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### **Bathing Water Directive 2006: review commenced**

In the 1970s, the EU introduced rules to ensure clean coastal and inland bathing waters. The 2006 Bathing Water Directive updated and simplified these rules.

After 15 years, it appears timely to review this 2006 Directive, taking into account experiences by the public, stakeholders and local/regional/national authorities, and scientific development during those 15 years.



The review started with publication of an Inception Impact Assessment in March 2021, requesting feedback on this very general outline of a possible scope for a review. A full-scale public consultation will follow.