



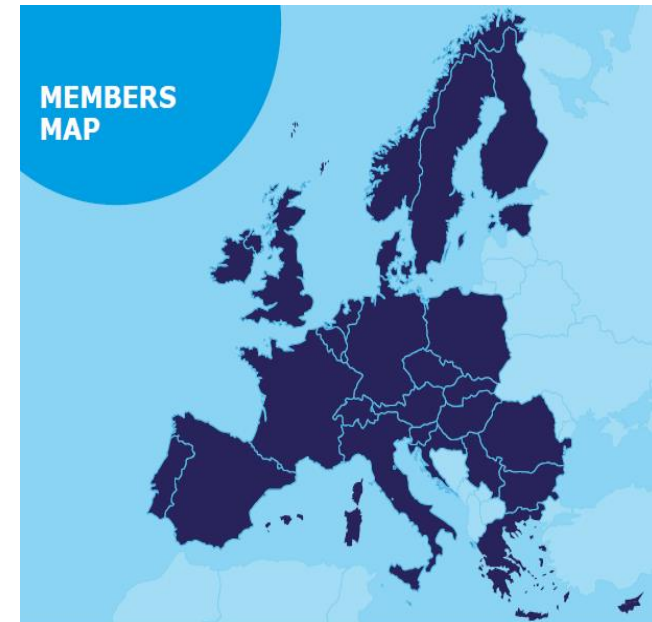
Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability: How can we enhance safety and competitiveness?

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Who we are

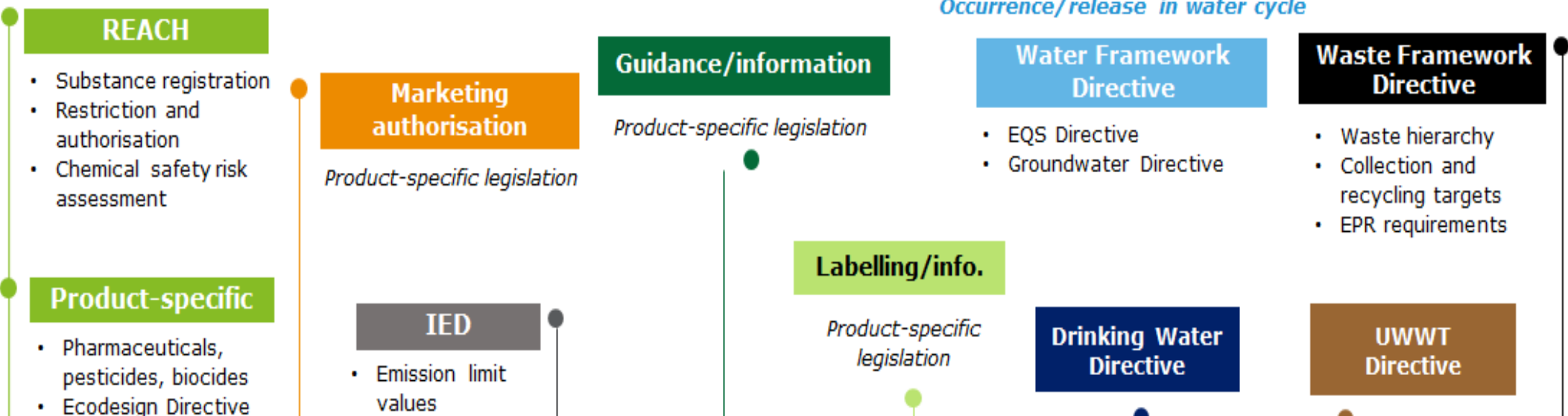
- ~ **European Federation of Water Services**
- ~ **34** national associations of **drinking** and **waste water operators** from **29** European countries



Our Mission

Protect public health and the environment by delivering safe and affordable water services 24/7.

Legislative coherence and preventive action



Occurrence/release in water cycle

Prevention, control-at-source



Recommendations



~ **Apply TFEU 191.2**

- Coherence between chemical legislation, environmental policies and Green Deal strategies (circular economy, zero pollution etc.).
- Precautionary principle, preventive action, control-at-source and polluter pays principle.

~ **Focus on generic risk assessment**

- Hazard-based approach essential to protect water resources.
- Restrict PMT substances / PFAS before they enter the environment.

~ **Favour family/group approach**

- “One substance – one hazard assessment” . must not contradict group restrictions (PFAS, micro-plastics).

Recommendations

~ **Ban all non-essential PFAS applications**

- Limit values introduced in Drinking Water Directive.
- Define “essential” according to Montreal Protocol.

~ **Apply the polluter pays principle**

- If water operators must invest in complementary extra-treatment (last resort).

~ **Address EDCs and Mixtures and Cocktail Effects** in the Strategy

~ **Support innovation**

- Sustainable green chemistry.



Thank you very much

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