

**Seminar EU Water Policy
9 November 2016, Brussels**

08.45 Registration and welcome coffee

9.00 Introduction to the workshop; introduction of participants; highlighting participants' specific expectations

9.15 EU Water Framework Directive

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions, 'good status' and legitimate derogations from such status; monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; cost recovery for water-related services; plans and programmes for river basins; consultation of the public; 2016 Guidelines on Water Reuse; Forthcoming legislative initiative 2017 on minimum requirements for water reuse; Key judgments by the European Court of Justice on the non-deterioration principle for waters, and on the cost-recovery principle for water-related services.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Revision of the EU Drinking Water Directive incl. European Citizens' Initiative Right to Water'

State of play as per autumn 2016 – What may change?
Dispute on replacing limit values by guideline values? Additional microbiological and chemical parameters? Introduction of risk-based approaches? Materials and substances in contact with drinking water?
Right to safe and clean drinking water (UN General Assembly, UN Human Rights Council), European Citizens' Initiative Right to Water';

12.00 Pollution from agriculture and the EU Nitrates Directive

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions:
Water quality standards for surface waters and groundwaters; 'nitrate vulnerable zones' and mandatory measures within such zones; nitrate monitoring of surface waters and groundwaters; temporary derogations from measures in nitrate vulnerable zones;
State of play of vulnerable zones designation and map viewer;
key judgments by the European Court of Justice on the Nitrates Directive.
2016 study "Resource Efficiency in Practice – Closing Mineral Cycles"
"Fitness check" of the Nitrates Directive: Is the Directive still fit for purpose?

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

Scope, environmental objectives and key provisions:

'sensitive areas' criteria; treatment objectives for 'standard treatment' and 'more stringent treatment', options for showing compliance; planning, construction and maintenance criteria; industrial waste water; stormwater overflows; transboundary pollution;

2016 Study on impacts of stormwater overflows;

Key judgments by the Court of Justice of the EU on the UWWT Directive;

"Fitness check" of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive: Is the Directive still fit for purpose?

15.30 Openness and transparency ? Citizens' rights ? Getting involved.

Right of access to documents; European Citizens Initiative; European Ombudsman; right of petition; right of complaint; monitoring of progress of legislative initiatives.

16.30 Complementary questions; comments; taking up additional elements; discussion

17.00 End of workshop