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REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on the Environment
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Subject:	Substances in Water Directive: Follow-up to WPE on 12 June 2023 - Commission presentation and call for comments

Following the above WPE meeting, delegations will find attached a presentation from the Commission.

Delegations are also invited to submit written comments on the proposal to the Presidency

[REDACTED], the incoming Presidency [REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
[REDACTED] and the Commission [REDACTED] copying the General
Secretariat [REDACTED];
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by Friday, 14 July
2023.

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Integrated Water Management

Revision of lists of Surface Water and Groundwater Polluting Substances

Meeting 2nd WPE

- Swedish Presidency -

12 June 2023



Timeline – Next steps

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Adoption of EC
proposal:
26 October 2022

1st WPE meeting:
11 Nov. 2022

Council:
WPE meeting
12 June 2023

EP: ENVI
Committee
Plenary July
2023
(tbc)

Further WPE
meetings to prepare
council position
July-Dec 2023
(ES presidency)

Work towards
adoption by
Council and
Parliament:
possibly in first
semester 2024
(BE Presidency)

Draft amendments from EP on topics like:

- Delegated acts
- Pesticides and nrMs
- Watch list specifications

Draft Opinion of the ENVI Committee

Rapporteur Milan BRGLEZ (*Socialists & Democrats*)

Around 340 draft amendments &

17 compromise amendments:

Vote on: 27 June – technical meetings ongoing



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Main topics under discussion in the ENVI Committee in relation to possible amendments

- Delegated powers for COM re lists of pollutants, and frequency of review;
- Phase-out timeline for priority hazardous substances (PHS);
- $PFAS_{Total}$ and Bisphenols $_{Total}$: EQS and analytical guidelines;
- QS values for pesticides and pharmaceuticals;
- Groundwater ecosystems;
- Watch lists: number of substances and number of monitoring stations (GW WL);
- Microplastics and ARGs: harmonised monitoring method for watch lists;
- Mechanisms to support MS with monitoring;
- Comparison of Effect Based Methods (EBM) and conventional analysis for estrogens;
- Transboundary coordination provisions;
- Interim reports on Programmes of Measures and source control;
- Inventories of emissions;
- Access to justice.

Opinion of the AGRI Committee - Voted on 23 May 2023

Rapporteur Martin HÄUSLING (*Greens*)

Result of vote on proposal as amended:

36 in favour, none against and 10 abstentions



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Main topics covered by amendments proposed by AGRI Committee

- Agricultural measures related to efficient and sustainable water use;
- Provisions on delegated acts to update the lists of pollutants
- Articles 16 and 17 of the WFD;
- Support for provisions on delegated acts to update the lists of pollutants
- Non-relevant metabolites (& their QSs) in relation to GWD and/or incl. in GW and SW watchlists;
- Applicability of groundwater pesticides standards for different water types e.g. in relation to water used for drinking water production;
- Possible EC response to MS notifications on transboundary pollution;
- Content of the watch lists;
- Considerations on climatic & seasonal variations influencing monitoring frequencies of GW WL;
- Admin burden & considerations on scientific & monitoring data for revision GW threshold values.

Progress Council – WPE

- 1st WPE Meeting: 11 November 2022 (CZ Pres.)
 - Deadline set by CZ for transmitting 1st observations: 31 December 2022
- Reactions received by deadline from 5 countries: DK, IT, FI, PT, ES
- Topics mentioned in informal observations:
 - *Definition chemical status should not include RBSPs without harmonized EQSs for them*
 - *Use of Effect-Based Methods (EBMs)*
 - *Electronic reporting and use of automated data delivery mechanism*
 - *Use of delegated acts and deletion of 20-years phase out deadline*
 - *Transposition period for implementation of new or revised EQS*
 - *Stakeholder and MS involvement in delegated act procedure and role of ECHA*

Progress Council – WPE (continued)

- Topics mentioned in informal observations (continued):
 - *Request for additional Art 9a to insert obligation for the EC to work with the CIS expert group when establishing delegated acts/implementing acts*
 - *Harmonisation of watch lists for surface water and groundwater*
 - *PFAS and need to set a limit for PFAS_{-total}*
 - *nrMs consistency with values set for drinking water (0,1 µg/L)*
 - *Deadline for compliance with QS*
 - *Editorial comments suggesting additional clarifying language*

Thank you

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- [Water - Environment - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

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