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Delegations will find attached the Presidency presentation displayed at today's WPE meeting on Priority Substances in Water.

Delegations are also invited to send comments on the issues addressed in the Presidency's Steering Note and presentation to the Presidency ([redacted]), with copy to the Commission (envwater@ec.europa.eu) and the Council's Secretariat ([redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; environment@consilium.europa.eu) by **Wednesday, 9 July 2025, cob**.




# Priority Substances

Working Party on Environment
2nd July 2025

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# Mutatis Mutandis option
## (based on Council mandate and 2013 Directive)

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- **Substances with revised EQS (SW)**
  - Compliance: 22 December 2033
  - Programme of measures in 2027 RBMP
  - Mutatis mutandis: one RBMP cycle (= 2039)

- **New substances (SW and GW)**
  - Compliance: 22 December 2039
  - Preliminary programme of measures 22 December 2030
  - Mutatis Mutandis: one RBMP cycle (= 2045)

- **River Basin Specific Pollutants/additional substances and thresholds (SW and GW)**
  - Compliance: next full RBMP cycle
  - Mutatis mutandis: one RBMP cycle

# Fixed dates with differentiated approach

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- **New Pharmaceuticals and PFAS**
  - Compliance: 2045*
  - Preliminary Programme of measures 2030**
- **New pesticides, industrial substances, bisphenol, and silver**
  - Compliance: 2039
  - Preliminary Programme of measures 2030**
- **Substances w. revised EQS**
  - Compliance: 2033
  - Programme of measures 2027
- **River Basin Specific Pollutants/additional substances and threshold values**
  - Compliance: next full RBMP cycle + one
  - Programme of measures: next full cycle

*UWWTD deadline for 4. treatment by 2045 and PFAS remediation
**approach as in 2013 EQSD revision

# Reflections on transposition

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In order to ensure that the provisions of the Directive can take effect in Member States in time for the planning period 2027-2033, i.e. the fourth RBMP, the transposition date has to be 22 December 2027 at the latest.

- Council mandate: 24 months
- COM proposal + EP mandate: 18 months
- Compromise proposal: 22 December 2027 as a fixed date in order to grant as much flexibility as possible for Member States