



Agenda

Date: 16th November 2018

Meeting at: Committee of the Regions, Brussels
(Belgium)

Room: JDE51

Subject / purpose:

Validation conference for the Evaluation of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

9.00 – 9.30	Registration, coffee / tea	
9.30 – 10.00	Welcome and introduction to the ongoing work (The directive in the regional context and the importance of local authorities for implementing it, the links of the UWWTD Evaluation to the 5 political priorities of the Committee of the Regions).	DG ENV/ COR
10.00 – 10.15	Presentation of the project	Wood
10.15 – 10.30	Objectives of the day	Project team – Keir McAndrew
	Session 1: Where do we stand and how did we get here? Waste water in the EU <i>Discussions on where do we stand today in the implementation of the directive, late implementation in some Member States, costs of implementing this directive, monitoring challenges, and information provision to the public, reporting to the Commission.</i>	Project team – Victoria Cherrier
10:30– 11.30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How was the directive implemented?2. What would have happened without a directive?3. Were the deadlines set justified?4. What are the remaining challenges in terms of implementation (e.g. costs)?	
	<i>Speakers: tbc</i>	
	<i>Followed by Q&A</i>	

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11.30-11.45	Coffee / tea break	
	Session 2: What do we get out of it? Environment and health	Project team
	<i>Discussions on the positive direct and indirect environmental and health benefits of the UWWTD – it's a basic measure under these directives.</i>	– Michael Sorensen
11.45 – 12.45	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>What are the environmental benefits?</i>2. <i>What are the health benefits?</i>3. <i>What are the socio-economic benefits?</i> <p><i>Speakers: tbc.</i></p>	
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch	
	Session 3: How to be fit for the future? Missed opportunities and technical challenges.	Project team
	<i>Presentation on modelling results for CSO and IAS. Discussions on technical challenges that we know that exist but that are not yet completely solved or addressed by the UWWTD. This will include storm water overflows, individual or appropriate systems, pollutants of emerging concern.</i>	– Alexander Psomas
14.00 – 15.30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>To what extent are storm water overflows a problem and what are existent solutions?</i>2. <i>How to deal with pollutants of emerging concern (e.g. pharmaceuticals, microplastics).</i> <p><i>Speakers: tbc.</i></p> <p><i>Followed by Q&A</i></p>	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
	Session 4: Do we have the right legal framework? UWWTD in the broader environmental legislation.	Project team
	<i>Including discussions on legal clarity, internal and external coherence of the Directive.</i>	– Andrew Farmer
16.00 – 17.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Coherence with other water legislation (e.g. Bathing Water Directive, Water Framework Directive, Industrial Emissions Directive...)</i>2. <i>Coherence with the Common Agricultural Policy, policies on climate change and circular economy</i> <p><i>Speakers: tbc.</i></p> <p><i>Followed by Q&A</i></p>	
17.00- 17.30	Key messages from the day for each session Conclusions of the day and lessons learnt	Project team – Keir McAndrew DG ENV/ COR

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The intention is that each session will also include a (short) presentation by an external speaker (e.g. a representative of an NGO, representative of a city/region, representative of a EU water association, and a representative of a water company).