Working-group 2:

Within this working group, different needs and questions linked to the operation and control of an ozonation plant were collected. The feedback of the participants (~ 15 persons, mainly representing the operator's point of view) was summarized into a "wish-list", with items which might be answered by the running research programs:

1. General questions:

- "Coming into a new world":
 Introduction to APIs and the pharmaceutical issues to operators and citizens
- up-stream decrease of APIs (e.g. less input of APIs into the wastewater)
- No requirements (e.g. for API-removal) so far ... so what's the target?
- Does the actual benefit for the environment by removing APIs outweighed the impact of additional energy usage associated with APi removal?

2. Parameters to be measured:

- What parameters should be measured and where?
- Which APIs?
- Transformation products:
 - better understanding on formation process and what is created
 - how to minimize formation?
 - impact of transformation products worse or better (than former API)
- Ecotoxicity tests:
 - which ones are recommended to get a good evaluation
 - should be quick and affordable
- Costs for the monitoring? (API measurement is expensive)

3. Operation:

- Minimize ozone dose to avoid costs
- Can it be bad to have overdosing of ozone ... and why?
- Health and safety:
 - how to maintain a save working environment
 - ozone leak detection: where to place it?
- How to handle (undesired) shut-down events?
- Differences between pilot- and full-scale plants
- How to enable a good and efficient mixing of ozone gas and water phase

4. Control strategies:

- relations of APIs to surrogate parameters
- which online sensors can/should be used?
- what about fluorescence?