



Water and Energy

WATenERgy CYCLE Technical Workshop
Sofia, 6 March 2019

The overview from Brussels

- ~ **Brexit**: soft/hard? Second referendum? New government? Plan B? Delay of the Brexit by 9 months? No clarity.
- ~ European **elections**: 23-26 May 2019
- ~ **Next** EP: very different, end of socialists + christian democrats majority. Populists to gain seats.
- ~ Michel **Dantin** will not run in an eligible position in the European elections

EU policy



DWD: Romanian Presidency attempts to advance

- ~ Council: discussions ongoing
- ~ Contact with the EP on possible timeline for next steps.

Water reuse: Report voted in Plenary in mid-February

- ~ Improvement of Commission proposal but some points to be addressed by the Council
- ~ JWG met on 29 January; the Council too.

Sustainable use of pesticides directive – EP INI report:

- ~ Suggestion for amendments to take into account water sector needs.
- ~ ENVI voted on 22 Jan: good outcome!

EU policy

UWWTD

- ~ Workshops and stakeholder conference: focus on CSO and pollutants of emerging concern. Consideration of EPR
- ~ Publication of the report Autumn 2019.

WFD

- ~ EurEau to draft the answer to the public consultation
- ~ Ready early and one month for sharing views with potential allies.

CAP

- ~ ENVI vote: many of our amendments accepted;
- ~ AGRI vote: March 2019.

Communication

EP election manifesto

Activity Report 2018

ENCM meeting 2019

Green week

Website

10 Challenges for the water sector

1. Protecting a vulnerable resource
2. Minimising the presence of micropollutants in the environment
3. Increasing the public understanding of the water sector
4. Responding to the growing impact of climate change on water
5. Highlighting the importance of water in the circular economy
6. Increasing the resource efficiency of the water sector
7. Fostering sustainable economic growth and creating jobs
8. Setting the right price for water services
9. Managing long term assets in a fast changing environment
10. Reinforcing the resilience of water services to security risks

Thank you!



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