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Nitrates Directive: Water utility and municipality score against agricultural pollution and Ministry

Enforcable right of water utilities and municipalities to challenge insufficient action programmes delivers progress



EWA NEWS reported (edition December 2019) on a landmark judgment by the EU Court of Justice: drinking water utilities, municipalities and private owners of water supplies have a legal right to challenge insufficient action programmes under the Nitrates Directive.

EWA NEWS informs you about positive developments since the judgment, including

- a decision by Austria's Constitutional Court to declare nil and avoid the existing action programme by the Ministry, and rebuking the Ministry for not delivering on the judgment by the Court of the EU, and
- the recent adoption of a reinforced action programme largely delivering on the request by the drinking water suppliers.