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## EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

### REACH

- **Checks of chemical safety reports to start in November**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

The extension of the manual completeness checks to include chemical safety reports will start on 2 November 2020. So far, the content of the chemical safety report has remained outside the scope of the completeness check, which has focused on other elements of the registration dossier.

With this improvement, ECHA can better fulfil its obligation to ensure that all elements required under REACH are included in the registration.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/-/completeness-check-of-chemical-safety-reports-postponed-until-october-2020>

- **Committees' opinions on application for authorisation available**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

The consolidated opinions of the Committees for Risk Assessment and Socio-economic Analysis for uses of a new substance are now available. The opinions concern the use of [4-\(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl\)phenol, ethoxylated](#) (EC -, CAS -) by [Swedish Orphan Biovitrum](#), [DIAGAST](#), and by [BioMérieux SA](#).

It is used in plasticizers, fuel oils, to make fungicides and disinfectants, dyes, adhesives, rubber chemicals and to make other detergents.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/applications-for-authorisation-previous-consultations>

- **Sweden proposes to identify Dioctyltin dilaurate as SVHC**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

Sweden proposes to identify Dioctyltin dilaurate as SVHC due to reproductive toxicity properties. The consultation is open until 16 October 2020

The proposal concerns specifically Dioctyltin dilaurate, stannane, dioctyl-, bis(coco acyloxy) derivs., and any other stannane, dioctyl-, bis(fatty acyloxy)

derivatives wherein C12 is the predominant carbon number of the fatty acyloxy moiety.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/nl/registry-of-svhc-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1848ace28>

- **New substance evaluation conclusion published**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

A new substance evaluation conclusion document is now available for [trimethoxy\(methyl\)silane](#) (EC 214-685-0, CAS 1185-55-3), added to the CoRAP list in 2013 and evaluated by Sweden. General adhesives and binding agents for a variety of uses, from the construction sector to automotive manufacturing.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/information-on-chemicals/evaluation/community-rolling-action-plan/corap-table/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1807e6f01>

## CLP

- **The Registry of CLH intentions has been updated | 23 September 2020**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

The registry of classification and labelling (CLH) intentions until outcome lists the intentions and proposals received by ECHA for a new or revised harmonised classification and labelling of a substance.

The proposals are submitted by Member State competent authorities, manufacturers, importers or downstream users.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/nl/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome>

- **New proposal to harmonise classification and labelling**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

A proposal has been submitted for [3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctan-1-ol](#) (EC 211-477-1, CAS 647-42-7). The substance is used in industrial manufacturing, specifically for chemicals and plastics.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome>

## **WASTE**

- **SCIP database to be launched in late October**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

During the last week of October, the SCIP database will formally open for submitting notifications to comply with the legal obligation – months in advance of the entry into application date. The obligation to submit data to SCIP starts to apply from 5 January 2021, as outlined in the Waste Framework Directive.

New to SCIP? [Take a look at the infographic](#) which explains the main duties and definitions related to the SCIP database and substances of very high concern (SVHCs) in articles. The infographic is available in 23 languages.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/fr/scip-database>

- **RAC meeting in October – agenda available**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

The agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) is online. RAC will meet virtually on 6-8 October 2020 and discuss dossiers on harmonised classification and labelling.

**More information:**

[https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/29022590/RAC-52B-2\\_ProvisionalDraftAgenda.pdf/311d1ec8-312a-1aaa-b809-920eb8a4b4e5](https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/29022590/RAC-52B-2_ProvisionalDraftAgenda.pdf/311d1ec8-312a-1aaa-b809-920eb8a4b4e5)

- **Webinar: Get ready to submit your SCIP notification**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

Watch our webinar on 19 November, 11:00-15:00 Helsinki time and get ready to submit your SCIP notification. You will get a demo of how to create and submit a notification and learn the tools that can be used to refer to information already successfully submitted to the SCIP database.

The webinar will be published on our home page on 19 November 2020 at 11:00 Helsinki time, together with instructions for joining a live Q&A session where we will be answering your questions until 15:00.

**More information:**

<https://echa.europa.eu/-/get-ready-to-submit-your-scip-notification>

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### BIOCIDES

- **Final minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BPC competent authorities**

*Source: European Commission*

The final minutes were published for the 87th meeting of representatives of Member States Competent Authorities for the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products. The meeting started with the following points were added to the agenda: (i) updates on the new organic farming Regulation and (i) explanations of consequences on the BPR implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement and transitional period following the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union and. The agenda was then adopted.

ECHA presented its revised proposal to consider free radicals generated from hydrogen peroxide as a technology already covered by the approval of hydrogen peroxide.

One Member State indicated to have difficulties in following ECHA's reasoning, as in previous cases separate applications were requested for in situ and non-in situ forms of an active substance. Another Member State supported ECHA's

position, as hydrogen peroxide is naturally degrading into free radicals. ECHA also noted that this case is specific.

The other Member States who intervened supported ECHA's position on the matter. One Member State further proposed that the different sources of free radicals produced could be managed via the submission of a technical equivalence dossier at the product authorisation stage.

However, ECHA considered that this is not a matter of "technical equivalence" as defined in the BPR, as in the present case the active substance remains hydrogen peroxide.

The representative of the applicant indicated that it would be difficult to quantify the radical species, agreed with ECHA that the technology and the risks will have to be assessed at product authorisation, and indicated that the chemical equilibrium is shifted constantly as in other biocidal products.

A Member State enquired, how it can be ensured when adding energy to the system via electrolysis that no other radical species or substances would be formed (e.g. would ozone be formed?). The applicant answered that the energy provided by the electrolysis system (around 17kV) would not be sufficient to form ozone.

ECHA answered that free radicals are formed during the use of hydrogen peroxide, and that the electrolysis system would only increase the degradation of hydrogen peroxide in radicals during the use. The Member State kept reservations on the proposed approach by ECHA and asked that a sentence in the document asking to manage similar cases in the same manner is removed from the document.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/e947a950-8032-4df9-a3f0-f61eefd3d81b/library/4686438f-c9b7-474e-9f72-c1df83ef30f3/details>

- **Final minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BPC competent authorities**

*Source: European Commission*

The final minutes were published for the 88th meeting of representatives of Member States Competent Authorities for the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of

biocidal products. The meeting kicked off with a discussion on the Amendment of Annexes II and III to the BPR.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/e947a950-8032-4df9-a3f0-f61eefd3d81b/library/23dac501-814b-4642-a742-4f3a6ba497e3/details>

- **Implementing the concept of biocidal product family**

*Source: European Commission*

A revision was published of a July document, concerning Note agreed by Member States' Competent Authorities for biocidal products. Its subject line reads "Subject: Implementing the concept of biocidal product family".

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/e947a950-8032-4df9-a3f0-f61eefd3d81b/library/dea10ce1-b5bc-4c0b-8f14-a375fd2f9229/details>

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

- **New agenda for the 16th Plenary meeting of SCHEER Committees**

*Source: European Commission*

The 16<sup>th</sup> plenary takes place on 7–8 October 2020. The agenda includes:

- 3.2 New mandate(s) on Revised request for a scientific opinion on "Emerging – economic, business, technological and social – innovations in the Green economy of the Future" (FORENV 2)

**More information:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific\\_committees/scheer/docs/scheer\\_ag\\_016.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/scientific_committees/scheer/docs/scheer_ag_016.pdf)

- **Protecting workers against cancer-causing substances**

*Source: European Commission*

The European Commission published an adopted act which is open for feedback for a minimum period of 8 weeks. All feedback received will be summarised by the European Commission and presented to the European Parliament and Council with the aim of feeding into the legislative debate.

The feedback period runs from 25 September 2020 to 20 November 2020.

**More information:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12608-Protection-of-workers-from-risks-related-to-carcinogens>

**REACH**

- **REACH Committee meeting in October – agenda available**

*Source: European Chemicals Agency*

The next meeting of the European Commission's REACH Committee will take place online on 19 October 2020. The agenda is available on the Commission's website.

**More information:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm?do=search.documentdetail&Dos\\_ID=20126&ds\\_id=69214&version=1&page=1](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm?do=search.documentdetail&Dos_ID=20126&ds_id=69214&version=1&page=1)

- **Draft REACH Dimethylformamide restriction requires Safety Data Sheet update**

*Source: European Commission*

This draft Regulation relates to a new entry of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. The draft Commission Regulation proposes a restriction for placing N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) on the market in concentrations higher than 0.3%, unless the registration dossiers and the safety data sheet are updated with the new Derived No-Effect Level (DNEL) values, and manufacturers and downstream users ensure the protection of workers by keeping their exposure below those values. Application of the restriction is deferred for 2 years for all industrial sectors.

**More information:**

[https://chemycal.com/news/87fafa86-c889-439f-ba9c-b8a108850e58/Draft\\_REACH\\_Restriction\\_on\\_Dimethylformamide\\_requires\\_Safety\\_Data\\_Sheet\\_to\\_be\\_updated](https://chemycal.com/news/87fafa86-c889-439f-ba9c-b8a108850e58/Draft_REACH_Restriction_on_Dimethylformamide_requires_Safety_Data_Sheet_to_be_updated)

- **Swedish authority comments polymers identification criteria under REACH**

*Source: European Commission*

SE CA comments on the Wood report Scientific and technical support for the development of criteria to identify and group polymers for Registration and Evaluation under REACH and their impact assessment.

“We acknowledge the complexity of a possible polymer registration requirement under Reach and we in broad terms support the suggested strategy by the consultants to propose criteria for polymers that require registration (PRR). Below we provide comments on some selected topics covered in the report.”

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/a0b483a2-4c05-4058-addf-2a4de71b9a98/library/7b25ba2b-7cdf-49cb-8c8e-583bd2622ebe/details>

- **Norway comments on CASG Polymers criteria for registration of polymers**

*Source: European Commission*

The Norwegian competent authority thanks the Commission for the final report on "Scientific and technical support for the development of criteria to identify and group polymers for Registration/Evaluation under Reach and their impact assessment" discussed at the CASG Polymers subgroup on the 11th September 2020 and the possibility to send written comments by the end of September.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/a0b483a2-4c05-4058-addf-2a4de71b9a98/library/ec4b8055-71ae-4a90-acbc-2f7d3d480731/details>

- **Q&A on the implementation of the simplified authorisation procedure**

*Source: European Commission*

At the 14th meeting of the Coordination Group (CG) there was a discussion about data requirements under the SAP. In this context, CG members raised the need for further guidance not only concerning the authorisation itself but also for the notification process.

Until more detailed guidance is developed by ECHA, this note aims at providing a common understanding of the SAP in order to help Member States (MSs) to follow a harmonised approach that is consistent with the objectives in the biocidal products Regulation (BPR). The note is intended to be a living document to which additional Q&A pairs can be added upon discussion and agreement within the CG.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/e947a950-8032-4df9-a3f0-f61eefd3d81b/library/f5e53cd4-6e11-46e6-8024-512804b8afdb/details>

**CLP**

- **36th Meeting of the CAs for the REACH and CLP Regulations (CARACAL)**

*Source: European Commission*

The meeting was held on 28 September.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/a0b483a2-4c05-4058-addf-2a4de71b9a98/library/ad588459-f475-4674-9cf0-70fd883036e1/details>

- **CLP Regulation update to improve the workability of EHR info requirements**

*Source: European Commission*

According to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Member States' appointed bodies shall be responsible for receiving information from importers and downstream users on the hazardous chemical mixtures they place on the market. Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/542 amended Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 by adding an Annex harmonising the information to be provided relating to emergency health response ("Annex VIII").

The Commission is now proposing to add paragraph (8) to Article 25 as well as to amend Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 to solve the workability issues

After adoption in March 2017, Member States and industry stakeholders called for amendments of Annex VIII before its compliance date, for reasons of serious workability concerns. The Commission services commissioned a study to

assess the legitimacy of the claims and the impact on duty holders and concluded that an amendment of Annex VIII was indeed necessary. The amendment would constitute a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the Regulation, after the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2020/11, which deferred the compliance date for mixtures for consumer use and aimed at a more streamlined interpretation of the rules, improving coherence and mitigating some unintended consequences that had become apparent since the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2017/542.

**More information:**

<https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/a0b483a2-4c05-4058-addf-2a4de71b9a98/library/f3ad2e07-9ed1-4544-bf38-9202d0de4f60/details>

## STAKEHOLDERS

### CLP

- **Cefic calls for thorough EU debate on endocrine disruption in CLP**

*Source: Chemical Watch*

Cefic has voiced frustration that including endocrine disruptors (EDs) in the CLP Regulation was presented as a "fait accompli" at the last meeting of the Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP (Caracal) in July ([document](#)). "We regret that no policy debate has taken place at Caracal level before presenting the CLP route as a fait accompli," a Cefic spokesperson told Chemical Watch.

In comments submitted to Caracal on 31 August, Cefic pointed to inclusion of EDs in the CLP Regulation on the agenda for the 30 June – 1 July Caracal meeting. It saw this as an indication that "the Commission seems to have already taken the decision to regulate [EDs] horizontally via the CLP Regulation."

Cefic is now calling for a "transparent and thorough policy discussion" among policy makers at the Caracal level. The European Commission set up a Caracal sub-group on EDs (CASG-ED) to consider possibilities for including them in the CLP, which has so far met twice this year.

Ahead of CASG-ED's meeting on 2 July, the Commission circulated a draft document that suggested creating [new hazard classes](#) in the CLP. In this, the

Commission services suggested including two for EDs, one for human health and the other for the environment.

Including EDs in the CLP is also discussed in draft documents for the upcoming EU chemicals strategy for sustainability, expected to be published next month. The draft strategy has been the subject of fierce debate since the leak in July of DG Environment's draft [communication](#) on its content. DG Grow's harsh criticisms of the plan were also [leaked](#), followed by an open [letter](#) from Cefic, which strongly criticised the draft text.

[Cefic](#) has repeatedly said that it would prefer to see the substances dealt with under REACH. Endocrine disruption is a mode of action that leads to an adverse effect, whereas CLP is designed for classifying hazards, its comment states. "Most adverse effects from exposure to ED substances are already captured by existing GHS/CLP hazard classes," it added.

"Confusing communication could lead to reduced attention to labels by people handling chemicals and with that, ultimately may lead to a loss of overall protection," it said. Its Caracal comment also suggested that there could be "major resource implications" if a CLP classification is introduced. Cefic has asked the Commission to include ED policy options as a discussion point at the next Caracal meeting, which will take place at the end of September.

**More information:**

<https://chemicalwatch.com/155805/cefic-calls-for-thorough-eu-debate-on-endocrine-disruption-in-clp>

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

- **Civil society representatives want Green Deal extended to the EEA**

*Source: EESC*

The European Economic Area Consultative Committee (EEA CC) held on 18 September 2020 its 28th annual meeting to discuss two resolutions linked to the implementation of the Green Deal initiative and the EU's New Industrial Strategy. The members of the EEA CC, which represents employers, workers, and other civil society players of EEA member states, agreed on the need to extend the Green Deal to the entire EEA to achieve a more sustainable single market.

**More information:**

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/news/civil-society-representatives-call-extension-green-deal-entire-eea>

- **Investors, be wary: Persistent chemicals are more than just PFAS**

*Source: ChemSec*

In ChemSec's latest project – ChemScore – we analysed and ranked the world's 35 biggest chemical companies based on their efforts to reduce their chemical footprint.

One of the main things we looked at was how many hazardous chemicals they produce. Special attention was given to a specific chemical property that is extra problematic for investors – persistence – since liability cases connected to these substances may surface a long time from now.

In chemical terms, persistence means that the chemical doesn't degrade in the environment – or in humans for that matter – for a very long time. The most well-known group of persistent chemicals is PFAS, a group of almost 5,000 chemicals that are commonly found in everyday products such as non-stick cookware and water-repellent outdoor clothing.

**More information:**

<https://chemsec.org/investors-should-be-wary-persistent-chemicals-are-more-than-just-pfas/>

- **Consultation on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) Regulation**

*Source: EurEau*

The Commission has published the Inception Impact Assessment on the revision of the Regulation on the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) as established through Regulation (EC) No 166/2006.

The deadline for feedback is 26 October.

A [public consultation](#) will be held in the coming weeks.

**More information:**

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32006R0166&from=EN>

- **Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability: adaptation imminent**

Source: *EurEau*

This strategy proposes to reduce the risks associated with producing and using chemicals, simplifying and strengthening EU rules on chemicals. The European Commission should adopt the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability on 14 October.

**More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/news/471-eureau-feedback-to-the-iaa-on-the-revision-of-the-uwwtd>

- **Evaluation initiated for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Directives**

Source: *EurEau*

The review of these directives was launched with the publication of the inception impact assessments (EED, [RED](#)). EurEau submitted feedback ([RED](#) and [EED](#)) based on our [briefing note](#), as both directives can have a significant impact on the long-term investment strategies of water operators.

**More information:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12552-Review-of-Directive-2012-27-EU-on-energy-efficiency>

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12553-Revision-of-the-Renewable-Energy-Directive-EU-2018-2001>

- **Zero Pollution Strategy**

Source: *EurEau*

The strategy schedule is available. This strategy intends to achieve no pollution from “all sources”, cleaning the air, water and soil by 2050.

The roadmap and the public consultation should be published in the coming weeks and the strategy should be adopted during Q2 of 2021.

**More information:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12588-EU-Action-Plan-Towards-a-Zero-Pollution-Ambition-for-air-water-and-soil>

- **Circular Economy Action Plan: update**

Source: *EurEau*

This plan aims to make circularity the mainstream in our lives and speed up the green transition of our economy. The Committee of the Regions held a meeting on this initiative that is still too focused on waste and very little on water. The Parliament is writing an INI-Report (MEP Huitem is the Rapporteur). The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted a [draft opinion](#) on 21 September, which will feed into the main report.

**More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/news/471-eureau-feedback-to-the-iaa-on-the-revision-of-the-uwwtd>

- **EEB calls to maintain progress on chemicals database**

Source: *EEB*

“Dear President von der Leyen, The past decades have seen an extraordinary proliferation of toxic chemicals in the products we produce and consume. Keeping track of where those chemicals are is a crucial aspect of protecting human health and the environment from hazardous substances.

While revising the Waste Framework Directive, the EU co-legislators decided to improve transparency on substances of very high concern. The goal was to create a source of information for consumers and waste managers, and ultimately to promote non-toxic material cycles. To achieve this objective, the co-legislators set clear obligations and deadlines for the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to develop a database (now referred as SCIP database – for “substances of concern in products”, fed by information sent by suppliers).

We understand the industry has been asking you repeatedly to weaken and delay this obligation set in law. Citizens are increasingly worried about the impacts of chemicals on health and the environment. Further delay in ensuring transparency would be unacceptable. In December 2018, 41 non-governmental organisations supported the SCIP database in an open letter. The undersigned call on you again to resist industry pressure, including the demand from certain companies to postpone the creation of the database.”

**More information:**

<https://eeb.org/library/ngos-urge-progress-on-eu-chemicals-database/>

## **WATER**

- **Governance of water services in Europe – report**

*Source: EurEau*

Water services are essential services. They support the sustainable development of our societies and are fundamental to realising our green and societal ambitions.

Water services' organisation differs from country to country due to history, cultural heritage and national or local traditions which result in specific regulatory frameworks.

In order to bring clarity and to simplify the understanding of the governance of water services in Europe, our report provides a snapshot of the current situation in the 29 EurEau member countries and illustrates the diversity of management models, organisational structures, tasks and responsibilities of the players involved at the different levels of governance (EU, national, regional or local).

### **More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/publications/eureau-publications/5219-the-governance-of-water-services-in-europe-2020-edition/file>

- **Drinking Water Directive update: final approval moves closer**

*Source: EurEau*

The DWD text is still being reviewed. Member States were invited to send comments on both the English and the national language versions by 21 September. After receiving the COREPER endorsement, possibly on 14 October, the directive will get the final approval by the Council on 23 October and a final vote by the European Parliament in November or December. The entry into force is foreseen by the end of December or early 2021.

### **More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/news/482-eureau-newsletter-edition-50-september-2020>

- **UWWTD review: latest**

*Source: EurEau*

EurEau reacted to the publication of the inception impact assessment. DG ENV will carry out a targeted stakeholders consultation in October, sharing the policy options with stakeholders so that by the end of the year they can define them and start the work on the impact assessment with the consultants.

At the same time, the Commission is carrying out a study on the various pollutants and the relative possible treatments available. [The 10<sup>th</sup> report](#) on the implementation of the UWWTD was published by the Commission last week: lack of implementation in some countries and lack of funding are highlighted.

**More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/news/471-eureau-feedback-to-the-iaa-on-the-revision-of-the-uwwtd>

- **Sewage Sludge Directive: evaluation**

*Source: EurEau*

EurEau submitted its feedback to the directive's roadmap.

**More information:**

<http://www.eureau.org/resources/consultations/5133-eureau-feedback-on-the-roadmap-for-the-evaluation-of-the-sewage-sludge-directive/file>

- **Revised Surface Water Watch List: adopted by the Commission**

*Source: EurEau*

The European Commission adopted the third Watch List under the EQSD. The substances (insecticides, antibiotics, anti-depressant, fungicides) are in the annex.

**More information:**

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020D1161&from=EN>

- **Water legislation: fitness check**

Source: *EurEau*

The fitness check is a comprehensive policy evaluation of the [Water Framework Directive](#) (WFD), the [Environmental Quality Standards Directive](#) (EQSD), the [Groundwater Directive](#) (GWD) and the [Floods Directive](#) (FD). It assesses whether the directives are fit for purpose by examining their performance against their effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance and EU added value.

The ENVI Committee of the European Parliament is drafting a Motion for Resolution on the Water Legislation fitness check. The amendments were published during the summer and the ENVI Secretariat is working on the Compromise Amendments. We are following the process closely.

**More information:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/evaluation-eu-water-legislation-concludes-it-broadly-fit-purpose-implementation-needs-speed-2019-dec-12\\_en#:~:text=A%20fitness%20check%20of%20the,some%20room%20for%20enhanced%20effectiveness](https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/evaluation-eu-water-legislation-concludes-it-broadly-fit-purpose-implementation-needs-speed-2019-dec-12_en#:~:text=A%20fitness%20check%20of%20the,some%20room%20for%20enhanced%20effectiveness)