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Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) is, together with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, one of the key elements of EU waste water control legislation. This Directive has been the subject of an evaluation exercise, with the evaluation published on 20 September 2020, to be followed by a revision on the elements highlighted in the evaluation.

Whilst in general the Directive has been positively evaluated in terms of the criteria effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value, several elements have been identified where improvements of the legislation appear necessary, inter alia as regards point source pollution to waters, and public participation and the scope of industrial installations to be covered.