Revision of the Water Framework Directive:

improve coordination with other European Directives

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Sevilla, 19/10/2018
• Art. 19.2 WFD: “The Commission will review this Directive at the latest 19 years after the date of its entry into force [22/12/2019] and will propose any necessary amendments to it”

• Fitness Check 2012 (WFD-GWD-EQSD-FD-UWWTD-NitD) → Blueprint

• 2016: Discussion EC/MS to focus the review (CIS).

• Fitness Check 2019 (WFD-GWD-EQSD-FD)

• Other reviews: Drinking WD; Bathing WD (Art. 14.3, no later than 2020); MSFD (Art. 23, 15/7/2023)
FITNESS CHECK 2019 FRAMEWORK

Source: EC

Sevilla, 19/10/2018
FITNESS CHECK – EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

- RBMP & FRMP – WISE Reporting
- CIS (guidance documents, deliverables, input WG, workshops, …)
- Infringement cases (past, ongoing)
- Court of Auditors reports
- Other studies: OECD, assessment 2nd cycle, Blue2
- Public consultation
TIMETABLE


• Workshops: Methodology (10/10), Emerging pollutants (24/10), UWWTD, …

• Q2-Q3 2019: finalisation of support studies, EC Report on Fitness Check
# Issues to Be Raised during the Evaluation

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ABOUT WFD REVIEW

- Starting point: WFD Fitness Check (available report in 2019).

- The reviewed Directive will not be in force before 2021. It will be applied -as early- to the RBMP of the 4th cycle (2027-2033).

- Objective (according EC): achievement of a simplification, improving of the regulation an its application.

- The level of ambition is not under discussion.
• Environmental objectives beyond 2027: measures implementation, 4(4) vs 4(5).

• Coherence between WFD and Directives 91/271 (UWWTD) and 91/676 (Nitrates D.): state diagnosis, measures, monitoring.

• Integration of reporting of water Directives (WFD-UWWTD-Nitrates D.)