



Water Manifesto  
The Strategic Value of Water

October 2023

**Webinar Europees waterbeleid**  
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# The European Water Association



Independent non-governmental and non-profit organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment.

Members from nearly all European Countries : National Members, Corporate Members and Research Members.

Provide a forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues in Europe.

Conferences, workshops, meetings, special working groups of experts and through publications and media.



# Our Objectives

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- Sustainable management of the total water cycle
- Exchange of knowledge and expertise, providing a forum for the discussion of key technical, scientific and policy issues
- Promote the advancement and adoption of integrated water management
- Seek to influence the European water agenda
- Support activities of the National Associations
- Advance common interests of members
- More information: [www.ewa-online.eu](http://www.ewa-online.eu)

# EWA Activities toward Brussels



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## Water Manifesto in October 2023:

### “The Strategic Value of Water“

#### Objective:

To draw attention to current and future challenges for water management in Europe and provides proposals for sustainable solutions.

#### 3 Focus Points:

- The strategic value of water for Europe security.
- An EU Blue Deal
- Secure financing to address future water challenges.

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## Recommendations:

- The strategic value of water for Europe security
  - Recognition of the key role of water in Europe and having an integrated approach to water by mainstreaming it into all relevant EU policies,
  - Strengthening Europe's strategic autonomy and competitiveness by preserving water, ensuring its availability and good quality water for all important purposes,
  - Improving the availability of EU funds to help finance the upcoming water-related investments as a complement to the contribution from water tariffs.
  
- An EU Blue Deal
  - Implementation of the Blue Deal proposal
  - Better balancing of water demand with availability and fair access to water.
  
- Secure financing to address future water challenges.
  - All stakeholders to pay their contribution to cover future costs,
  - Securing future access to water with relevant investments,
  - Significantly improving the maintenance and resilience of the existing infrastructure.
  
- [Link to the manifesto](#)

# Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD)

## EWA Position

EWA Position paper on the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD)



May 2022



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EUROPEAN WATER ASSOCIATION

## Close Monitoring of the proposal to review the Urban Wastewater treatment Directive

- Publication of several Positions Papers
- Participation of Open Stakeholders Consultations
- Amendments sharing with relevant Policy makers
- Several events to inform our members and the public about this Proposal: Conferences, webinars, Newsletters & Social Media
- [Link to the Position Paper](#)



# Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD) - Process and timeline



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**COMMISSIE**

Brussels, 26.10.2022  
COM(2022) 541 final


European Parliament  
2019-2024



TEXTS ADOPTED

P9\_TA(2023)0355 **PARLEMENT**  
Urban wastewater treatment

Amendments adopted by the European Parliament on 5 October 2023 on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning urban wastewater treatment (recast) (COM(2022)0541 – C9-6363/2022 – 2022/0345(COD))<sup>1</sup>



Council of the European Union

**RAAD**

Brussels, 16 October 2023  
(OR. en)

14271/23

Interinstitutional File:  
2022/0345 (COD)



**Compromis Q1  
Rond zomer 2024  
Gereed en vertaald  
voor 27 lidstaten**

# Implementatie

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**Wat is er?**

**Wat doen we?**

**Extra nodig?**

**Op welk niveau?**

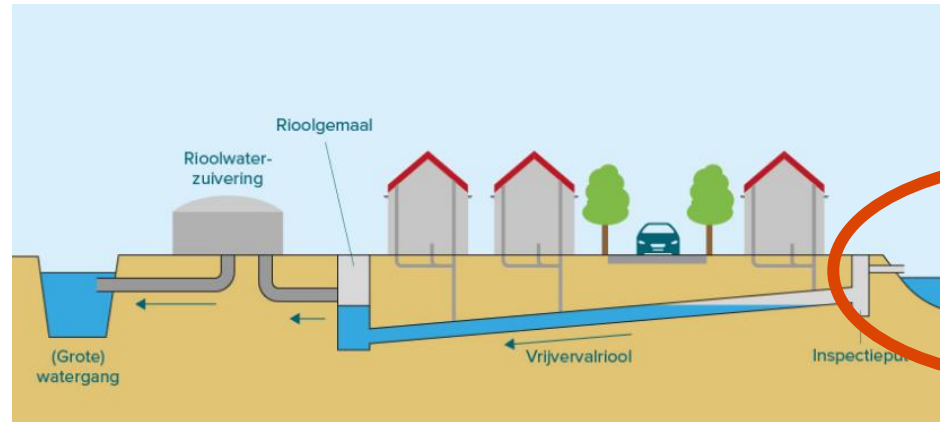




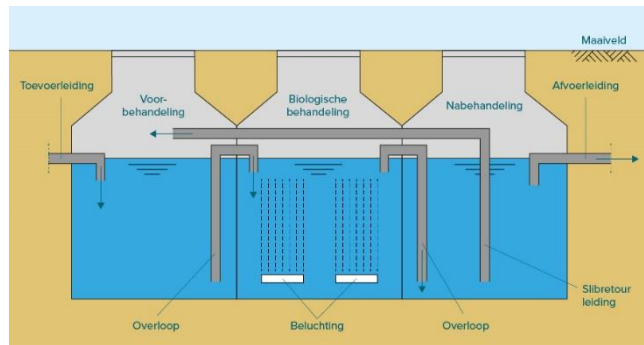
# Wat gaat de UWWTD voor inzameling betekenen?

## Integrated Urban Wastewater Management PLAN

## Monitoren



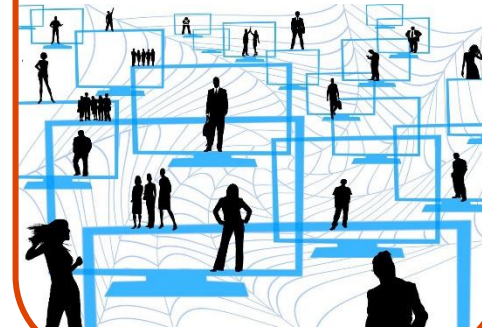
Emissie  
begrensd



Emissie  
vraagt  
aandacht

## IBA's

Informatie  
voor  
publiek



Voldoende



# Emissie gemengde riolering

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1% - 2% - 3% ??  
van dwa  
per agglomeratie



# Gescheiden riolering

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Hemelwater niet in de buis

Hemelwater zuiveren

- tenzij geen negatief effect

Aandacht voor foutaansluitingen

Uitwerking in Vlaamse wet- en regelgeving bepalend!



Toekomst?

# Planverplichting

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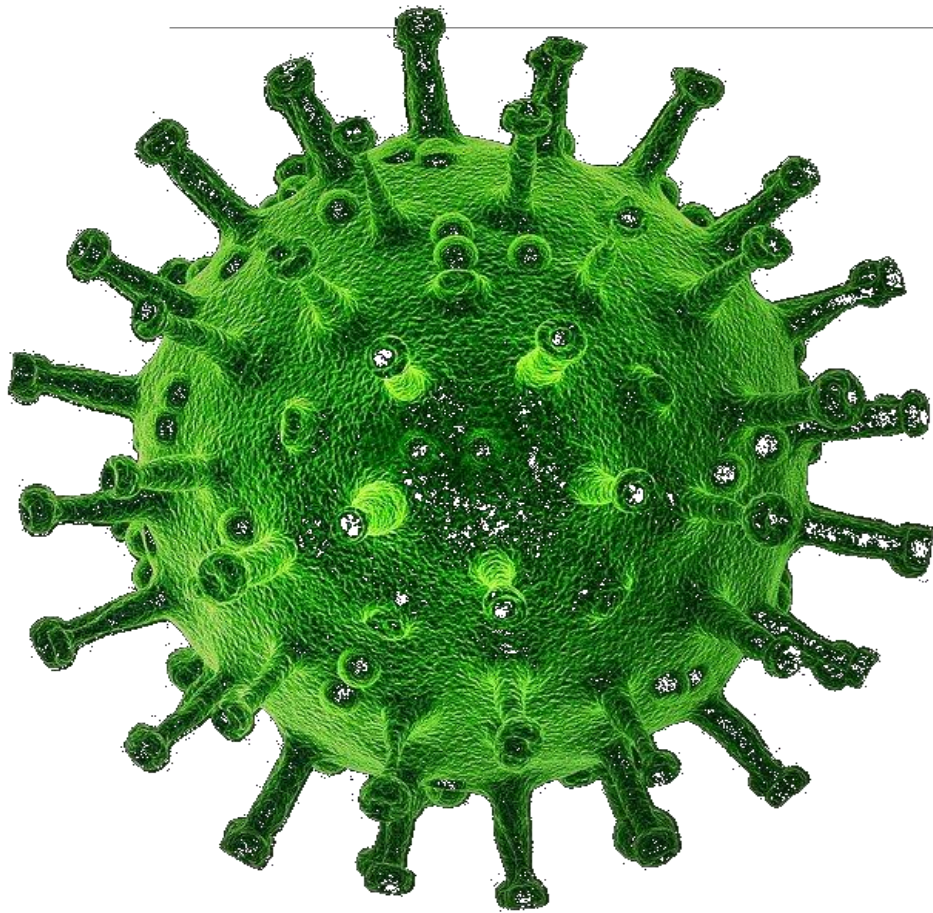
## Integrated Urban Wastewater Management Plans

- voor agglomeraties > 100.000 inw.
- later voor > 10.000 inw.

Elke 5/6 jaar nieuw

# Monitoren

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Rol gemeente?



Rol gemeente!

# Publieksinformatie

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## Actief informeren

- Jaarlijks
- Compliance
- m<sup>3</sup> en €
- Per agglomeratie en per adres

## Hoe?

- Waterrekening
- Internet



# IBA's en sanitaire voorzieningen

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IBA's: liever niet. Zo toch, dan heel goed

Sanitaire voorzieningen

- voldoende beschikbaar
- ook voor kwetsbare groepen



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## Wat betekent dit verder?

- Drempel van 1000 IE voor art. 3 en 6, laatste deadline: 2035
- Drempel voor 3T en 4T: 10.000 en 150.000 PE
- EPR: ten minste 80 % van de kosten van 4T gedekt door EPR (elke lidstaat kan tot 100 % gaan); nog eens 20 % moet worden gedekt door nationale financiering. First movers moeten ook exploitatiekosten en investeringskosten dragen. + herzieningsclausule
- Ambitieuze doelstellingen voor stikstof gespreid tot 2039 (>150.000 i.e.) en 2045 (>10.000 i.e.) Geen informatie beschikbaar over grenswaarden.
- Eisen voor fosfor gespreid tot 2039 (>150.000 i.e.) of 2045 (>10.000 i.e.) - 0,5 mg/L of 90 % voor grote installaties 0,7 mg/L of 87,5 % voor installaties met kleine installaties.





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## Wat betekent dit verder?

- Energie neutraliteit
  - (onsite or offsite) tegen 2045 als nationale doelstelling voor de sector, niet voor specifieke installaties
  - Opname van installaties vanaf 10.000 IE . Geleidelijke toename van het aandeel hernieuwbare energie dat wordt gebruikt in gemeentelijke afvalwaterzuiveringsinstallaties:
    - 20% tegen 2030
    - 40% in 2035
    - 70% in 2040
    - 100% tegen 2045
  - Energieaudits voor RWZI's >10.000 IE verplicht
  - Eisen voor efficiëntie
  - Mogelijkheid om max. 35% van de energie uit niet-fossiele energiebronnen

# Upcoming Events

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- ❑ **12 March:** Speeding up to a water resilient Europe. Fast tracks for an EU Blue Deal in Leuven (Belgium). A joint organization by VMM, Vlakwa, European Water Association, Minaraad en Vleva.
- ❑ **10-13 April:** 4th International Conference Waters in Sensitive and Protected Areas, in Pula (Croatia)
- ❑ **13-17 May:** IFAT in Munich (Germany) with the 21st EWA International Symposium and EWA Sessions on: Water reuse, Desalinization, Qualification in the Water Sector and „Invest in peace – Invest in water“.
- ❑ **14-15 May:** 3rd International Conference on Water Management in Changing Conditions in Munich (Germany)





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