



# *Revision of the Drinking Water Directive*

**16 May 2018**

**13:30-15:30**

**Committee of the Regions  
Room JDE62**

Chaired by:

**Michel Dantin MEP**

**Rapporteur** for the European Parliament on the revision of the Drinking Water Directive

**Chair** of the “*Water & Agriculture*” Working Group of the EP Intergroup on “*Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Development*”

Keynote speech by:

**Daniel Calleja Crespo**

Director General of DG ENV, European Commission

Interpretation EN-FR

High quality, safe and sufficient drinking water is essential for our daily life. The EU has a history of over 30 years of drinking water policy, which ensures that water intended for human consumption can be consumed safely on a life-long basis.

The European Commission adopted on 1 February 2018 a proposal for a revised drinking water directive to improve the quality of drinking water and provide greater access and information to citizens. The proposal for modernizing the 20 year old drinking water directive (98/83/EC) comes as a result of the REFIT evaluation, the implementation of the Commission's response to the European Citizens' Initiative 'Right2Water' and as a contribution to meeting the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The proposal aims to improve water quality, safety, and access for all. It also aims to provide better access to information to consumers about the quality and supply of drinking water in their living area. This meeting will therefore gather policy-makers and stakeholders to discuss its revision as the proposal will now be transmitted to the European Parliament for discussion and negotiation.



### DRAFT AGENDA

- 13:30-13:40** Welcome and introduction by **Mr Michel Dantin MEP**
- 13:40-13:50** Keynote speech by **Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo**, Director General, European Commission, DG Environment
- 13:50-14:00** **Mr Mark Weinmeister**, Committee of Regions, Hessian State Secretary for European Affairs, Rapporteur for the CoR on the revision of the Drinking Water Directive
- 14:00-14:10** **Mr Kalin Iliev**, Head of Sector, Environment and Waters, Waste management, Biodiversity, Air quality, Bulgarian Presidency
- 14:10-14:20** **Dr Claudia Castell-Exner**, Vice-President of EurEau
- 14:20-14:30** **Ms Helena Norin**, Chair of the Climate and Environment Board of Gothenburg, EURO CITIES
- 14:30-14:40** **Dr Franz Fiala**, Chair of the ANEC Groups on Sustainability and Chemicals, The European Consumer Voice in Standardisation (ANEC)
- 14:40-15:25** **Discussion with the audience**
- 15:25-15:30** Closing remarks by **MEP**