Agenda

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Stakeholder Conference on the revision of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD)

European Week of Regions and Cities - side event

Meeting of the Technical Platform for Cooperation of the Environment

The European Commission and the Committee of the Regions have joined forces for this conference as the Commission is reviewing a directive where municipalities and regions are the in first line when it comes to its implementation. We look forward to hosting a broad variety of stakeholders, representing NGOs, Member States, regional and local competent authorities, industry and European institutions. The conference will give a variety of perspectives on the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD) and provide insights into options for the future. The language of the conference will be English and it will be translated to FR, ES, PL, NL and DE.

Aim: to present key results of the UWWTD impact assessment analysis and collect reactions of stakeholders.

9.45 – 10.00	Connecting and house-keeping rules	Moderator
10.00 – 11:00	**Welcome** Opening speakers: Piotr Calbecki (European Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur for the opinion on the fitness check on water legislation) Patrick Child (European Commission, DG Environment, deputy Director General) Hans Bruyninckx (European Environment Agency, Executive Director) Why is urban waste water a problem for the environment? Challenges and solutions	CoR, EC, EEA
11:00 – 11.05	Objectives of the day	Moderator
11.05 – 11.20	**Introduction** The review of the Directive – lessons learnt from the evaluation and reasons for reviewing the Directive (European Commission, DG Environment)	EC

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11.20 – 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30– 13.00	**Session 1: Addressing urban waste water pollution** *Introduction from the European Commission (DG ENV and JRC) and consultant (Wood) on the possible options to address remaining pollution as well as the possible impacts of those options followed by presentation of views. Reaction on topics such as storm water overflows, N and P removal in sensitive areas, small-scale systems (IAS).* Stakeholder points of view 1. European Environmental Bureau 2. Council of European Municipalities and Regions Q&A	EC
13:00-14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 15.35	**Session 2: Acknowledging and responding to emerging concerns** *Introduction from the European Commission (DG ENV and JRC) and consultant on the possible options to address pollutants of emerging concern as well as the possible impacts of those options followed by presentation of views. Reaction on topics such as micropollutants, energy efficiency, circularity, extended producer responsibility, waste water surveillance in response to COVID-19.* Stakeholder points of view 1. Eureau 2. European Alliance to Save Energy Q&A	EC
15.35 – 15.45	Coffee break	
15.45 – 17.15	**Session 3: Raising the ambitions of the Directive and improving governance** *Introduction from the European Commission (DG ENV and JRC) and consultant team on the possible options to address information to the public, monitoring and reporting, access to sanitation, late implementation etc.. Reaction on topics such as governance, transparency, water price, cost and benefits.* *Presentation by OECD on possible ways to improve governance* Stakeholder points of view – interventions including 1. Marieke Schouten (European Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur for the opinion on the Zero Pollution Action Plan) 2. Aquapublica Q&A	EC, OECD, CoR
17.15 – 17.30	Conclusions of the day and next steps	EC, Moderator