



Integrated Water Management

Revision of lists of Surface Water and Groundwater Substances

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What are the policy problems?

The 2019 Fitness Check revealed 2 main problems

Improve protection of ecosystems and human health from risks posed chemical pollution

The present list of polluting substances of EU wide concern is out of date and there is a legal obligation to update this list every 6 years

- The current focus on individual substances disregards cumulative or combined effects of mixtures
- The current framework does not account for seasonal variations in pollutant loads

Implementation deficits

Too large variation in pollutants and quality standards at MS level (resulting in incomparable data)

Ordinary legislative procedure to update lists of pollutants delays adaptation to scientific progress

Room for improvement of data management and reporting, eg through improved electronic reporting and streamlining

This proposal amends three Directives

Water
Framework
Directive
(WFD)



Groundwater
Directive
(GD)



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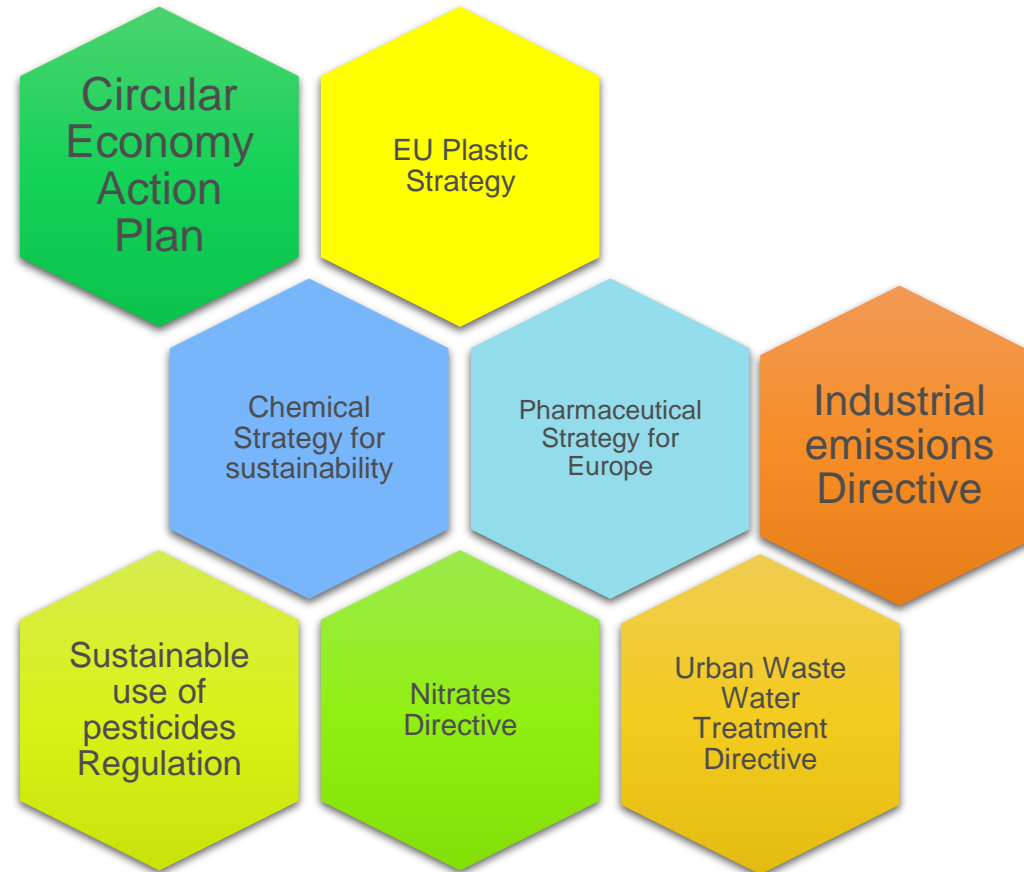


Environmental
Quality
Standards
Directive
(EQSD)



Other initiatives/laws that address pollutants

This proposal must be considered in conjunction with other initiatives that reduce the emissions of pollutants at source



Skeleton of the Proposal – few main elements

Article 1

- Changes to the Water Framework Directive **2000/60/EC**

Article 2

- Changes to the Groundwater Directive **2006/118/EC**

Article 3

- Changes to the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD) **2008/105/EC**

Article 4

- Transposition deadline (18 months)

6 ANNEXES

- A I and II = changes Annex V and VIII to WFD
- A III and IV = changes Annex I and II to GWD
- A V and VI = changes Annex I and new Annex II to EQSD

Core elements of Legal Proposal

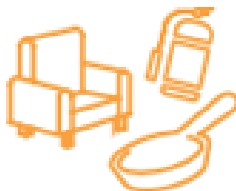
- ★ Changes Annex I GWD (Annex III proposal)
- ★ Changes Annex I EQSD (Annex V proposal)



Surface water substances - 25 new emerging ones



Pharmaceuticals: *Macrolide antibiotics, Estrogenic hormones, Carbamazepine, Diclofenac, Ibuprofen*



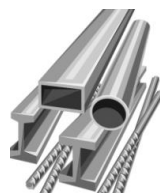
PFAS: Additional 24 substances



Bisphenol-A



Pesticides: *Triclosan, Nicosulfuron, Glyphosate, Neonicotinoids, Pyrethroids, & **total of active substances in pesticides** (incl. their relevant metabolites, degradation and reaction products)*



Metal: Silver

Also removed 4 pollutants and changed standards for 16 pollutants

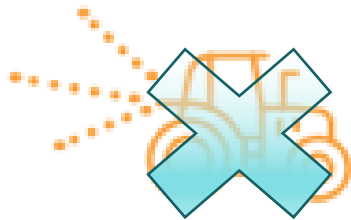


Annex I EQSD – Surface water **priority** substances- **deselections**

Substances that no longer pose an EU-wide risk



Carbon tetrachloride



Pesticides: *Alachlor, Chlorfenvinphos, Simazine*



Annex I EQSD – Surface water **priority** substances–EQS changes



For 16 existing substances - In some cases more stringent in others less stringent

(Chlorpyrifos, Dioxins, Diuron, Cypermethrin, Fluoranthene, Heptachlor, Hexachlorobenzene, Mercury Hexachlorobutadiene, Nickel, Nonylphenol, PAHs, PolyBDEs, Tributyltin, Dicofol, Hexabromocyclododecane).

No.	Substance	Category of substances	CAS number	AA-EQS fw [µg/L]	AA-EQS mw [µg/L]	MAC-EQS fw [µg/L]	MAC-EQS mw [µg/L]	EQS biota [µg/kg _{ww}]
9	Chlorpyrifos	Organophosphate pesticide	2921-88-2	4,6 x 10 ⁻⁴	4,6 x 10 ⁻⁵	0,0026	5,2 x 10 ⁻⁴	
41	Cypermethrin	Pyrethroid pesticides	52315-07-8	3 x 10 ⁻⁵	3 x 10 ⁻⁶	6 x 10 ⁻⁴	6 x 10 ⁻⁵	
34	Dicofol	Organochlorine pesticides	115-32-2	[4,45 x 10 ⁻³]	[0,185 x 10 ⁻³]	not applicable	not applicable	[5,45]
37	Dioxins and dioxin-like compounds	Industrial substances	This refers to the f-	-	-	not applicable	not applicable	Sum of PCDD+ PCDF+ PCB-DL; [3,5 x 10 ⁻⁵]
13	Diuron	Herbicides	330-54-1	0,049	0,0049	0,27	0,054	
15	Fluoranthene	Industrial substances (PAH)	206-44-0	7,62 x 10 ⁻⁴	7,62 x 10 ⁻⁴	0,12	0,12	6.1
44	Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide	Organochlorine pesticides	76-44-8 / 1024-57-	[1,7 x 10 ⁻⁷]	[1,7 x 10 ⁻⁷]	3 x 10 ⁻⁴	3 x 10 ⁻⁵	[0,013]
43	Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)	Industrial substances	This refers to 1,3,5	[4,6 x 10 ⁻⁴]	[2 x 10 ⁻⁵]	0,5	0,05	[3,5]
16	Hexachlorobenzene	Organochlorine pesticides	118-74-1			0,5	0,05	20
17	Hexachlorobutadiene	Industrial substances (solvent)	87-68-3	9 x 10 ⁻⁴		0,6	0,6	21
21	Mercury and its compounds	Metals	7439-97-6			0,07	0,07	10
23	Nickel	Metals	7440-02-0	2	3.1	8,2	8,2	
24	Nonylphenol	Industrial substances	84852-15-3	0,037	0,0018	2,1	0,17	
28	Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Industrial substances (PAHs)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	[0,6] (sum of BaP equivalent, waiting for the SCHEER opinion)
5	Poly Brominated Diphenylethers (PBDEs)	Industrial substances	32534-81-9			0,14	0,014	0,00028
30	Tributyltin (TBT) compounds	Biocides	36643-28-4	0,0002	0,0002	0,0015	0,0015	1,3 µg/kg _{dw} (sediment)

List of Existing PS EQS dossiers- Review

Table with the list of reviewed EQS values of existing PS. Comparison with the existing EQS values in the WFD: orange rows when proposed EQS value is stricter and green rows when the proposed EQS value is less strict than the existing one in the WFD.

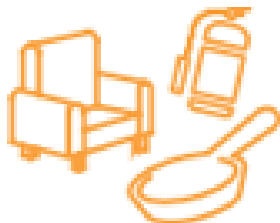


Groundwater substances



Pharmaceuticals:

- 2 additions to Annex I (EU-wide standards):
Carbamazepine & Sulfamethoxazole and
- **Group total standard for active pharmaceutical subst.**
Add 1 (**Primidone**) to Annex II (MS to consider setting a national standard).



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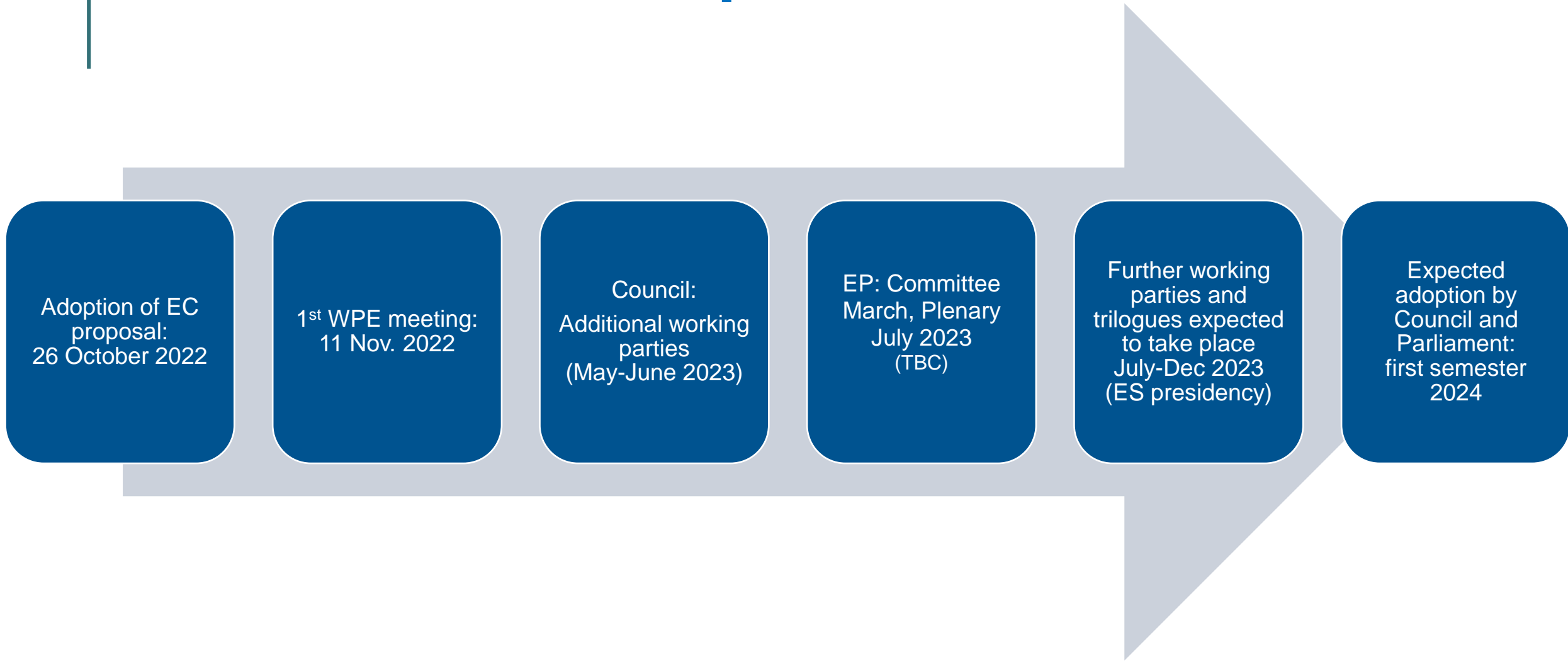
Pesticides: additional breakdown products, **non-relevant Metabolites (nrMs)** to Annex I (EU-wide standards) as individual substances and as a group.

And: a mandatory groundwater watchlist mechanism

Additional elements of Legal Proposal

1. River Basin Specific Pollutants = ‘chemical status’
2. Harmonised standards for pollutants of national concern
3. **Streamlined procedures – Watch List GW and EQSD**
 - Update lists every three years / 2-year monitoring – consideration of seasonal fluctuations
 - Next WL: incl. microplastics & antimicrobial resistance genes
4. Simplified procedures - Delegated acts to review Annexes
5. Yearly info on water quality & Automated data delivery mechanisms
6. **Simplified reporting** (synergies with Industrial Emissions Portal)
7. **Effect Based Monitoring** - new monitoring techniques (remote sensing)
8. Scientific support from ECHA to list substances and assess results
9. Oder Warning Clause for transboundary pollution incidents

Timeline – Next steps



Thank you



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