



# **Waste no time, waste no water:** **The potential of water re-use in agriculture**

**Monday 8 October 2018, 18:30 – 20:30**  
**European Parliament, Room 6Q1**

Chaired by:

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Interpretation EN-FR

2017 was the third hottest year on the earth since measurement exists, according to World Meteorological Organization. During this summer Europe suffers from severe droughts and this is expected to happen more often in the future. In this context, managing our water resources is crucial and water availability has a direct impact on our economy. Apart from water savings, reusing treated waste water from urban waste water treatments plants can be a measure for a sustainable integrated water management and offers a reliable alternative water supply for various purposes.

The European Commission adopted on 31 May 2018 a proposal for a regulation on minimum requirements for water reuse, focusing on irrigation in agriculture. It proposes a framework for European countries to apply reuse of treated waste water safely.

The proposal aims to define the minimum quality requirements of water according to the crop grown. It also defines the steps for a proper risk assessment for the safe implementation of water reuse projects. The proposed instrument expects to allow the reuse of treated waste water to pass from 1.7 billion m<sup>3</sup> per year currently produced to 6.6 billion m<sup>3</sup> per year. This meeting will therefore gather policy-makers and stakeholders to discuss the proposal that will now be under consideration to the European Parliament, in the Council and in the Committee of the Regions.



## DRAFT AGENDA

- 18:30-18:40** Welcome and introduction by **Mr. Michel Dantin MEP**
- 18:40-18:50** **Marjana PETIR** - MEP rapporteur AGRI Opinion
- 18:50-19:00** Keynote speech by **Ms. Veronica Manfredi**, Director Quality of Life, European Commission, DG Environment
- 19:00-19:10** European Commission; **Mauro Poinelli**, Head of Unit D.4, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
- 19:10 - 19 :20** **Jan HUITEMA**, MEP Shadow Rapporteur on REUSE report
- 19:10-19:20** Eureau - **Bruno Tisserand**, président Eureau
- 19:20-19:30** **Pekka Pesonen**, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca
- 19:30-19:40** **Laurent Roy**, Director General, French water agency
- 19:40-19:50** **Sergiy Moroz**, Senior Policy Officer for Water and Biodiversity, European Environmental Bureau
- 19:50- 20:25** **Discussion with the audience**
- 20:25-20:30** Closing remarks by **Michel DANTIN**