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EU water legislation – fit for purpose?


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# Water acquis evaluations

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<th>Directive</th>
<th>In Fitness Check 2012</th>
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<td>Water Framework (incl. Groundwater and Environmental Quality Standards Directives) (ENV-C1)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>WFD review required by end 2019 - Article 19.2</td>
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<td>Floods (ENV-C1)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Linked to the WFD implemetation (coordination of management plans)</td>
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<td>Urban Waste Water Treatment (ENV-C2)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Drinking Water (ENV-C2)</td>
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<td>Evaluation finalised Currently under ordinary legislation procedure</td>
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<td>Bathing Water (ENV-C2)</td>
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<td>Evaluation foreseen for 2020, based on Article 14(3)</td>
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<td>Marine Strategy Framework (ENV-C2)</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Not yet scheduled MSFD review required by 2023 - Article 23</td>
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Methodology - Exemplary Evaluation questions

- Efficiency
  - EU-added value
  - Effectiveness
- Coherence
- Relevance

EU-added value

Effectiveness

Methodology

- Literature review
- Ongoing / recent studies
- Stakeholder consultation
- Public Consultation
Existing information

**EU water legislation:**
- WFD (2000)
- Groundwater (2006)
- EQSD (2008)

Information via reporting by Member States:
- WFD (RBMPs) and Floods Directive (FRMPs) – WISE reporting

**Common Implementation Strategy** – guidance documents and other deliverables, input from working groups and workshops on all aspects of implementation

Many **infringement** cases in the past and ongoing

Information through **Court of Auditor reports**
- Performance audit on the Floods Directive
- EU-funding of Urban Waste Water Treatment plants in the Danube river basin
- Combating eutrophication in the Baltic Sea
- Water quality in the Danube river basin
WFD and FD - timetable for implementation reports and Fitness Check

- RBMP / FRMPs
  - RBMP1
  - RBMP2/FRMP1
  - RBMP3/FRMP2
  - RBMP4/FRMP3

- COM implementation reports
  - Blueprint 2012 first RBMP
  - 4Q-2018 2nd RBMP/1st FRMP

- Fitness Check
  - Nov 2017 – Q2/Q3 2019

- New COM takes office
  - 4Q 2019

- 2019 Fitness Check
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| **October 2017** | • Publication of roadmap  
                   • Finalisation of ToR                                                 |
| **April 2018**   | • Launch support study – Fitness Check                                 |
| **September 2018** | • Launch of public consultations  
                   • Launch of targeted consultation and experts workshops              |
| **October 2018 – March 2019** | • Targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders  
                   • First workshop on methodology and first findings - 10 October 2018 (Brussels)  
                   • Experts workshops on different topics - first workshop on emerging pollutants, join 24 October (Brussels) |
| **Q2/Q3 2019**   | • Finalisation of support studies  
                   • Commission report on Fitness Check                                 |
## Fitness Check

Some important issues to be raised during the evaluation

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<td>Floods Directive - overarching progress indicator</td>
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<td>One-out-all-out principle</td>
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<td>Flexibility through exemptions</td>
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<td>2027 final deadline for application of exemptions</td>
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<td>Quantification of costs and benefits</td>
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<td>Water pricing, and polluter pays principle</td>
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UWWTD Evaluation

Assessment of the functioning of the directive in the past:
• Effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, EU-added value and coherence

Cooperation with WFD and Floods Directive Fitness Check ongoing
• Joint consultation strategy

Consultation activities
• Public Consultation until 19 October
• Expert work-shops in Q3/4 2018; Topics: storm water overflows and individual appropriate systems, emerging pollutants, cost and benefits of the UWWTD.
• Stakeholder conference - 16 Nov 2018: Presentation of preliminary findings
Thank you.