Amendment 213
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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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.

Amendment

(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 and should provide universal access to such water for all in the Union. 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 all 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.

Or. en

Justification

Member States should be obliged to provide the universal access to water for all in the EU.
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Proposal for a directive
Recital 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(17a) Given that this Directive responds to the European Citizens Initiative Right2Water, it is essential to examine the affordability of water as part of examining its accessibility. The setting up of a European Water Poverty Observatory will aid Member States and the Commission in examining the affordability and accessibility of water to people, especially vulnerable and marginalised groups.

Or. en

Justification

In order to help municipalities and Member States to assess the accessibility to drinkable water to the most vulnerable people establishing a Water Poverty Observatory could positively integrate competent authorities efforts to exam the affordability of water for such marginalised people.
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Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2

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Or. en
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Proposal for a directive
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission
(c) identification of hazards and possible pollution sources affecting the bodies of water covered by the hazard assessment. To that end, Member States may use the review of the impact of human activity undertaken in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2000/60/EC and information on significant pressures collected in accordance with point 1.4 of Annex II to that Directive;

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(c) identification of hazards and possible pollution sources affecting the bodies of water covered by the hazard assessment. Such research and identification of pollution sources shall be regularly updated to detect new substances that affect micro-plastics, notably PFAS. To that end, Member States may use the review of the impact of human activity undertaken in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2000/60/EC and information on significant pressures collected in accordance with point 1.4 of Annex II to that Directive;

Or. en

Justification
It is important that investigation and monitoring bodies should be able to update their means of detecting new substances, such as micro-plastics and PFAS, which are highly harmful for human health.
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Proposal for a directive
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission
For the purpose of the regular monitoring, Member States may use the monitoring carried out in accordance with other Union legislation.

Amendment
For the purpose of the regular monitoring, 
as well as for the purpose of detecting new harmful substances through new investigations, Member States may use the monitoring carried out, and the investigation capacity provided for, in accordance with other Union legislation.

Or. en

Justification

Regular monitoring, even carried out in accordance with and the support of other Union legislation, shall be able to include an in-time assessment of new harmful substances in particular those generated by industrial improvement in plastic and micro-plastic production.
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Proposal for a directive
Article 13 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

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:

Amendment

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:

Or. en