

**Daughter Directives to the Water Framework Directive:  
Amended quality standards for protection of groundwater against pollution, and environmental quality standards in the field of water policy**



October 2022 saw a legislative Proposal for updating/amending EU quality standards for groundwater and for surface waters (COM(2022) 540 final).

The European Parliament Plenary has on 12 September 2023 its position in 1st reading, and opened the path towards negotiations with the Council to find a so-called "1st reading solution".

EWA NEWS provides you the key elements of the EP Plenary decision as well as a link to the full text of the decision.