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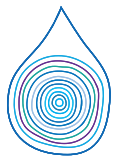
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“WATER IS AT THE HEART OF A HEALTHY SOCIETY”





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# A message from the President

WATER IS AT THE HEART  
OF A HEALTHY SOCIETY, A  
THRIVING ECONOMY, AND A  
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

As Europe navigates complex challenges - from climate change and pollution, to resource security and economic pressures, amid an increasingly tense international geopolitical context - ensuring safe, sustainable, and affordable water services has never been more vital.





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**Water is at the heart of what EurEau has done for the last 50 years. Just as in 1975, today we remain committed to putting consumers first.**

The European Parliament elections in June and the change in the college of Commissioners delayed several important files, including the Water Framework Directive and its daughter directives, the Soil Monitoring Directive, legislation on plastic pellets, and the Detergents Regulation, to name a few.

Despite the delay, we made progress in critical areas. The revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD) introduced Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), reinforcing the Polluter Pays Principle and setting ambitious targets for water quality, energy efficiency, and circularity. The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) took key steps in tackling pollution at its source. And the long-awaited ban on dental amalgam – a significant source of mercury in our waters – finally came into force.

It wasn't all good however. This year also brought setbacks. The Water Resilience Initiative was postponed, delaying a much-needed strategy to secure Europe's water future. Environmental policies were weakened,

with the withdrawal of the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products Regulation and the dilution of the Common Agricultural Policy's (CAP) environmental safeguards. These decisions put water resources at risk and increase the burden on water operators and consumers alike. We are also seeing a hold up in the Council on the Pharmaceutical Legislation package – we support the approach to combining patient benefits with environmental protection and hope this impasse ends soon.

Nonetheless, we engaged with EU institutions, contributed our expertise, and worked with others to build strong water policies. We pressed for urgent restrictions on PFAS as a prompt and far-reaching ban can ensure that PFAS exposure in future generations will gradually approach safe levels again. We advocated for more control at source measures to meet Environmental Quality Standards (EQS), and strived to ensure that sustainable finance mechanisms support essential water services.

Despite the challenges, we are resilient. Our members continue to innovate, invest and improve in order to strengthen Europe's water security.

Looking ahead, the European water sector must remain strong. Europe needs a bold Water Resilience Strategy, robust regulations that protect resources, and a commitment to future-proofing our water services. As EurEau, we will continue to push for policies that safeguard water for all – today and for generations to come.

This is now my second year as President of EurEau. I remain indebted to the 200-plus people who make up our General Assembly, Committees, Joint Working Groups and Task Forces as well as the many experts who all support our work. Their experience and contributions to achieving EurEau's goals is central to our success.

Our work in EurEau depends on the dedication and expertise of our secretariat team. Your hard work, commitment, and problem-solving skills are truly exceptional. The General Assembly recognised this by increasing financial support for the secretariat, allowing for an additional policy advisor. A clear sign of the great value the secretariat brings to the EurEau family. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

**Pär Dalhielm**  
EurEau President

# Our Policy work



**Water  
Legislation**



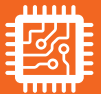
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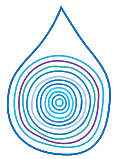
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## **Water Legislation**

WATER IS ESSENTIAL FOR LIFE.  
PROVIDING SAFE AND  
AFFORDABLE DRINKING  
WATER AS WELL AS WASTEWATER  
SERVICES TO ALL IS THE  
DRIVER FOR WATER SERVICE  
PROVIDERS EVERYWHERE.



**A clean environment is fundamental to this, which is why preventing pollution at its source is critical.**

Europe needs a robust water strategy to prepare for the future, encompassing policies that will protect our resources from pollution and ensure we all have enough water for our needs. In a move that disappointed many - including ourselves - the European Commission postponed the long-awaited Water Resilience Initiative.

We co-signed a joint **letter** to the European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, calling for the EU to publish this Initiative without further delay. Water stands at the centre of the economic, societal, and environmental sustainability of Europe. Read more in our **Water Resilience Strategy for Europe; Our Vision for Our Water's Future**.

Progress was made on revising Environmental Quality Standards (EQS) and Groundwater Quality Standards for water pollutants. We called on the EU institutions to step up control-at-source

measures as a prerequisite of improving the quality of Europe's water bodies and providing sustainable and affordable drinking water services to consumers. Following the adoption of the Member State negotiating mandate, we developed our recommendations for the trilogues.

The implementation of the 2020 Drinking Water Directive continued, focusing on materials in contact with drinking water as well as the reporting of water losses. We comprehensively fed into the Commission's work on leakage reporting and supported its endorsement of a methodology based on a linear index of non-revenue water per kilometre of mains. We appointed an expert to the new subgroup on leakage levels, which will advise the Commission through the next stages of implementation until at least 2028. We also nominated an expert to sit on the notified bodies group for materials in contact with drinking water. This followed the adoption of EU-wide standards for contact materials, which will provide increased certainty for water services.

A major milestone in 2024 was the EU's agreement on the revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD), strengthening citizen and environmental protections. We worked

extensively on this file, from position papers to meetings with stakeholders across the board. We welcome the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to cover the cost of micropollutants removal, setting an important precedent for the implementation of the Polluter Pays Principle. This significant step helps to ensure the affordability of essential services like water while maintaining high environmental standards.

The recast directive introduces several key provisions to enhance wastewater treatment and reduce water pollution. These include stricter standards for nutrient and pollutant removal, enhanced monitoring (including health parameters and climate footprint), integrated urban wastewater management plans and a strong emphasis on promoting the circular economy.

While the directive sets an ambitious target of energy neutrality in the water sector by 2045, it does not fully leverage the sector's potential to contribute to broader EU climate goals and energy security. Meeting the new treatment requirements while achieving energy neutrality will demand significant investment and adaptation.





**Sustainable  
Agriculture and  
Environment &  
Biodiversity**

ACCESS TO FOOD AND WATER  
AT A FAIR PRICE IS ESSENTIAL  
FOR ALL - THESE TWO SECTORS  
ARE DEEPLY INTERCONNECTED.



**Farmers rely on stable water supplies for crops and livestock, while agriculture significantly affects water quality and availability. The leaching of veterinary medicines, pesticides, and fertilisers into water bodies, alongside high water extraction rates, poses serious challenges. Protecting water resources from these impacts while ensuring food security is critical.**

Water policy faced significant setbacks in 2024. One major disappointment was the outcome of Parliament and Council votes on the Soil Monitoring Directive, which left little hope of an effective text emerging from trilogues. While we urged policymakers to build on the Commission's proposal to improve soil conditions, we remain sceptical that the final law will meaningfully enhance European soil health.

Similarly, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) suffered weakening measures. The European Commission's proposal to 'simplify

certain CAP rules' resulted in several Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs) becoming voluntary or less stringent. Additionally, Member States are no longer required to align CAP strategic plans with the latest environmental policies, further undermining efforts to protect drinking water resources from agricultural pollution.

Another setback came with the withdrawal of the proposed Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products Regulation. Following its rejection by the European Parliament and a lack of consensus in the Council, the proposal - which contained key measures to protect drinking water resources - was scrapped.

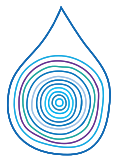
EurEau urged the European Commission to ban all PFAS-containing pesticides as they release the very mobile and extremely persistent trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) to groundwater. We called for a clear separation between relevant metabolites under the pesticides regulation 1107/2009 and those defined under the Drinking Water Directive.

We responded to the European Commission's evaluation of the Nitrates Directive. The report on the implementation of this directive found that many drinking water sources still

show elevated nitrate levels, requiring costly additional treatment. While some progress has been made in recent years, we raised concerns about the draft act's potential to further increase nitrate pollution in water resources. The existing directive must be better implemented to uphold its goal of protecting water resources, and we urge the Commission to keep water protection at the core of any revision, while conducting a thorough impact assessment before proceeding.

The Nature Restoration Law was significantly weakened in Parliament before being approved and published. This gives Member States more flexibility in implementation, diluting its potential impact. Since healthy natural spaces are essential for protecting drinking water resources, we regret the lack of political will to restore degraded areas.





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## **Zero Pollution**

WE ADVOCATE FOR A  
CONTROL-AT-SOURCE  
APPROACH TO PREVENT  
POLLUTANTS FROM  
REACHING THE  
ENVIRONMENT.





**However, the Polluter Pays Principle should be enforced when pollutants reach drinking water resources or the wastewater treatment plant, as has been done in the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD).**

Reducing the amount of potentially harmful substances that enter the environment is the first step to keeping our water services affordable. We published our position paper on the **release of plastic pellets**

highlighting the need for stronger source control measures.

We strongly support the Commission's proposal to reduce pellet losses, which would help prevent microplastic contamination in water bodies.

The adoption of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) strengthened the protection of water resources and water infrastructure from industrial pollution.

Following a trilogue agreement at the end of 2023, some MEPs suggested reopening individual chapters of the text, which would have jeopardised the entire agreement. In response, we signed a joint letter calling on

MEPs to endorse the text unchanged. This was upheld in March 2024, ensuring the directive's smooth adoption.

The Pharmaceuticals Legislative Package was adopted in the Parliament, while work in the Council remains ongoing. We engaged with MEPs, providing voting recommendations to support stronger environmental safeguards. We welcomed the European Parliament's position and its commitment to integrating water protection into pharmaceutical regulations.

Environmental protection from mercury is a step closer, with a ban agreed on the use and exportation of dental amalgam from January 2025. This is a long-awaited measure, which we have advocated for many years. Amalgam is a significant source of mercury in surface waters, and due to the long lifespan of dental fillings, mercury will continue to leach into the environment even after the ban takes effect.

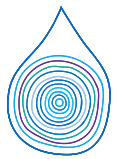
On the other hand, mercury is an essential component in UV-lamps used in equipment for the disinfection of drinking water, drinking water purification processes, and wastewater treatment. Although research is ongoing, there is no technically feasible sustainable substitution today. In this respect, we are contributing to a request for a renewal of the

exemption for mercury-containing UV-lamps under the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive taking into account that such an exemption does not weaken the environmental and health protection.

The water sector can help farmers to close nutrient and carbon cycles. In this context, we worked on the potential revision of the Sewage Sludge Directive (SSD), from internal workshops to establish the state of play in our member countries, to meetings with the Commission. The SSD was meant to add new quality requirements relating to pharmaceuticals, PFAS and microplastics to better protect the environment and crops, something we supported. We provided input to the Commission on how to integrate wastewater streams and sludge into the Circular Economy Act, under which it seems that the SSD may fall following news in 2025 that this directive would not be reopened.

EurEau, as a member of the Steering Committee of the European Biosolids Observatory, supervised the drafting of the explanatory brochure that will be used to attract participants, and participated in the selection of the laboratories that will analyse the biosolids samples.





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## **Chemicals and product safety**

CHEMICALS ARE A  
FUNDAMENTAL PART OF  
OUR WORLD, BUT WHILE  
MANY ARE HARMLESS, OTHERS  
POSE SERIOUS RISKS TO  
HUMAN HEALTH AND  
THE ENVIRONMENT.

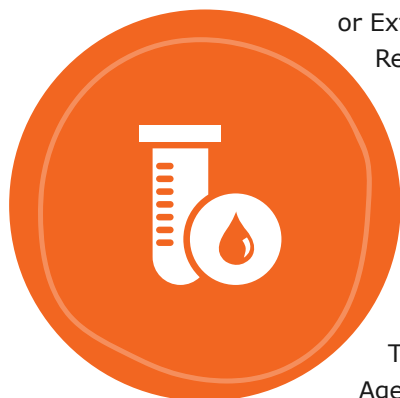


**Especially when they enter our waterways. Contaminants in raw drinking water and wastewater must be removed before water can be safely used again, creating additional treatment challenges.**

We advocate for a proactive approach to managing hazardous chemicals, targeting their sources to prevent environmental contamination. Where prevention is not feasible, the Polluter Pays Principle

or Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) must be enforced to cover the costs of mitigating environmental harm and ensuring safe drinking water and wastewater treatment.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is working on a REACH restriction proposal to ban all non-essential PFAS uses. Amid increasing resistance from the PFAS industry, we are in support of a far-reaching PFAS ban.



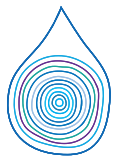
New health requirements for drinking water, wastewater, surface water and groundwater bodies to protect public health and the environment must be addressed at the source of the pollution. We sent an open letter to Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, calling on the Commission to maintain its support of the universal PFAS restriction. We updated our PFAS action plan while our PFAS task force met regularly.

Member States approved a proposal from the Commission of a limited ban on the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in food contact materials. It will apply to the use of BPA in packaging (coatings) and in consumer articles such as reusable plastic drink bottles, water distribution coolers or other kitchenware. EurEau welcomes this move. BPA may be found in drinking water resources and its removal is technically challenging.

The Commission is revising the Textile Labelling Regulation. In our reaction to the public consultation, we emphasised the need to include information on the presence of hazardous substances (PFAS, other PMT, biocides) and microfibre shedding in the labels.

Regarding the Detergents Regulation, we welcomed MEP's support for reducing phosphate use in detergents, laying the road towards biodegradable detergent ingredients and banning non-water soluble films around tabs. We regret that the Council did not use this revision to bring the Regulation in line with the EU's Zero Pollution ambition. Moreover, even with sustainable detergents widely available, the Council did not propose stricter phosphorus and phosphate limits. The EurEau position is [here](#). The Trilogue will start in early 2025.





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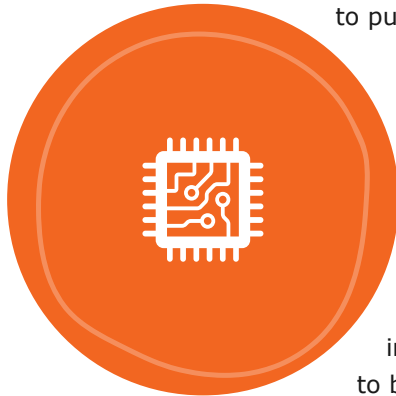
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## Security and Resilience

ENSURING WE ALL HAVE  
ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF WATER  
FOR THE FUTURE RELIES ON  
ADEQUATE SECURITY OF  
THESE SUPPLIES.

**Protecting our water sources and the associated infrastructure from man-made or natural hazards is paramount.**

We input to the call for evidence of the Commission’s Impact Assessment on the revision of the INSPIRE Directive as part of the GreenData4All initiative. We support an open data space but call for certain geo-spatial data on critical infrastructures to be accessible only to public authorities.



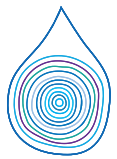
The Gigabit Infrastructure Act was finalised in spring 2024. Our key concerns are included in the text: drinking water infrastructure continues to be exempted from the scope of the regulation and a

reference to the obligations of the NIS Directive (Cybersecurity) has been made when it comes to the sharing of data of critical infrastructure.

We monitored the national implementation of the Network and Information Systems Directive 2 (NIS2) and the Critical Entities Resilience Directive (CERD). We also exchanged experience on national security-related policies.

We contributed to the Report by Special Adviser Niinistö ‘Strengthening Europe’s civil and military preparedness and readiness’, which underscores that “The resilience of the EU’s economy and societies, especially in sectors critical for maintaining societal and economic stability, such as ... drinking water and wastewater ..., is paramount in face of potential large-scale crises, such as military conflicts and disasters”.





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## Finance

EU TAXONOMY ALIGNS FINANCIAL FLOWS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES, PROMOTING INVESTMENTS IN WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND BIODIVERSITY PRESERVATION.

**This integrated approach ensures that water services remain secure, competitive, and aligned with the EU's broader sustainability goals.**



We reiterated our concerns on the 'technical screening' criteria and 'do no significant harm' criteria on economic activities already included in the Taxonomy delegated acts through the new EU taxonomy stakeholder request mechanism.

Our Taxonomy Task Force organised an online internal workshop to have a better understanding of the impacts of the Taxonomy Regulation and its delegated acts for water service providers, based on the experience of four water service providers who are already implementing the Regulation.

Our General Assembly held a workshop on national strategies to ensure the financing of water services for the years to come.

“OUR TAXONOMY TASK FORCE ORGANISED AN ONLINE INTERNAL WORKSHOP TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACTS OF THE TAXONOMY REGULATION.”



## Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals

AT THE MARCH 2023 UN WATER  
CONFERENCE, EUREAU  
COMMITTED TO REPORTING  
HOW WE ARE MEETING THE  
UN'S SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS.





**Across Europe, access to drinking and wastewater services is very good, with around 96% of people having access to drinking water services and 87% of people being connected to a public wastewater network in the EU27.**

Nonetheless, we fully support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 6 of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, even if improvements are still needed in Europe too.

**“ WE FULLY SUPPORT THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, PARTICULARLY GOAL 6 OF ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL. ”**

In 2024 and into 2025 we continue our work with the EU to ensure that their Water Resilience Strategy meets society's needs. This initiative should address water efficiency, scarcity, pollution and water related risk. We are in close contact with stakeholders, including the Commission to ensure that each of us can benefit from a secure economy and society in the future.

Central to this is preventing our water resources from becoming contaminated with pollutants. In turn, this keeps our water affordable and means that our resources can be reused in a circular economy.



## Position papers & briefing notes 2024

WE PUBLISHED SEVERAL POSITION PAPERS AND BRIEFING NOTES THAT WE WILL USE TO ADVANCE CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.



**Industrial Emissions Directive revision**  
- IED Its impact on water services (internal)



**Towards a Water Resilient Europe - Upholding the Human Right to Water**



**Regulation Preventing Plastic Pellet Losses**

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**European  
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**Information  
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## EurEau meetings

JAN

**Wastewater (EU2)**  
Online  
30-31 January

FEB

**Drinking water (EU1)**  
Online  
15-16 February

**Economics and Legal  
Affairs (EU3)**  
Online  
27-28 February

MAY

**Wastewater (EU2)**  
Cardiff, Wales  
30-31 May

JUN

**Drinking water (EU1)**  
The Hague, Netherlands  
13-14 June

**Economics and Legal  
Affairs (EU3)**  
Vienna, Austria  
13-14 June

OCT

**Wastewater (EU2)**  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
3-4 October

**Economics and Legal Affairs (EU3)**  
Berlin, Germany  
10-11 October

**Drinking water (EU1)**  
Valencia, Spain  
28-29 October



### Joint Working Groups

**Innovation, Water Reuse and the Water Framework Directive & Micropollutants (WFD&P) – were also active this year, meeting several times to advance on their themes.**

We created a new JWG on Energy and Climate in 2024 to meet evolving needs and merged the JWG Micropollutants with the JWG WFD. They are chaired by Javier Fernandez (DAQUAS, Spain for Innovation), Anders Finnson (Svenskt Vatten, Sweden for WFD&P), Francesca Pizza (Utilitalia, Italy for Water Reuse) and Federico Valles (DAQUAS, Spain for E&C).

We have two Task Forces, one to look at PFAS, provisionally chaired by Oliver Loebel, EurEau Secretary General and one on Sustainable Finance and Reporting (formerly Taxonomy), led by Luigi del Giacco (Utilitalia, Italy) and Brian Murphy (Uisce Éireann, Ireland). Both Task Forces were also active throughout the year.

EurEau's Executive Committee met four times over the year. Two were online, while the others were held in Valletta, Malta, and London, United Kingdom.

Our General Assembly met twice: in Belgrade, Serbia and in Stockholm, Sweden.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to host meetings for us this year. While online meetings are useful, there is no replacement for meeting colleagues and friends in person.

### Water Lobby Group

The Water Lobby Group is an informal group of professionals working for EurEau's members in European affairs, advocacy, corporate affairs and international affairs. The group meets monthly and is coordinated by Gari Villalanda from the EurEau Secretariat. We encourage participants from national associations to attend. The group is essential to our work on legislative files, such as the Drinking Water Directive and the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.

### EurEau Network of Communications Managers

The EurEau Network of Communications Managers (ENCM) met in Thessaloniki, Greece in April and then again in Brussels in October. The group decided to work together on more pan-European campaigns, setting up a working group to establish how to do this.

## European Parliament MEP Group



**We support the MEP Group on Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Development.**

This group brings together Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from several political groups and Parliamentary Committees to find sustainable solutions to some of the greatest challenges of our time.

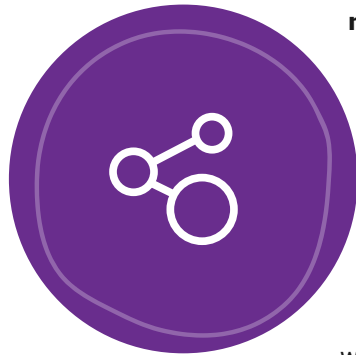
This balanced forum of discussion allows MEPs to listen, debate and shape ideas and policies based on contributions from the different stakeholders such as relevant experts, NGOs, the private sector, researchers and academics.

We will host meetings through this group over the next twelve months, particularly through its the Water Resilience Working Group.

“THIS GROUP BRINGS TOGETHER MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEPS) FROM SEVERAL POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES TO FIND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS.”



## Information Sharing Platform



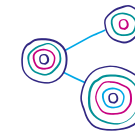
**We began the year with a rebrand for our platform, reflecting its basic function of sharing information.**

We hosted more webinars this year, including on GHG accounting in the drinking water sector (March), Water Reuse, Smart Metering, Water Talent: preparing Vocational Education

for the Future (all in June) and on the challenges wastewater operators face in meeting the energy neutrality obligations outlined in the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.

It is good to see that EurEau members are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with their peers from other countries. The webinars proved very popular attracting around 100 participants each.

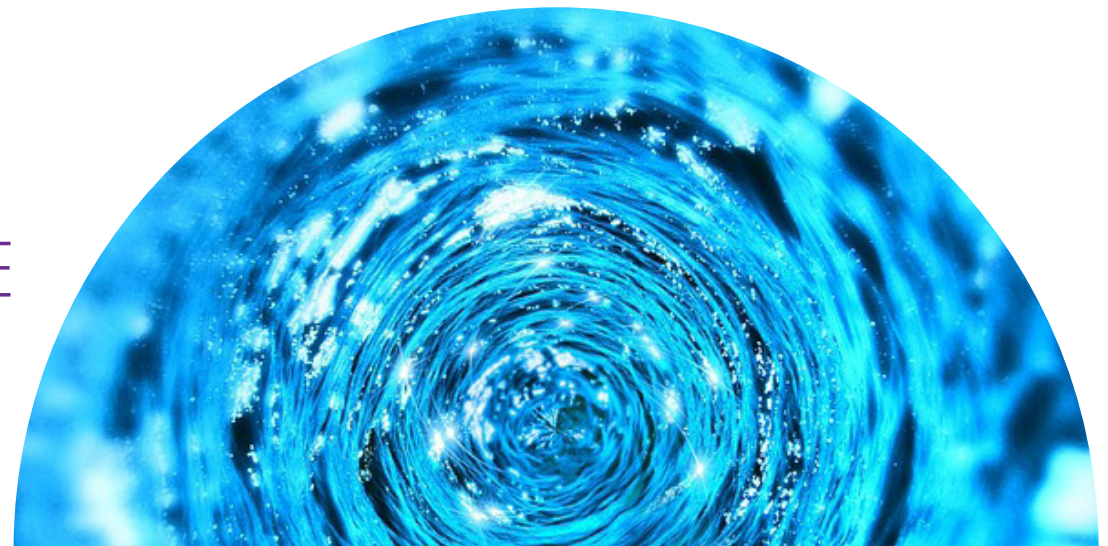
The EurEau Information Sharing Platform is open to EurEau member associations and their members.



**EurEau**  
Information Sharing Platform

[www.eureau-innovation.org](http://www.eureau-innovation.org)

“IT IS GOOD TO SEE THAT EUREAU MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WITH THEIR PEERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.”



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from our  
Secretary  
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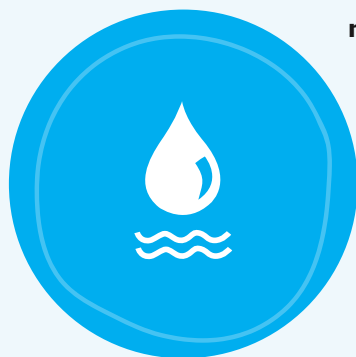
# A message from the Secretary General

## 2025; Sailing stormy waters

2025 will be another important year for our association. Numerous challenges await us in the political arena. The volatile geo-political situation and shifts in the priorities of the European Commission and the co-legislators mean that political initiatives will turn towards competitiveness, security and self-sufficiency. Deregulation plans might weaken water resources protection, even if this runs counter to building societal resilience.

*O. Hebel*





**We will devote significant resources to accompany the implementation of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, in particular through providing input to secondary legislation.**

It is encouraging to see that numerous experts from our member organisations have volunteered to contribute to this work.

Furthermore, we will step up our efforts to promote a prompt and far-reaching PFAS ban, including on pesticides. Only strict control-at-source measures can ensure that future drinking water limit values for these 'forever chemicals' can be met without excessive costs for water consumers. The Commission's shift from 'banning all non-essential PFAS uses' to 'bringing clarity on PFAS' does not bode well for the REACH revision expected for the end of 2025.

**“WE WILL STEP UP OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A PROMPT AND FAR-REACHING PFAS BAN, INCLUDING IN PESTICIDES.”**

As mentioned elsewhere in our Annual Report, a number of legislative proposals are still awaiting approval. We will continue to call for ambitious measures to protect our aquatic environment.

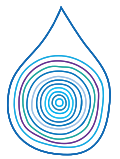
Water services are essential for Europe's competitiveness, self-sufficiency and social coherence. Without resilient water services, our economies and societies will not be resilient. We will continue to support the Commission in developing a holistic

Water Resilience Strategy combining quantity- and quality related aspects. EurEau, with our network of 200 experts from all across Europe, is uniquely positioned to carry this message to policy makers and stakeholders at all levels.

Internally, we welcomed a third policy adviser at the secretariat in January 2025, which will allow us to cover more topics on behalf of our members. We wish to thank our members who made this vital step possible.

Two important events will take place in May. We will celebrate EurEau 50th anniversary with our members and guests. And we will elect a new president, Executive Committee and committee co-chairs. This group of dedicated people will ensure that EurEau continues to defend the interests of its members and protect our shared water resources.

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## Participation in European Commission Expert and Advisory Groups

OUR EXPERTS ATTEND THE COMMON IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY (CIS) MEETINGS OF THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE AND THE EXPERT GROUPS MEETINGS OF THE BATHING WATER DIRECTIVE, DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE AND THE URBAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT DIRECTIVE. THESE FORA CAN BE ATTENDED EXCLUSIVELY BY EUROPEAN UMBRELLA FEDERATIONS, SUCH AS EUREAU.<sup>1</sup>



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## Participation in research projects

Research projects are an important part of our members' work. We participate on several advisory boards. These are the research projects that we contributed to in 2023 and will continue to work on in 2024.

### Research Projects

**AB of Co-UDlabs**

**AB of ZeroPM**

**AB of ResNRSWater  
(start 2024)**

**ChemSec Business Group**

**CIRSEAU**

**JRC**  
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EurEau is the voice of Europe's water services sector. We represent drinking water and wastewater operators from 33 countries in Europe, from both the private and the public sectors.

Our members are 38 national organisations of water services. At EurEau, we bring national water professionals together to agree

European water sector positions regarding the management of water quality, resource efficiency and access to water.

With a direct employment of around 476,000 people, the European water sector makes a significant contribution to the European economy.

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