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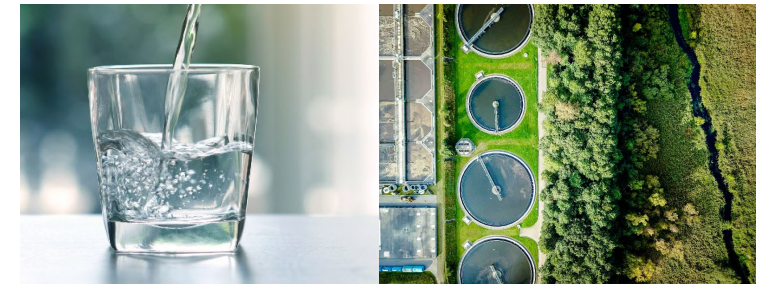
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Who we are

- ~ EurEau is the **European Federation of Water Services**
- ~ **34** national associations of **drinking and waste water operators** from **29** European countries
- ~ Providing “essential services”
- ~ Realising the human right to water and sanitation
- ~ Protecting health + environment



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Protection of water resources



- ~ Prerequisite to realise our mission
- ~ **Legal obligations to protect water resources: art.7.3 WFD and art.8 new DWD**
- ~ The less a drinking water resource is polluted, the less technical water treatment is necessary -> drinking water can be delivered as a natural foodstuff.
- ~ Drinking water operators are capable to treat any type of raw water: **consider consequences of treatment ->life cycle approach to pesticides**
- ~ But *“Do we as a society and individual citizen prefer a natural composition or a **highly treated and processed product?**”*

Legislative framework

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Control at source

Cost Recovery
Principle

Polluter Pays
Principle

The water consumer should not bear the cost of extra treatment, but the polluter-pays principle should be applied.

Drinking Water Directive (DWD)

Pesticides: 0,1 µg/l



in active substances,
metabolites and
transformation products

The extra-treatment has been applied increasingly over the past 20 years to comply with the DWD – consumers pay more.

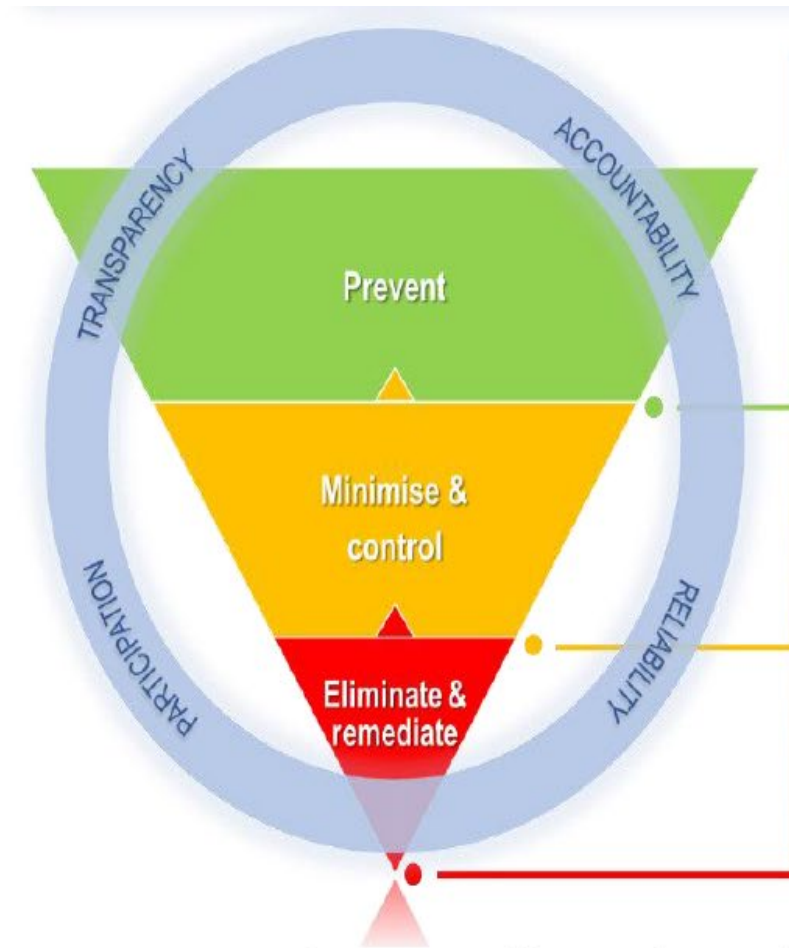
Policy options for a new SUD



- ~ EurEau supports the F2F targets on pesticide use + risk reduction:
 - ~ Support Commission **2015-2017 baseline**
 - ~ These must be converted to binding targets to be achieved at EU and MS levels
 - ~ Actions to **reduce pesticides use and then emissions** to water bodies must be prioritised
 - ~ But careful: avoid "regrettable substitutions"!
 - ~ Essential to comply with the DWD parametric values
 - ~ Priority Substances Directive revision is an opportunity to create coherence with DWD and SUD:
 - **EQS for Total Pesticides in Surface Water too!**

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- ~ **Costs/savings/benefits to wider society and environment**
- ~ Water operators have to invest more and more to treat pesticides pollution in the aquatic environment and comply with DWD standards
- ~ Extra-treatment means increase in energy consumption → not in line with climate neutrality
- ~ Higher costs for consumers → affordability concerns
- ~ Problem of **transformation products and metabolites**
- ~ **It is not in line the Zero Pollution Hierarchy :**
 - ~ **Precaution + Prevention + Source control + Polluter Pays**



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- ~ We support the development of mandatory crop-specific standards for IPM and link payments under CAP to the proven fulfilment of IPM standards
- ~ We are in favour of detailed training for **independent** advisors on IPM
- ~ More **transparency** in the **information on the use of pesticides** in catchment areas is needed: **access to this information is fundamental for water operators**
- ~ In favour of streamlining the F2F targets reporting, NAP reporting requirements and CAP National Strategic Plans to **better control progress towards decrease of emissions**

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- ~ We support all 3 options on training/advisory systems:
 - ~ Training ALSO for those using and applying PPP (not only buying)
 - ~ Mutual recognition of certificates
 - ~ **Independent Advisors**
- ~ Strong support for more and better monitoring data and **easier access to data for water operators**: necessary for Risk assessment of supply system (new DWD)
- ~ Support for both options on **restriction on sales: only to «educated» professionals.**
- ~ **Amateur users** have very easy access in retail outlets today
 - ~ Who will prescribe the substances? The certified independent advisors?

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- ~ We support restrictions for sensitive areas, and especially Drinking Water Protection Zones
- ~ Particular attention should be given to those hazardous pesticides that are easily transported through water
- ~ Commission to **extend the scope** to **Biocides within the SUD revision as per the SUD text:**

10. 'pesticide' means:

(2) At present, this Directive should apply to pesticides which are plant protection products. However, it is anticipated that the scope of this Directive will be extended to cover biocidal products.

(a) a plant protection product as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;

(b) a biocidal product as defined in Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing on the market of biocidal products ⁽²⁾.

Thank you for your attention



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