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The European Water Association calls for action in its new Water Manifesto.

With its new Water Manifesto, the European Water Association (EWA) draws attention to current challenges for water management in Europe and makes proposals for sustainable solutions to these. EWA calls upon civil society and all relevant stakeholders to contribute to implementation of such solutions, and EWA encourages the permanent dialogue between the decision makers and the national and regional authorities.

The EWA Water Manifesto 2020 concentrates on the following four themes:

1. Nature-based Solutions to Respond to Climate Change
2. Financing Investment in Water Services
3. Asset Management and Digitalisation of Water Infrastructure
4. Boosting Water Demand Management

In these times of challenges caused by the COVID-19 outbreak it is important not to forget the challenges of the environment, of clean water in particular and of the importance of the EU Green Deal. In its new Water Manifesto the European Water Association (EWA) calls for action to assure exactly this.

Responsible for the development of the EWA Water Manifesto 2020 is the EWA European Policy Committee, which has experts from numerous European countries. Chair of the EWA European Policy Committee is Wendy Francken from VLARIO in Belgium. *“Climate Change and human health are co-dependent, and this is why the EU Green Deal is more important than ever”,* Wendy Francken explains, *“the European Water Association wishes with the new Water Manifesto to make sure that we all, and not the least the politicians, stay committed to that”.*

It is a tradition that EWA hands over its position papers to the EU Commission and other relevant persons at its annual conference in Brussels, Belgium. Due to the challenges of the COVID-19, this year the EWA Water Manifesto will be presented electronically, and the annual EWA Brussels Conference will take place online as a series of four webinars, all with topics evolving around the EU Green Deal:

- 27 October 2020: Webinar 1: The European Green Deal and Blue Challenges
- 10 November 2020: Webinar 2: Research and Developments for the Water Environment
- 24 November 2020: Webinar 3: Water Framework Directive beyond 2027
- 8 December 2020: Webinar 4: Future Challenges of the Water Framework Directive

Links:

- You find the EWA Water Manifesto 2020 here: https://www.ewa-online.eu/tl_files/_media/content/documents_pdf/Publications/Water-Manifesto/About-us/EWA_Manifesto_2020.pdf
- Short video presentation of the EWA Water Manifesto: <https://youtu.be/rFnkga3SVul>
- For registration and more info about EWA webinars: <https://www.ewa-online.eu/events.html>

About the European Water Association (EWA):

The European Water Association is an important independent and non-profit European organisation that deals with the entire water cycle with member associations in almost every European member state. As an NGO, EWA represents an extensive network of water professionals and specialists, and forms a European forum for the discussion of the important technical and strategic water issues and thereby contributes to the formation of a European water policy.

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