

New EU legislation Turning risks into opportunities

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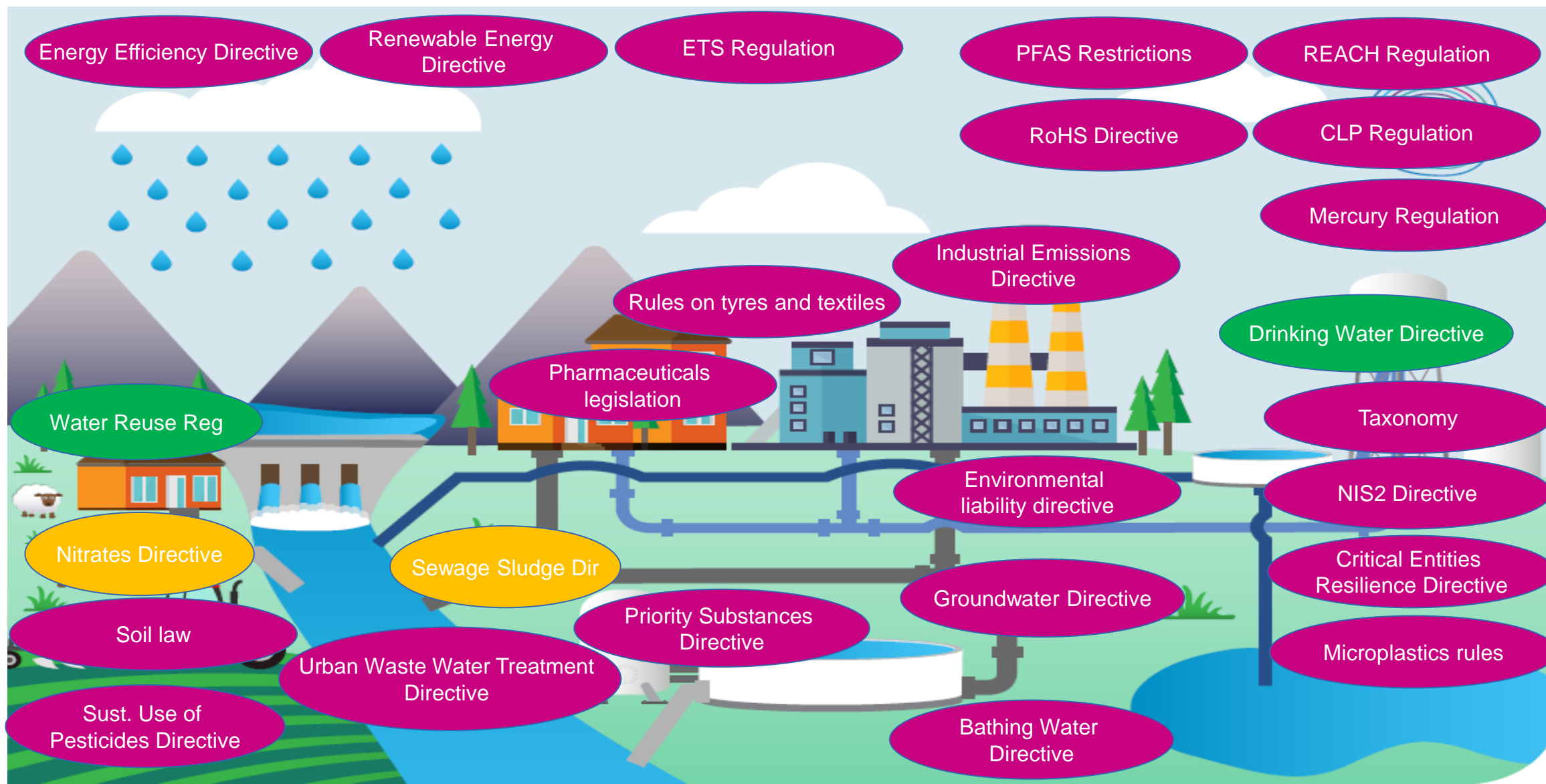


WHO WE ARE

- EurEau is the European Federation of Water Services
- 35 national associations of drinking and waste water operators from 30 (31) European countries

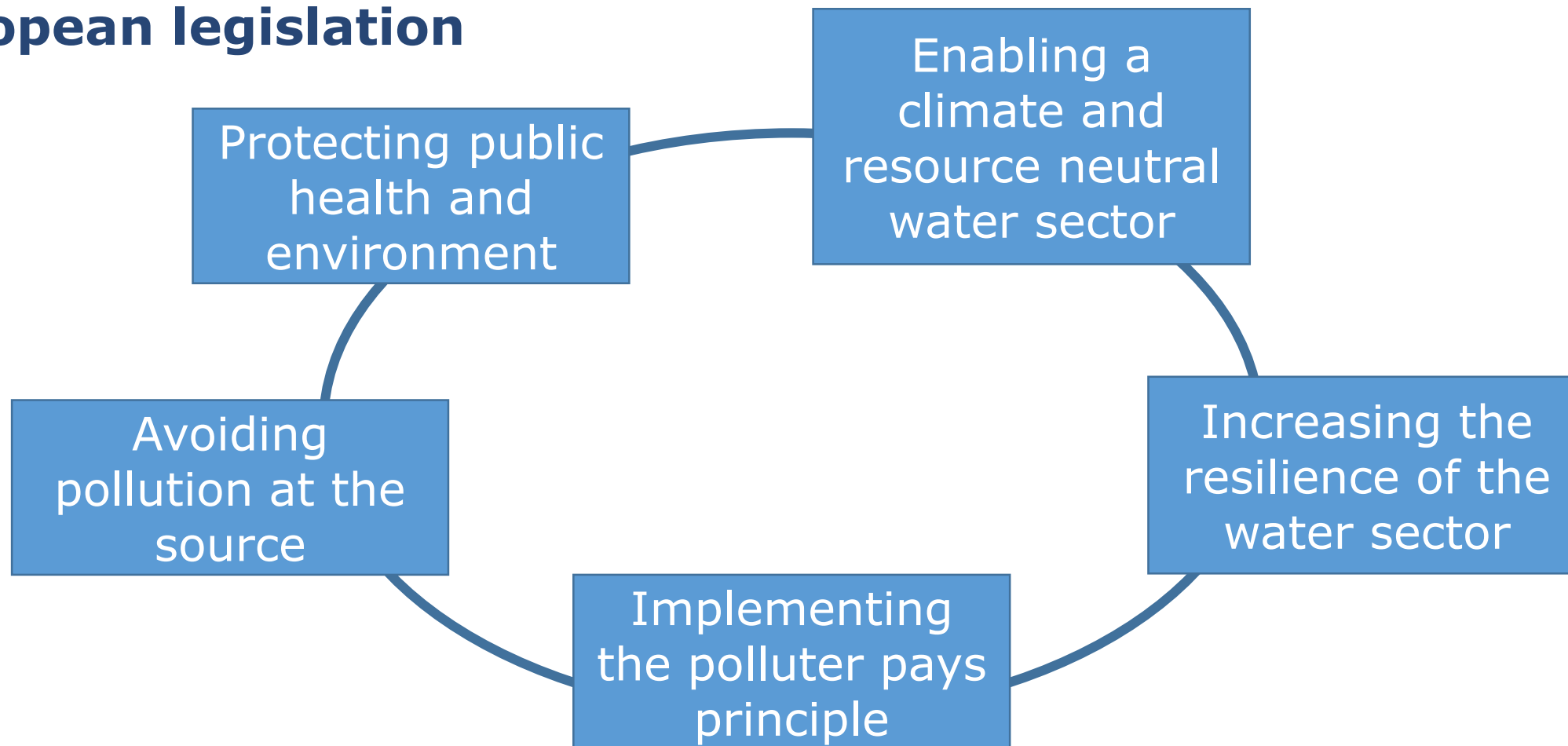


EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON THE MOVE





European legislation





Top priority: Revision of the UWWTD

- Expected publication of Commission proposal: end of October 2022
- We want:
 - Measures to make the sector fit for 2030/2050
 - Stimulate resource recovery
 - Extended producer responsibility for micro-pollutants
 - Energy and climate audits

Public health and the environment

Climate and resource neutrality

Polluter pays principle



Priority: Implementation of the DWD

- Monitor national implementation
- Assess the cost of implementation
- Contribute to secondary legislation

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Resilience of the water sector



Priority: New environmental standards for surface water and groundwater

- Support for:
 - New standards for PFAS, pharmaceuticals and more pesticides including nRM
- Call for:
 - Taking control-at-source measures instead of putting the burden on WWTP
(probably very low PFAS value: 4.4 ng/L for PFOA equivalents for 24 PFAS)

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Priority: Sustainable Use of Pesticides Regulation

- We support:
 - 50% reduction of risks and use of chemical pesticides
 - Better protection of drinking water resources
 - Promotion of alternative pest management measures
 - Better pesticide data collection

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Priority: Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive

- We support:
 - Inclusion of more chemicals (PFAS) and farms
 - More transparency and better information flow
- We call for:
 - Inclusion of water operators in permitting process and information flow
 - Better protection of WWTP

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Priority: Revision of the pharmaceuticals legislation

- We call for stronger environmental measures
 - Green pharmaceuticals
 - Environmental concerns as part of the authorisation process
 - Marketing and sales restrictions

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Priority: PFAS restriction under REACH

We call for

- Full ban with no exemptions for essential uses
- Polluter-pays schemes

Strong resistance from industry.

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Looking ahead: risks and opportunities

- Water-related EU legislation on the move
- Increased investment needs for the water sector, but also ...
- ... new opportunities (Zero pollution action plan)
- Strong counter-lobbying from industry (chemicals, pharmaceuticals, farmers)
- Full cost recovery and the 'polluter-pays principle' are key
- Your support is needed!

Questions?



Thank you very much!

Any questions?