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**Amendment 2**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**  
**Lynn Boylan**

**A8-0228/2015**

Follow up to the European citizens' initiative Right2Water  
2014/2239(INI)

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

18. Calls on the Commission to recognise the importance of the human right to water and sanitation and of water as a public good and a fundamental value for all EU citizens and not as a commodity; expresses its concern that since 2008, due to the financial and economic crisis ***and to the austerity policies*** which ***have*** increased poverty in Europe and the number of low-income households, an increasing number of people have been facing difficulties in paying their water bills and that affordability is becoming a matter of growing concern; rejects water cut-offs and the enforced switching-off of the water supply ***as a violation of human rights***, and asks Member States to put an immediate end to these situations when they are due to socioeconomic factors in low-income households; ***welcomes the fact that in some Member States 'water banks' or minimum water quotas are being used in an effort to help the most vulnerable with their utility costs, to guarantee water as an inalienable component of fundamental rights***;

18. Calls on the Commission to recognise the importance of the human right to water and sanitation and of water as a public good and a fundamental value for all EU citizens and not as a commodity; expresses its concern that since 2008, due to the financial and economic crisis which ***has*** increased poverty in Europe and the number of low-income households, an increasing number of people have been facing difficulties in paying their water bills and that affordability is becoming a matter of growing concern; rejects water cut-offs and the enforced switching-off of the water supply, and asks Member States to put an immediate end to these situations when they are due to socioeconomic factors in low-income households;

Or. en

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**Amendment 3**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Calls on the Commission, given the effects of the recent economic crisis, to collaborate with the Member States and regional and local authorities to conduct a study on water poverty issues, including issues of access and affordability; urges the Commission to further support and facilitate *non-profit* cooperation amongst water operators to aid those in less developed and rural areas, in order to support access to good quality water for all citizens in those areas;

*Amendment*

19. Calls on the Commission, given the effects of the recent economic crisis, to collaborate with the Member States and regional and local authorities to conduct a study on water poverty issues, including issues of access and affordability; urges the Commission to further support and facilitate cooperation amongst water operators to aid those in less developed and rural areas, in order to support access to good quality water for all citizens in those areas;

Or. en

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**Amendment 4**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Stresses *that* the Commission's *alleged* neutrality regarding water ownership and management *is in contradiction with the privatisation programmes imposed on some Member States by the Troika*;

*Amendment*

21. Stresses the Commission's neutrality regarding water ownership and management;

Or. en

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**Amendment 5**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

22. Recognises that, as stated in the WFD, water is not a commodity but a public good that is vital to human life and dignity, and reminds the Commission that Treaty rules require the EU to remain neutral in relation to national decisions governing the ownership regime of water undertakings, ***therefore it should by no means promote the privatisation of water undertakings in the context of an economic adjustment programme or any other EU procedure of economic policy coordination***; given that these are services of general interest and are thus mainly in the public interest, ***calls on the Commission to permanently exclude water and sanitation and wastewater disposal from internal market rules and from any trade agreement, and to provide them at affordable prices, and*** calls on both the Commission and the Member States to ensure that ***they*** are managed technically, financially and administratively in an efficient, effective and transparent manner;

*Amendment*

22. Recognises that, as stated in the WFD, water is not a commodity but a public good that is vital to human life and dignity, and reminds the Commission that Treaty rules require the EU to remain neutral in relation to national decisions governing the ownership regime of water undertakings, given that these are services of general interest and are thus mainly in the public interest; ***calls on both the Commission and the Member States to ensure that water and sanitation are provided at affordable prices and*** are managed technically, financially and administratively in an efficient, effective and transparent manner, ***thereby safeguarding the public interest***;

Or. en

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**Amendment 6**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**  
**Lynn Boylan**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

29. Recognises that water and sanitation services are services of general interest and that water is not a commodity but a common good, and therefore should be provided at affordable prices that respect people's right to a minimum quality of water ***and provide for the application of a progressive charge***; asks the Member States to ensure that a fair, equitable, transparent and adequate system for water and sanitation charges is applied so that all members of the public are guaranteed access to high quality services irrespective of their income;

29. Recognises that water and sanitation services are services of general interest and that water is not a commodity but a common good, and therefore should be provided at affordable prices that respect people's right to a minimum quality of water; asks the Member States to ensure that a fair, equitable, transparent and adequate system for water and sanitation charges is applied so that all members of the public are guaranteed access to high quality services irrespective of their income;

Or. en

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**Amendment 7**  
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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 44**

*Motion for a resolution*

44. Notes that countries across the EU, including Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland, Germany and Italy, have seen *the potential or actual loss of public ownership of water services* become a major issue of concern to citizens; recalls that the choice of method of water management is based on the subsidiarity principle, as laid down in Article 14 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in Protocol (No 26) on services of general interest, which highlights the special importance of public services for social and territorial cohesion in the Union; recalls that water supply and sewerage enterprises are services of general interest and have the general mission of ensuring that the entire population is provided with high quality water at socially acceptable prices and minimising the negative environmental impacts of waste water;

*Amendment*

44. Notes that countries across the EU, including Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland, Germany and Italy, have seen the *human right to water and sanitation* become a major issue of concern to citizens; recalls that the choice of method of water management is based on the subsidiarity principle, as laid down in Article 14 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in Protocol No 26 on services of general interest, which highlights the special importance of public services for social and territorial cohesion in the Union; recalls that water supply and sewerage enterprises are services of general interest and have the general mission of ensuring that the entire population is provided with high quality water at socially acceptable prices and minimising the negative environmental impacts of waste water;

Or. en

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**Amendment 8**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 46**

*Motion for a resolution*

46. *Notes the growing trend towards the re-municipalisation of water services in several Member States, including France and Germany*; recalls that the option of re-municipalising water services should continue to be ensured in the future without any restriction, and may be kept under local management if so chosen by the competent public authorities; recalls that water is a basic human right that should be accessible and affordable to all; highlights that Member States have a duty to ensure that water is guaranteed to all regardless of the operator, while making sure that the operators provide safe drinking water and improved sanitation;

*Amendment*

46. Recalls that the option of re-municipalising water services should continue to be ensured in the future without any restriction, and may be kept under local management if so chosen by the competent public authorities; recalls that water is a basic human right that should be accessible and affordable to all; highlights that Member States have a duty to ensure that water is guaranteed to all regardless of the operator, while making sure that the operators provide safe drinking water and improved sanitation;

Or. en

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**Amendment 9**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 47**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***47. Stresses that the special character of water and sanitation services, such as production, distribution and treatment, makes it imperative that they be excluded from any trade agreements the EU is negotiating or considering; urges the Commission to grant a legally binding exclusion for water services, sanitation services and wastewater disposal services in the ongoing negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement; stresses that all future trade and investment agreements should include clauses on genuine access to drinking water for the people of the third country to which the agreement pertains in line with the Union's long-lasting commitment to sustainable development and human rights, and that genuine access to drinking water for the people of the third country to which the agreement pertains must be a precondition for any future free trade agreements;***

***47. deleted.***

Or. en



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**Amendment 10**  
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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 54**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

54. Recalls that Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market attracted strong opposition from civil society in many respects, including matters relating to services of general economic interest such as water distribution and supply services and wastewater management; ***recalls that the EU institutions were eventually forced to include these sectors among the services which cannot be liberalised;***

54. Recalls that Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market attracted strong opposition from civil society in many respects, including matters relating to services of general economic interest such as water distribution and supply services and wastewater management;

Or. en

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**Amendment 11**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**  
**Lynn Boylan**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 55**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

55. Highlights the importance of public-public partnerships exchanging best practice on the basis of non-profit cooperation among water operators, and welcomes the Commission's recognition for the first time, in the communication, of the importance of public-public partnerships;

55. Highlights the importance of public-public *and public-private* partnerships exchanging best practice on the basis of non-profit cooperation among water operators, and welcomes the Commission's recognition for the first time, in the communication, of the importance of public-public partnerships;

Or. en

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**Amendment 12**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**

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**Lynn Boylan**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 61**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***61. Condemns the fact that denial of the provision of water and sanitation to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities is being used in a coercive manner in some Member States; reiterates that in some Member States the closure of public wells by the authorities has made it difficult for the most vulnerable groups to have access to water;***

***61. deleted.***

Or. en

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**Amendment 13**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 64**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

64. Encourages water companies to reinvest economic revenues generated from the water management cycle in maintaining and improving water services and protecting water resources; recalls that the principle of cost recovery of water services includes environmental and resource costs whilst respecting both the principles of fairness, transparency and the human right to water and the obligations of the Member States to implement their cost recovery obligations in the best way possible as long as this does not compromise the purposes and the achievement of the objectives of the WFD; ***recommends putting an end to practices where economic resources are diverted from the water sector to finance other policies, including when water bills contain concession fees that have not been earmarked for water infrastructure***; recalls the worrying state of infrastructure in some Member States where water is being wasted owing to leaks from unsuitable and obsolete distribution networks, and urges the Member States to reinforce investment in improving infrastructure as well as other water services as a premise to guarantee the human right to water in the future;

64. Encourages ***responsible public authorities and*** water companies to reinvest economic revenues generated from the water management cycle in maintaining and improving water services and protecting water resources; recalls that the principle of cost recovery of water services includes environmental and resource costs whilst respecting both the principles of fairness, transparency and the human right to water and the obligations of the Member States to implement their cost recovery obligations in the best way possible as long as this does not compromise the purposes and the achievement of the objectives of the WFD; recalls the worrying state of infrastructure in some Member States where water is being wasted owing to leaks from unsuitable and obsolete distribution networks, and urges the Member States to reinforce investment in improving infrastructure as well as other water services as a premise to guarantee the human right to water in the future;

Or. en

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**Amendment 14**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**  
**Lynn Boylan**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 76**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

76. Stresses that EU development policies should fully integrate universal access to water and sanitation via the promotion of public-public partnerships based on *not-for-profit principles and* solidarity between water operators and workers in different countries, and make use of a range of instruments *from public-public partnerships* to promote best practices by sharing of knowledge, as well as development and cooperation programmes in this sector; reiterates that the development policies of the Member States should recognise the human rights dimension of access to safe drinking water and sanitation and that a rights-based approach requires support for legislative frameworks, financing and the strengthening of the voice of civil society in order to realise these rights in practice;

76. Stresses that EU development policies should fully integrate universal access to water and sanitation via the promotion of public-public *and public-private* partnerships based on solidarity between water operators and workers in different countries, and make use of a range of instruments to promote best practices by sharing of knowledge, as well as development and cooperation programmes in this sector; reiterates that the development policies of the Member States should recognise the human rights dimension of access to safe drinking water and sanitation and that a rights-based approach requires support for legislative frameworks, financing and the strengthening of the voice of civil society in order to realise these rights in practice;

Or. en

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**Amendment 15**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 92**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

92. Calls on the Member States to introduce, in accordance with World Health Organisation guidelines, a pricing policy that respects people's right to a minimum quantity of water for living and cracks down on waste, ***providing for the application of a progressive charge that is proportional to the amount of water used;***

92. Calls on the Member States to introduce, in accordance with World Health Organisation guidelines, a pricing policy that respects people's right to a minimum quantity of water for living and cracks down on waste;

Or. en

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**Amendment 16**  
**Peter Liese and others**

**Report**  
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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Calls on the Commission, in line with the primary objective of the Right2Water ECI, to come forward with **legislative proposals, and, if appropriate, a revision of the WFD, that would recognise** universal access and the human right to water, and considers it regrettable that this has not been done to date; **believes that if the Commission fails to do so, the ECI will lose credibility**; advocates, moreover, that universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation be recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

10. Calls on the Commission, in line with the primary objective of the Right2Water ECI, to come forward with proposals **which preserve** universal access and the human right to water, and considers it regrettable that this has not been done to date; advocates, moreover, that universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation be recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

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**Amendment 17**  
**Peter Liese and others**

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**A8-0228/2015**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 71 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***71a. Encourages the Commission to draw up a European legislative framework for the reuse of treated effluent in order, in particular, to protect sensitive activities and areas; calls on the Commission, furthermore, to promote sharing of experience between the health agencies of different Member States;***

Or. en