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Water Security Moves Higher on the EU Political Agenda

Water security featured prominently in the 2026 State of the Union Address, in which Ursula von der Leyen announced a new European Water Initiative. By linking water scarcity and infrastructure leakage to agriculture, energy, industry and supply-chain resilience, the Address reinforces water's strategic importance to Europe. This article considers the announcement and its significance for investment, innovation and climate-resilient water services.

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