

Amendment 206**Miriam Dalli**

on behalf of the S&D Group

Report**Michel Dantin**Quality of water intended for human consumption
(COM(2017)0753 – C8-0019/2018 – 2017/0332(COD))**A8-0288/2018****Proposal for a directive****Recital 2***Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Directive 98/83/EC set the legal framework to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean. This Directive should pursue the same objective. To that end, it is necessary to lay down at Union level the minimum requirements with which water intended for that purpose must comply. Member States should take the necessary measures to ensure that water intended for human consumption is free from any micro-organisms and parasites and from substances which, in certain cases, constitute a potential danger to human health, and that it meets those minimum requirements.

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Or. en

Justification

Member States should be obliged to provide the universal access to water for all in the EU.

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2. The objective of this Directive shall be to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean, ***and to provide universal access to water intended for human consumption.***

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's proposal introduces new obligations that do not concern the quality of drinking water. Art 13 contains social elements related to accessibility of drinking water, referring directly to vulnerable and marginalised groups, which were introduced in response to the ECI Right2Water and the demand to enshrine the right to water in EU law. In order to keep Art 13 within the scope of the Directive, it is essential to amend the title to encompass the dimension of access to water.

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1. Without prejudice to Article 9 of Directive 2000/60/EC, **Member States shall** take all necessary measures to **improve** access for all to water intended for human consumption and promote its use on their territory. This shall include all of the following measures:

(a) identifying people without access to water intended for human consumption and reasons for lack of access (**such as belonging to a vulnerable and marginalised group**), assessing possibilities to improve access for those people and informing them about possibilities of connecting to the distribution network or about alternative means to have access to such water;

(b) setting up and maintaining outdoors and indoors equipment for free access to water intended for human consumption in public spaces;

(c) promoting water intended for human consumption by:

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1. **Member States shall**, without prejudice to Article 9 of Directive 2000/60/EC, take all necessary measures to **provide universal** access for all to water intended for human consumption and promote its use on their territory. This shall include all of the following measures:

(a) identifying people without access, **or with limited access**, to water intended for human consumption, **including vulnerable and marginalised groups**, and reasons for lack of access, assessing possibilities **and taking actions** to improve access for those people and informing them about possibilities of connecting to the distribution network or about alternative means to have access to such water;

(b) setting up and maintaining outdoors and indoors equipment, **including refill points**, for free access to water intended for human consumption in public spaces, **particularly in areas of high footfall; this shall be done where technically feasible, in a manner that is proportionate to the need for such measures and taking into account specific local conditions, such as climate and geography;**

(c) promoting water intended for human consumption by:

(i) launching campaigns to inform

citizens about the quality of *such* water;

(ii) *encouraging the* provision of such water in administrations and public buildings;

(iii) encouraging the free provision of such water in restaurants, canteens, and catering services.

citizens about the *high* quality of *tap* water *and to raise awareness of the nearest designated refill point*;

(ii) *ensuring the free* provision of such water in administrations and public buildings, *as well as discouraging the use of water put in single use plastic bottles or containers in such administrations and buildings*;

(iii) encouraging the free provision of such water *to customers* in restaurants, canteens, and catering services.

Or. en

Justification

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Proposal for a directive

Article 13 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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2 a. Where obligations laid down in this Article are incumbent on local public authorities under national law, Member States shall ensure that such authorities have the means and resources to ensure access to water intended for human consumption and that any measures in that regard are proportionate to the capacities and size of the distribution network concerned.

Or. en

Justification

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Proposal for a directive

Article 13 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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2 b. Taking into account the data collected under the provisions set out in point (a) of Article 15(1), the Commission shall collaborate with Member States and the European Investment Bank to support municipalities in the Union which lack the necessary capital in order to enable them to access technical assistance, available Union funding and long-term loans at a preferential interest rate, particularly for the purpose of maintaining and renewing water infrastructure in order to ensure the provision of high quality water, and to extend water and sanitation services to vulnerable and marginalised population groups.

Or. en

Justification

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