

### EU Water Legislation - Fitness Check



The fitness check published in December 2019 is a comprehensive policy evaluation of:

- the Water Framework Directive (WFD)
- the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD)
- the Groundwater Directive (GWD)
- the Floods Directive (FD).

It assesses whether the Directives are fit for purpose by examining their performance against 5 criteria set out in the Commission's Better Regulation agenda: effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance and EU added value.

#### Key findings

The analysis of the evidence and the stakeholder feedback allows the Commission to conclude that the Directives are largely fit for purpose. The Directives have led to a higher level of protection for water bodies and flood risk management than could have been expected without them.