

### New Drinking Water Directive: Update



*Photo: Sven Giegold, The Greens / EFA in the European Parliament*

EWA News 1/2020 and 2/2020 reported on the political agreement within the trilogue European Parliament / Council / Commission on the recast of the Drinking Water Directive, and presented you the full text agreed between the Institutions.

As per 12 October 2020,

- the Chair of the European Parliament's Environment Committee has on 18 February 2020 formally confirmed to the Council that he would recommend to the Parliament Plenary adoptions of the Council's position if that position is in line with the text agreed in the trilogue (subject to legal-linguistic verification);
- the Council is taking steps within the Committee of Permanent Representatives to have the text agreed in one of the Council meetings to come as a so-called 'A' item, meaning that agreement by Ministers is expected without debate;
- the Plenary of the European Parliament is expected to vote at one of its coming Plenary sessions, followed by publication of the new Drinking Water Directive in the Official Journal.