



# EU Water Policy and Legislation

## Recent developments and next steps

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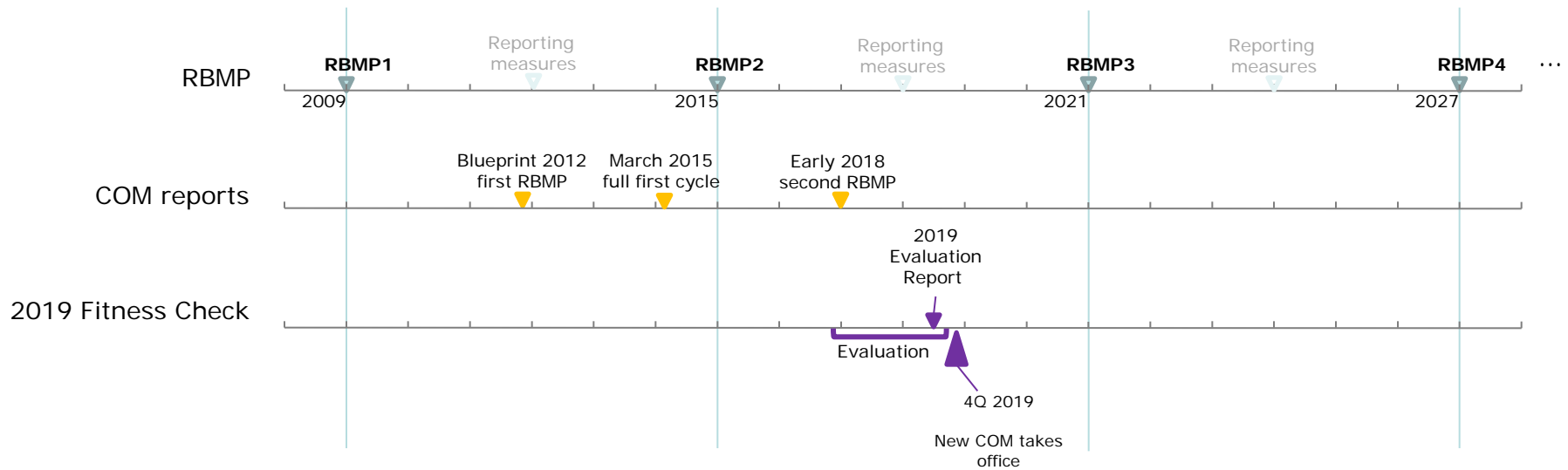
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# Towards a Fitness Check of EU water legislation

- Assessment of 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plans and 1<sup>st</sup> Flood Risk Management Plans (2017/2018)
- Additional inputs
- Fitness Check of EU water legislation (2019)

# Estimated timetable



This timetable is tentative and has not yet been formally validated by the European Commission



# Assessment of RBMPs and FRMPs

- 3 dimensions: RBMPs, FRMPs and IRBDs
- Format: EU overview and Member State annexes
- Process: analysis of key topics, previous recommendations; focus on progress and shortcomings
- Timing
- EEA – State of Water Report



# Evaluation of EU water policy

- Drinking Water Directive (2016)
- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (ongoing)

## ***Fitness Check (ongoing)***

- Water Framework Directive
  - ✓ Environmental Quality Standards Directive
  - ✓ Groundwater Directive
- Floods Directive



# Fitness Check EU water legislation

- Roadmaps published

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-5128184\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-5128184_en)

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- Factual basis
  - ✓ COM assessment RBMPs and FRMPs
  - ✓ Supporting study
  - ✓ Integrated assessment
  - ✓ Economic study
  - ✓ Other evidence and contributions
- Assessment criteria and process
- Commission report (2019)



# Implementation support initiatives

- ✓ Enforcement strategy (including infringements)
- ✓ Common Implementation Strategy WP 2016-2018
- ✓ Water – Agriculture nexus
- ✓ Water reuse (minimum quality standards for irrigation)
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals in the environment
- ✓ Investment instruments
- ✓ European Innovation Partnership on Water
- ✓ New Urban Water Agenda 2030 (launched 2017)



**Thank you for your attention**

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