

WEBINAR

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THE REVIEW OF THE EU URBAN WASTE WATER TREATMENT DIRECTIVE

18 March 2021, 13:30 – 14:45 (CET)

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Target Audience:

Water utility managers, water policy makers and regulators, water sector professionals, interested stakeholders

Description:

The Danube Water Program KnowNow webinar series focuses on up-to-date topics relevant for the water sector in the Danube region. This webinar will highlight the results of the evaluation and potential revision of the EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD, Directive 91/271/EEC). The UWWTD is a central pillar of waste water services in Europe and has successfully created a level playing field for environmental standards and economic investment by setting baseline requirements for urban waste water treatment. Following the completion of the UWWTD evaluation process assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance and EU added value of the Directive, which was published in December 2019, the European Commission has launched the impact assessment for the potential revision of the UWWTD. The revision will address those areas of improvement identified in the Directive evaluation, and aims to align it with the new strategic ambitions outlined in the European Green Deal (further information can be found [here](#)).

Learning Objective:

The learning objective of this webinar is to increase the understanding and knowledge around the results of the evaluation and potential revision of the EU Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive and the relevance of the ongoing process for the water 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 and participation in the overall revision process.

Panelists:

- ▶ **Ms. Nele-Frederike Rosenstock**, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission, Belgium
- ▶ **Mr. Bertrand Vallet**, Policy Officer, EurEau, Belgium
- ▶ **Mr. Danko Biondic**, Head of Development Sector, Croatian Waters, Croatia
- ▶ **Mr. Gheorghe Constantin**, Director at the Ministry for Environment, Water and Forests, Romania

Moderator:

Mr. Stjepan Gabric, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank, Croatia

Agenda:

- 13:30 - 13:35:** Welcome and introduction
- 13:35 - 13:55:** **“Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive - Review”**, Nele-Frederike Rosenstock, DG Environment, European Commission
- 13:55 - 14:10:** Reactions from Bertrand Vallet, Danko Biondic and Gheorghe Constantin
- 14:10 - 14:40:** Moderated discussion including questions from the audience
- 14:40 - 14:45:** Wrap-up and closing of the webinar