

### NANOSYSTEMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

# Optical sensors





With this project we intend to develop optical sensors for the detection of water pollutants

This will be done through the preparation of luminescent compounds based on lanthanides and MOFs

- Lanthanide lons: they have remarkable properties, in particular their photoluminescence.
- Metal-organic Frameworks (MOFs): are porous crystalline materials made of an inorganic metal center and self-assembly polydentate organic ligands.

## **Project stages**

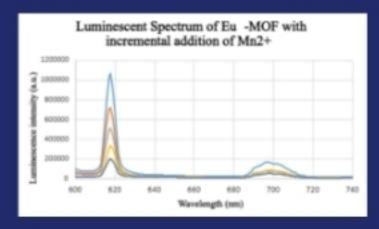
- Synthesis of Eu-MOF and Tb-MOF
- Characterization of Eu-MOF and Tb-MOF
  - Infrared Spectroscopy (IR)
  - Electron Microscopy
  - X-Ray Diffraction
- Results of Optical Detection

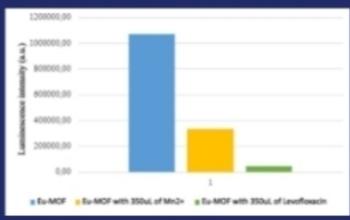
The Ln-MOFs combine the lanthanide's luminescence with the MOFs' porosity, making them highly suitable candidates to be used on the detection of water pollutants as optical sensors.

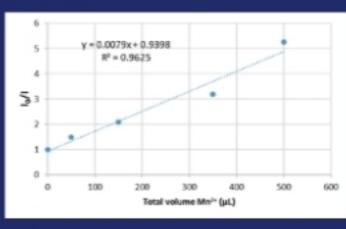
#### **Eu-MOF**

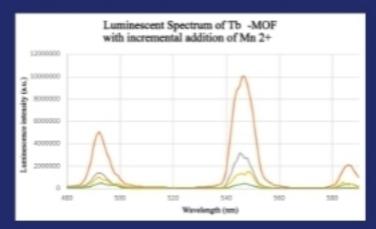
## **RESULTS OF OPTICAL DETECTION**

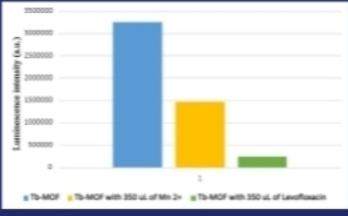
## <u>Tb-MOF</u>

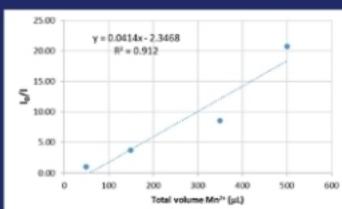












CONCLUSION: To conclude, the combination of lanthanide ions and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) is extremely valuable to be used as optical sensors for the detection of water pollutants.