EUREAU

European Federation of National associations of water suppliers & waste water Services

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EUREAU

- European umbrella organisation of National Water & waste Water associations

- Founded in 1975

- Consensus based decision-making

- Its members provide water services to 450 Million people across Europe
31 full & 1 observer member associations

29 countries

± 450 million of customers
Main goals

- To promote the common interests of the European water operators to EU Institutions & stakeholders
- To enable them to deal with threats & opportunities arising from EU policy & national implementation
- To be a platform for exchanges of information & experiences
- A successful track record with the EU Institutions (since 1975).
Key assets (1/2)

• Voice of Europe’s drinking water & waste water service operators

• A network of practitioners talking directly to the EU officials

• Represents operators covering the whole water cycle

• A concentration of technical, scientific & management knowledge, unique in Europe
Key assets (2/2)

- Reflects the full diversity of the European water industry & utilities
  * North to South & West to East
  * Public & Private
  * From large industries to small utilities

- A fair coverage of the European diversity (hydrological, geographical & institutional)

- EUREAU’s positions are worked out by our experts in 3 Standing Commissions
Organisation

Board of Management
Executive Committee
President

General-Secretariat
(Brussels)

Core Group WFD

C1 drinking water
quality, monitoring, materials, WSP, resources

C2 waste water
IPPC, ELV & EQS, storm water, floods, bathing

C3 legal & economic affairs
WFD article 9, Public procurement environmental liability, SGI, PPP

Ad-hoc groups
WFD, agriculture, research, reuse.
Water Framework Directive

- To improve the quality of European waters and to achieve good ecological & chemical status
- To encourage the application of the polluter pays and cost recovery principles
- To contribute to the protection of sources intended to drinking water production
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How many people are working on the Water Framework Directive?

A. 400
B. 40
C. 4
EUREAU & WFD

• To produce & supply safe drinking water of high quality

• To collect & treat waste water efficiently before reintroducing it in the natural water cycle

• To provide sustainable water & waste water services to consumers in the whole Europe

• To ensure the interests of European water operators in the
Major aims of EUREAU’s WFD Core Group

• To achieve an integrated EUREAU approach

• To coordinate EUREAU members’ input to CIS

• To address key issues with the CIS groups

• To address key issues other than those addressed by the CIS

• To anticipate developments in the EU

• To raise awareness within & outside EUREAU
IWRM-policy

Internal integration
• Surface water – groundwater
• Quality - quantity

External integration
Water, spatial planning, environment, socio-economic

Interface
water resources management- water services
Thank you for your attention

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