and performance evaluation**

**Britta Brands**, Dr. Brill + Prof. Bockmühl Institute for Applied Hygiene, Germany

15:00 **Probiotic cleaners in practice – what works, what doesn't**

**Tom Groothuis**, NobleBio, The Netherlands

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Enhancing cleaning performance with surfactant-microbial systems**

**Meris Milek**, Evonik Corporation, USA (virtual)

## Testing & methodology

16:30 **Advances in testing of cleaning products**

**Zena Malocho**, SGS Institut Fresenius, Germany

17:00 Panel discussion

17:30 Summary and end of the first day

18:30 Departure to the joint evening event



To round off the first day of the conference, we warmly invite you to the Weinstube Gelbes Haus in Eltville. In the charming atmosphere of this traditional Rheingau wine tavern, we will enjoy a relaxed evening together with regional cuisine and selected local wines. Join us and let the day come to a pleasant close. We look forward to seeing you there!



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# Friday, 18 September 2026

 **Morning Session | 08:30 – 13:00 CEST**

**08:30 Brief address by the Chair**

**Dirk Bockmühl**, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, Germany

## Consumer reality check

**08:40 Selected projects from Stiftung Warentest in the field of homecare and laundry products**

**Dorit Munzke**, Stiftung Warentest, Germany

**09:10 Kitchen hygiene – consumer expectations vs. reality**

**Philip Heldt**, Consumer Association of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

## Machine dishwashing – habits, technology & standards

**09:40 Sinner revisited: Hygiene efficacy of short cycles in domestic dishwashers**

**Matthias Kudla**, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, Germany

**10:10 Coffee break**

**10:40 Update on dishwashing habits and sustainability**  
A representative of **Procter & Gamble** (confirmed)

**11:10 Sustainability in automatic dishwashing – from the point of view of the detergent formulator**

- Eco programmes as a key sustainability lever and dependence of their effectiveness on correctly formulated detergent
- Reduction of environmental impact and repeat cleaning through precise dosing
- High performance at low water usage and low temperatures enabled by modern formulations as the chemical basis of sustainable cleaning and rinsing processes

**Frank Dierkes**, Reckitt Benckiser Global R&D, Germany

## Innovation & regulation

**11:40 Fragrance encapsulation in laundry care: Navigating performance, stability and microplastics legislation**

- Microplastics legislation in the context of fragrance microencapsulation
- Fragrance technology

**Volkert de Villeneuve**, Lysning Innovation Consultants, The Netherlands

**12:10 Influence of probiotics and microbiomes on laundry and home care hygiene**

**Mirko Weide**, Henkel, Germany

**12:40 Panel discussion and summary**

**13:00 Lunch and end of the conference**

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## Do you have any questions?



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- ✓ Academics, researchers, and consultants

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