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CHANGES AND CHANCES IN THE REVISED EU DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE

18 February 2021, 13:30 – 14:45 (CET)

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Description:

The new Danube Water Program KnowNow webinar series focuses on up-to-date topics relevant for the water sector in the Danube region. The first edition will focus on the revised [EU Drinking Water Directive 2020/2184](#) that has entered into force in January 2021 aiming to provide better access to high quality water for human consumption, including for vulnerable groups. This is in response to the demands of over 1.8 million Europeans who signed the first-ever successful European Citizens' Initiative, "Right2Water", in support of improving access to safe drinking water for all Europeans.

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around the revised EU Drinking Water Directive and its impact on the water service sector of the Member States as well as candidate and potential candidate countries. During the webinar it will be possible to post questions to the panelists in order to deepen the understanding and to learn from the knowledge developed and experiences gained for potential follow-up action under the individual specific circumstances.

Panelists:

- ▶ **Mr. Bert Leemans**, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission, Belgium
- ▶ **Ms. Anna Pomassl**, Drinking Water Expert, Austrian Association for Gas and Water, Austria
- ▶ **Ms. Mihaela Vasilescu**, Advisor, SC Aquatim SA, Romania
- ▶ **Mr. Filip Wanner**, Project Manager, Vodovody a Kanalizace Beroun, Czech Republic

Moderator:

Mr. Walter Kling, President, IAWD, Austria

Agenda:

- 13:30 - 13:35:** Welcome and introduction
- 13:35 - 13:55:** **"Ensuring the quality of water for human consumption – The revised EU Drinking Water Directive"**, Bert Leemans, DG Environment of the European Commission
- 13:55 - 14:10:** Reactions from Anna Pomassl, Mihaela Vasilescu and Filip Wanner
- 14:10 - 14:40:** Moderated discussion including questions from the audience
- 14:40 - 14:45:** Wrap-up and closing of the webinar