

# EWA EU Water Policy Seminar

in connection with 14th EWA Brussels Conference

6 November 2019, Brussels, Belgium



# EWA EU WATER POLICY SEMINAR

In connection with the 14th EWA Brussels Conference

The forthcoming months will see major developments in European water policy

**Drinking Water Directive:** revision of this 1998 Directive currently past its 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the European Parliament; but no decision indicated by the second of the legislators, the Council);

**Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive:** evaluation (“REFIT”) ongoing, possibly leading to amendments of this 1991 Directive;

**Water Framework Directive:** undergoing its statutory review under article 19(2), together with its Daughter Directives (Groundwater Directive 2006) and Environmental Quality Standards Directive 2008) and the 2007 Floods Directive.

The 2019 EWA Water Policy Seminar will provide you information and exchange of views on the challenges identified, as well as possibly outcomes, not least looking at the decision-making processes and the composition of the newly elected European Parliament.

## Programme 6 November 2019

**08:45** Registration and welcome coffee

**09:00** Introduction to the seminar; introduction of participants, highlighting participants’ specific expectations

**09:15** Development and scope of EU water policy; EU Institutions and decision-taking process; implementation and enforcement of law

**10:30** Coffee break

**11:00** EU Water Framework Directive

Scope, environmental objectives and monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; cost recovery for water-related services; plans and programmes for river basins; consultation of the public;

Proposal for Regulation on 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.

Review of the Directive – state of play, public consultation, position of stakeholders and possible outcomes.

**12:00** 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; latest Commission Report on state of implementation of the UWWT Directive (December 2017);

Key judgments by the Court of Justice of the EU on the UWWT Directive;

Evaluation (“REFIT”) of the Directive - state of play, public consultation, position of stakeholders and possible outcomes.

**13:00** Lunch Break

# EU WATER POLICY SEMINAR

In connection with the 14th EWA Brussels Conference

## 14:00 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; monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; temporary derogations from measures in nitrate vulnerable zones ("exemptions");

latest Commission Report on state of implementation of the Nitrates Directive (May 2018);

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?

## 15:30 Openness and transparency

Citizens' rights including right of complaint

European Citizens Initiative

Getting involved.

Right of access to documents; European Citizens Initiative; European Ombudsman;

Right of petition to the European Parliament; right of complaint about alleged breach of EU legislation; monitoring of progress of legislative initiatives.

## 16:30 Complementary questions; comments; taking up additional elements; discussion

## 17:00 End of seminar

### I would like to register for the EWA EU Water Policy Seminar:

Please note that you may enjoy a discount of the price if registering for the conference simultaneously!

Via email: [lorvik@ewa-online.eu](mailto:lorvik@ewa-online.eu) or fax +49 2242 872 135

Company name

---

Contact Person

---

Full Address

---

Tel./Fax.

---

Email

---

Website

---

#### Venue:

Representation of the State of  
North-Rhine-Westfalia to the EU  
Rue Montoyer 47  
1000 Brussels

Date and signature

---

# Other EWA Events in 2020 you might be interested in:

12-14 January 2020: **2nd Cold Climate Conference: Water Management in Cold Climates**, Harbin China

6-7 May 2020: **20th EWA Symposium: Integration of the Water Sector in the Circular Economy**, Munich, Germany

**Green Capital Event** in Lisbon, Portugal, tbc

**2nd EWA Innovation Workshop**, tbc

