



Revision of the Water Framework Directive: improve coordination with other European Directives

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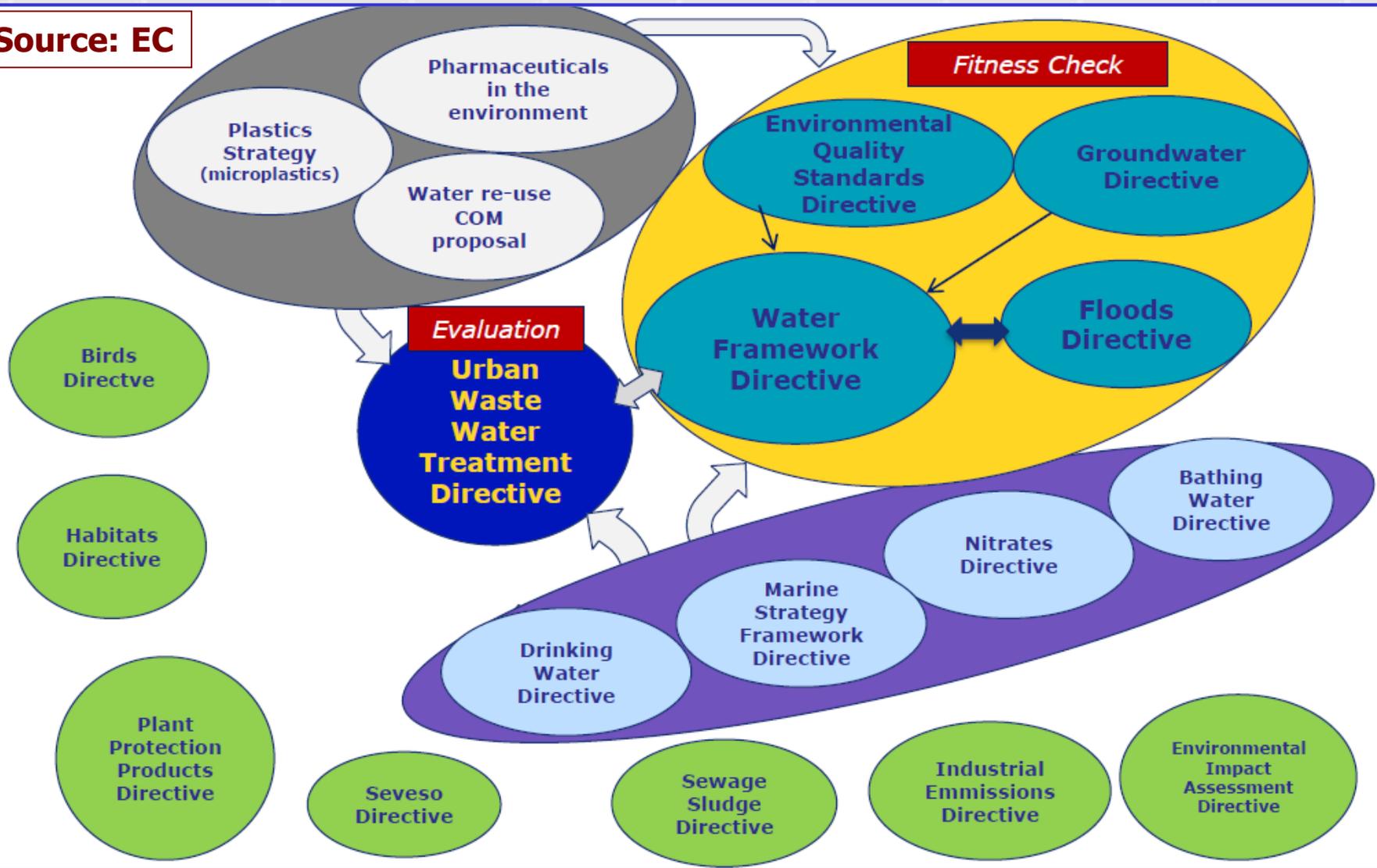
REVIEWS & EVALUATIONS (BACKGROUND & FUTURE)

- **Art. 19.2 WFD:**
“The Commission will review this Directive at the latest 19 years after the date of its entry into force [22/12/2019] and will propose any necessary amendments to it”
- **Fitness Check 2012 (WFD-GWD-EQSD-FD-UWWTD-NitD) → Blueprint**
- **2016: Discussion EC/MS to focus the review (CIS).**
- **Fitness Check 2019 (WFD-GWD-EQSD-FD)**
- **Other reviews: Drinking WD; Bathing WD (Art. 14.3, no later than 2020); MSFD (Art. 23, 15/7/2023)**



FITNESS CHECK 2019 FRAMEWORK

Source: EC



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FITNESS CHECK – EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Efficiency**
- **Effectiveness**
- **Relevance**
- **Coherence**
- **EU-added value**



AVAILABLE INFORMATION

- **RBMP & FRMP – WISE Reporting**
- **CIS (guidance documents, deliverables, input WG, workshops, ...)**
- **Infringement cases (past, ongoing)**
- **Court of Auditors reports**
- **Other studies: OECD, assessment 2nd cycle, Blue2**
- **Public consultation**



TIMETABLE

- **Public consultation: 17/9/2018 – 4/3/2019**
https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-5128184/public-consultation_en
- **Workshops: Methodology (10/10), Emerging pollutants (24/10), UWWTD, ...**
- **Q2-Q3 2019: finalisation of support studies, EC Report on Fitness Check**



ISSUES TO BE RAISED DURING THE EVALUATION

Apparent insufficient progress on achieving WFD objectives

One-out-all-out principle

Governance

Non-deterioration obligation

Definition of 2 different status - chemical and ecological

Flexibility through exemptions

2027 final deadline for application of exemptions

Quantification of costs and benefits

Reporting tools (WISE)

Policy coherence (agriculture, energy, transport)

Climate change and water quantity / water quality

Water pricing, and polluter pays principle

Floods Directive – overarching progress indicator

Duration of the RBMPs cycles, and reporting cycles of other related law

Integration of the objectives of protected areas within the RBMPs

Link drivers-pressures-measures

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ABOUT WFD REVIEW

- **Starting point: WFD Fitness Check (available report in 2019).**
- **The reviewed Directive will not be in force before 2021. It will be applied -as early- to the RBMP of the 4th cycle (2027-2033).**
- **Objective (according EC): achievement of a simplification, improving of the regulation an its application.**
- **The level of ambition is not under discussion.**

RELEVANT ISSUES FROM DGA-MITECO POINT OF VIEW

- **Environmental objectives beyond 2027: measures implementation, 4(4) vs 4(5).**
- **Coherence between WFD and Directives 91/271 (UWWTD) and 91/676 (Nitrates D.): state diagnosis, measures, monitoring.**
- **Integration of reporting of water Directives (WFD-UWWTD-Nitrates D.)**

