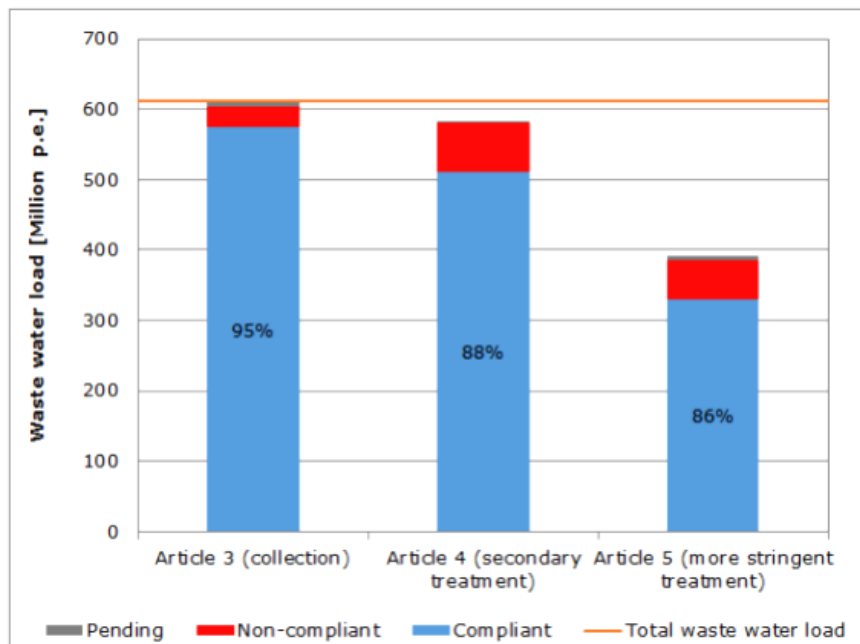


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Urban waste water treatment in Europe Latest report on state of play published

Published 10 September 2020, the report concludes shows that 95% of waste water in the EU is collected and 88% is biologically treated. While the trend is positive, there is still work to do – 1% of urban waste water is still not collected and over 6% is not sufficiently well treated to meet secondary biological treatment standards. The current level of investments in many Member States is too low to reach and maintain compliance with the Directive in the long term, with several EU towns or cities still needing to build or modernise their infrastructure for collecting waste water, as well as to put modern treatment plants in place.



Compliance EU-wide with waste water collection (article 3), standard secondary treatment (article 4) and more stringent treatment (article 5).