

Newsletter October 2020

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News from EWA

EU Green Deal and Blue Challenges



EWA launches Brussels online series on 'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges'

► The 1st web-seminar will take place Tuesday 27 October at 14:30 CET: [Flyer 27.10.2020](#)

► [Registration form](#) - scroll down and submit electronically

[Steinzeug-Keramo](#) is sponsor of the web-seminar 27.10.

Presenters:

► Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life (Air, Water & Industrial Emissions) at the European Commission, Brussels, BE: 'Water Policy within the 2019-2024 EC priorities: State of play and key challenges ahead'

► Jutta Paulus, MEP: 'EU Green Deal – Perspective from the Parliament'

► Christophe Hansen, MEP: 'EU Green Deal – Perspective from the Parliament'

► Closing remarks by Bjørn Kaare Jensen, President of the European Water Association (EWA)

Upcoming web-seminars in the EWA online Brussels series:

► [Flyer 10.11.2020](#): 'Research and Developments for the Water Environment'

► [Flyer 24.11.2020](#): 'Water Framework Directive beyond 2027'

► [Flyer 08.12.2020](#): 'Future Challenges of the Water Framework Directive'

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Sustainable Finance in the Water Sector

Appointment of EWA Representative to the EU Platform for Sustainable Finance

The European Water Association (EWA) has been granted a seat in the EU Platform for Sustainable Finance, and as of 01.10.2020 Károly Kóvacs, HU, has been appointed representative of EWA in group C. The deliverables of the Platform will be essential building blocks for the transition towards a sustainable economy - one of the key priorities of



the European Commission.

Members of the EU Platform for Sustainable Finance: [Link](#)

IFAT Business Summit 2020

This year, due to the Corona pandemic, the IFAT 2020, which was planned to take place in Monaco, was substituted with a new online initiative from Messe München: [The IFAT Business Summit](#), which took place 8-10 September 2020.

Representing EWA at the IFAT Business Summit, Károly Kóvacs made a presentation on the 'Challenges in the field of Water Utility Asset Management: Needs and Willingness regarding Solidarity'. A video recording of the presentation can be found [here](#) (duration 57.25 min.)

More info on Water Economics on the EWA webpage [here](#).

Water Reuse

EWA web-seminar on Water Reuse

One of the topics which will definitely be discussed during the EWA Brussels online series on the 'European Green Deal and Blue Challenges' is Water Reuse.

Wednesday 16 September 2020 EWA hosted a very successful web-seminar on Water Reuse. Take a look at the videos below to see for yourself:

- ▶ [Video 1](#) (Video duration 36:17 min.)
- ▶ [Video 2](#) (Video duration 1.32.19 h.).

The web-seminar was moderated by Prof. Dr. Jiri Wanner, University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague, CZ, and Honorary Member of the EWA.



WEFTEC 24 Hours of Water

In the beginning of October, [WEF](#), the Water Environment Federation, which is one of the EWA global partners, hosted the online event '24 Hours of Water'.

➔ Around the world of water in 24 Hours videos are still accessible on this [Youtube channel](#)

At this occasion EWA was represented by Secretary General, Johannes Lohaus, and Dr. Friedrich Hetzel, who as Head of the Department Water and Waste Management at the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA) also talked about the topic of Water Reuse ([video recording](#), duration 14.55 min.).

JSWA / EWA / WEF Joint Speciality Conference on 'Resilience of Water Service': Call for abstracts

In December 2021, the EWA and WEF together with another EWA global partner, the Japan Sewage Works Association ([JSWA](#)) organise a joint conference 'Resilience of Water Service'. This will be the 7th joint speciality conference, and it is planned to take place 8-10 December in Sendai, Japan. If at this point it will not be possible to go through with the conference on site, the conference will run online. The call for abstracts is open:

- ➔ [More information](#)
- ➔ [Flyer with submission for abstracts](#)

Presentation of a member of EWA

EWA MC member: Mara Pavelić

Mara Pavelić from Croatia joined the EWA Management Committee in 2019 and furthermore, she is also the representative of Croatia in the EWA Council.

In her presentation, Mara Pavelić emphasizes the good cooperation and mutual support between EWA and the National Members, which grows year by year. This fact opens Croatia's path to the depths of Europe and cooperation with other international institutions in the field of water management, and Mara Pavelić sees that as an even stronger asset in the years to come.

Read the [Presentation](#) of Mara Pavelić.



News from Brussels

Topics covered in the News from Brussels

The articles for the News from Brussels here below cover the following topics:

1. Urban Waste Water Treatment in Europe
2. Court of Justice of the European Union - Annual Report for 2019
3. Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)
4. Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive - Evaluation and Forthcoming Revision
5. Environment Agency Report on Water and Sewerage Companies in England: Environmental Performance Report for 2019
6. New Drinking Water Directive: Update
7. European Parliament Questions

1) 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.

Read the full article:

➔ [Urban Waste Water Treatment in Europe](#)

2) Court of Justice of the European Union

Annual report for 2019

The Court of Justice of the European Union is the judicial authority of the European Union and its task is to ensure compliance with EU law by overseeing the uniform interpretation and application of the Treaties.

The institution helps to preserve the values of the European Union and, through its case-law, works towards the building of Europe.

The Court of Justice of the European Union is made up of two courts: the Court of Justice and the General Court.

Looking back at the most important judgments of the year, the Court highlights several judgments in the field of environment, inter alia on water and hazardous substances.

Read the full text:

➔ [Court of Justice of the European Union - annual report for 2019](#)

3) 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.

Read the full article:

➔ [Industrial Emissions Directive \(IED\)](#)

4) Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

Evaluation and forthcoming revision

The Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive dates from 1991, based on a legislative proposal from 1989, and is thus almost 30 years old. It was therefore time to evaluate whether the Directive is still fit for purpose.

EWA News presents you the key findings of the evaluation, the foreseen next steps towards a revision, and access to relevant documents (consolidated text of the Directive, 2019 Evaluation in full text and executive summary, 2017 and 2018 background studies, synopsis of stakeholder consultation and 2020 roadmap for revision).

Read the full article:

➔ [Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive](#)

5) Environment Agency Report on Water and Sewerage Companies in England

Environmental performance report for 2019

"Last year's report made clear that performance was unacceptable across the sector, this report shows performance deteriorated for the second year in a row."

(Emma Howard Boyd, Chair Environment Agency, 2 October 2020)

Read the full article:

➔ [Environment Agency Report on Water and Sewerage Companies in England - Environmental performance report for 2019](#)

6) New Drinking Water Directive

Update

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.

Read the article:

➔ [New Drinking Water Directive: Update](#)

See the video:

➔ [Video](#) (video duration 52:07 min.) with Helmut Blöch's presentation and Q&As on Drinking Water from the EWA e-course 'EU Policy and Legislation' 6-7 Oct. 2020

7) European Parliament Questions

20 water-related questions from questions, from large-scale pig farms to pollution by waste water from fish processing industry

The European Parliament is directly elected by citizens of all Member States. One key element within its right to political control is the right to table written and oral questions to European Institutions, largely to the Commission, to a smaller extent to the Council.

Members of Parliament show a regular interest of water issues in their Parliamentary questions.

Between 24 July 2020 and 12 October 2020, a total of 20 water-related questions have been tabled. EWA News provides you in each edition with the summary text of the questions and their authors and date.

Read the full article:

➔ [European Parliament Questions](#)

EWA Online Activities

EWA Autumn Activities 2020

EWA is offering a broad programme of online activities:

➤ Click [here](#) to download the flyer of EWA Autumn Activities 2020 and get the full overview.

Information about content and registration is posted on the [EWA website](#).



WorldSkills: Are you ready to compete?

EWA launches series of online activities in support of WorldSkills #55: 'Water Technology'

The European Water Association (EWA) supports WorldSkills to inspire and support 100 million young people to get ahead with skills by 2030. To help share the knowledge of WorldSkills and help interested European countries and other interested partners prepare for the upcoming WorldSkills events, EWA now launches a series of online activities for support.



Are you, your members and your country ready to compete?

- 46th WorldSkills Competition, 22-27 September 2021 in Shanghai, China.
- 47th WorldSkills Competition, 12-17 September 2023 in Lyon, France.

In September 2023 WorldSkills will be hosted in Lyon, France, and we expect many European young teams to participate. Are your team one of them? The preparations start now:

A2: 'Skill #55 "Water Technology" – Learning from WorldSkills 2019 in Kazan, Russia' 21 October 2020 at 12:00 CET.

- [Info and flyer](#)
- [Registration](#)

A3: 'Insight 1: How to Build Up a National Structure for WorldSkills Competition' 25 November 2020 at 12:00 CET

- [Info and flyer](#)
- [Registration](#)

➤ Overview of EWA online series on WorldSkills [here](#)

EWA web-seminar series 'EU Green Deal and Blue Challenges'

Due to the challenges of the COVID-19, this year the annual EWA Brussels Conference will take place online as a series of four web-seminars, all with topics evolving around the EU Green Deal.

EWA webinar series: 'EU Green Deal and Blue Challenges': [Flyer](#)

- ① [27 October 2020](#): 'The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges'
- ② [10 November 2020](#): 'Research and Developments for the Water Environment'
- ③ [24 November 2020](#): 'Water Framework Directive beyond 2027'
- ④ [8 December 2020](#): 'Future Challenges of the Water Framework Directive'



Ökoindustria 2020 - International Green Expo on Environmental Technologies and Services

Online

ÖKOINDUSTRIA 2020 - online version - International Green Expo on Environmental Technologies and Services will take place from 4-6 November 2020 online with nearly 20 exciting professional events and conferences such as:

- international roundtable discussion on the circular economy and the life cycle of plastics,
- Conference on Remediation and Brownfield Investment Tasks,
- Tid (y) Up! an international kick-off event of the INTERREG project for saving our freshwaters, and the final of the Startup Plastic Surgery accelerator program.



➔ [More information](#)

GeoERA Series: Webinar on Ground Water Projects

Online

GeoERA Series: Webinar on Ground Water Projects will take place 13 November at 10:00-12:00.

Join for a discussion of the current most important groundwater research challenges in Europe and globally. You can also join other GeoERA webinars on geoenery, raw materials, subsurface information platforms etc. during the same week (9-13.11.2020).

➔ [More information](#)

➔ [Registration](#)

4th ASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management

On site and online

On 26-27 November, the 4th ASEM Seminar on Urban Water Management will take place in Chenzhou, China, together with China (Chenzhou) International Expo on the Sustainable Utilization of Water Resources and Green Development. It will also be possible to participate online.

The European Water Association (EWA) supports the event and Károly Kóvacs, Past-President of the EWA, will represent EWA at the event.

➔ [Website](#)

WaterEnergyNEXUS

Online

The nexus between water and energy is one of the most pressing and important issues that must be resolved by both current and future generations. In an effort to address the problems surrounding this issue, the University of Sfax (Tunisia), in cooperation with the Sanitary Environmental Engineering Division (SEED) of the University of Salerno (Italy), the Advanced Institute of Water Industry at Kyungpook National University (Korea) and The Energy and Resources Institute, TERI (India) is organizing the third edition of the WaterEnergyNEXUS conference. Due to the Corona pandemic, the 3rd WEN will take place as a digital event on 1st-4th December 2020.

➔ [Website](#)

EWA Research Member ?

The Sanitary Environmental Engineering Division (SEED) of the University of Salerno, IT, is an EWA Research Member. If you wish to explore your possibility of becoming an EWA Research Member, just send an [email](#).

Until we meet again ..

The next EWA Newsletter is due in December 2020.

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