

**European Water Association  
EU Water Policy Seminar  
Topics**

**EU Water Framework Directive**

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions,  
'good status' and legitimate derogations from such status; monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; cost recovery for water-related services; plans and programmes for river basins; consultation of the public;  
Guidelines on Water Reuse;  
Forthcoming legislative initiative 2017 on minimum requirements for water reuse;  
Key judgments by the European Court of Justice on the non-deterioration principle for waters, and on the cost-recovery principle for water-related services.

**Revision of the EU Drinking Water Directive incl. European Citizens' Initiative Right to Water'**

State of play as per autumn 2018 – What may change?  
Dispute on replacing limit values by guideline values? Additional microbiological and chemical parameters? Introduction of risk-based approaches? Materials and substances in contact with drinking water?  
Right to safe and clean drinking water (UN General Assembly, UN Human Rights Council), European Citizens' Initiative Right to Water';

**Pollution from agriculture and the EU Nitrates Directive**

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions:  
Water quality standards for surface waters and groundwaters; 'nitrate vulnerable zones' and mandatory measures within such zones; nitrate monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; temporary derogations from measures in nitrate vulnerable zones;  
State of play of vulnerable zones designation and map viewer;  
key judgments by the European Court of Justice on the Nitrates Directive.  
Study "Resource Efficiency in Practice – Closing Mineral Cycles"  
"Fitness check" of the Nitrates Directive: Is the Directive still fit for purpose?

**EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive**

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions:  
'sensitive areas' criteria; treatment objectives for 'standard treatment' and 'more stringent treatment', options for showing compliance; planning, construction and maintenance criteria; industrial waste water; stormwater overflows; transboundary pollution;  
Study on impacts of stormwater overflows;  
Key judgments by the Court of Justice of the EU on the UWWT Directive;  
"Fitness check" of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive: Is the Directive still fit for purpose?

**Openness and transparency ? Citizens' rights ? Getting involved.**

Right of access to documents; European Citizens Initiative; European Ombudsman;  
right of petition; right of complaint; monitoring of progress of legislative initiatives.

**Complementary questions; comments; taking up additional elements; discussion**