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on the implementation of EU water legislation, ahead of a necessary overall
approach to European water challenges
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United in diversity

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Consolidated Amendment 1 (CONS 1)
Water as shared resource

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Sandrine Bélier and **Nikos Chrysogelos** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 26, PETI 1

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Recognises that water is a shared resource of humankind and a public good and that access to water should constitute a fundamental and universal right; stresses that the sustainable use of water is an environmental and health necessity that plays a fundamental role in the climate regulation cycle; reiterates the need to adapt internal market rules to the distinctive characteristics of the water sector and invites the Member States, in keeping with the principle of subsidiarity, to manage water and water utilities in accordance with Article 9 of the WFD;

Or. en

Consolidated Amendment 2 (CONS 2)
Implementation and new legislation

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Sandrine Bélier and **Nikos Chrysogelos** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Underlines that, while the major focus should be on the implementation of current legislation, specific gaps exist that need to be filled by new legislation;

Amendment

2. Underlines that, while the major focus should be on the implementation of current legislation ***in the water sector***, specific gaps exist that need to be filled by ***both adapting existing legislation to water priorities and by providing*** new legislation ***to address impact of specific sectors and activities, and that consideration should be given to the importance of cooperation between the various operators and other affected parties for sustainable water management;***

Or. en

**Consolidated Amendment
Water/energy nexus**

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(CONS 3)

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Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 41, 42, 44

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Emphasises the nexus between energy production, energy efficiency and water security; points out that additional ***efforts need to be made*** at European level to ensure that the growing demand for energy does not jeopardise water security; stresses that water use should be taken into account when assessing the sustainability of traditional as well as low-carbon energy sources, including in particular ***biofuels***;

Amendment

5. Emphasises the nexus between energy production, energy efficiency and water security; points out that additional ***strategies and concepts are needed*** at European level to ensure that the growing demand for energy does not jeopardise water security ***and that the potential for reducing energy use through water efficiency is captured***; stresses that water use should be taken into account when assessing the sustainability of traditional as well as low-carbon energy sources, including in particular ***bioenergy and hydropower, and draws attention to the***

risks associated with non-conventional natural gas extraction;

Or. en

Consolidated Amendment **4** **(CONS 4)**
Knowledge gap

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Sandrine Bélier and **Nikos Chrysogelos** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 82, 83, 85, ITRE 13, ITRE 15

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recognises that the EU policy framework has allowed the collection of less fragmented data on water as well as better monitoring; notes however the lack of reliable data on water quantity, for instance on abstraction and leakage; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the European Environment Agency, to develop *a new set of* reliable indicators for water accounts; underlines that the knowledge base should integrate the concept of ‘environmental flows’ and take into account the ecosystem services supported by water;

Amendment

13. Recognises that the EU policy framework has allowed the collection of less fragmented data on water as well as better monitoring; notes however the lack of reliable data on water quantity, for instance on abstraction and leakage; *notes the potential for better data management based on an improvement in statistical information and on the use of data collection stations, the Water Information System for Europe (WISE) and GMES monitoring of the state of water resources and the pressures on them from economic activity*; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the European Environment Agency, to develop reliable indicators for water accounts; underlines that the knowledge base should integrate the concept of ‘environmental flows’ and take into account the ecosystem services supported by water *and the links between climate, territory and underground water resources provided by the water cycle*;

Or. en

Consolidated Amendment **5** **(CONS 5)**
Research and innovation

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Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 84, 86, 87, 117, 127, ITRE 16

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls on the Commission, the Member States and other relevant stakeholders to support the European Innovation Partnership on Water as an effective instrument to concentrate efforts on world-leading research and innovation and remove the barriers that prevent the quick transfer of knowledge, best available techniques and technological breakthroughs to the market;

Amendment

14. ***Believes that it is important to encourage research and innovation in connection with water and that the development of European clusters in this area must be supported;*** calls on the Commission, the Member States and other relevant stakeholders to support the European Innovation Partnership on Water as an effective instrument to concentrate efforts on world-leading research and innovation and remove the barriers that prevent the quick transfer ***and integration*** of knowledge, best available techniques and technological breakthroughs to the market, ***as well as to foster the development of an internal market of water technology; highlights the importance of eco-innovation for the conservation of water resources, biodiversity and balanced ecosystems; points out the potential for the creation of "green jobs" of an innovation- and knowledge-based water policy, of better water management and of water efficiency;***

Or. en

Consolidated Amendment **6** **(CONS 6)**
Mainstreaming

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Miroslav Ouzký on behalf of the ECR Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 89, 90, 91, 92

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need for better consistency and better integration of water-related objectives into the legislation at the EU, national *and* regional levels; calls for a full evaluation of the effects on water resources to be taken into account in the design of the common agricultural policy and cohesion policy frameworks, in order to achieve a thematic concentration of available financing on water issues and to mainstream the issue of water into all policy areas;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need for better consistency and better integration of water-related objectives *and of the resource efficiency agenda, which contains crucial water efficiency objectives*, into the legislation at the EU, national, regional *and local* levels; calls for a full evaluation of the effects on water resources to be taken into account in the design of the *overarching economic governance policies such as EU2020 and of joint EU policies such as* the common agricultural policy and cohesion policy frameworks, in order to achieve a thematic concentration of available financing on water issues and to mainstream the issue of water into all policy areas *to improve the quality of water in all European regions*;

Or. en

Consolidated Amendment 7 **(CONS 7)**
Pricing and economic instruments

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Sandrine Béliér and **Nikos Chrysogelos** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Consolidated amendment replacing Amendments: 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 103, 109, ITRE 7, ITRE 21, PETI 9 b

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure the application of the ‘polluter pays’ and ‘user pays’ principles by means of transparent pricing schemes that aim at **full cost** recovery; underlines however that social issues should be taken into account when setting water tariffs **for personal use**; stresses that water pricing should reflect the environmental impact of wastewater treatment and calls on the Commission to ensure appropriate financing of wastewater treatment plants;

Amendment

16. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure the application of the ‘polluter pays’ and ‘user pays’ principles by means of transparent **and effective** pricing schemes **implemented in all water using sectors** that aim at **the** recovery of **the costs of water services, including environmental and resource costs, as set down in the Water Framework Directive**; underlines however that social issues should be taken into account when setting water tariffs **and that clean water should be available at an affordable price for human needs; furthermore calls on the Commission and Member States to assess and revise subsidies harmful for water and to develop and introduce further economic instruments to reduce environmentally detrimental activity and incentivize more sustainable use of water resources**; stresses that water pricing should **also** reflect the environmental impact of wastewater treatment and calls on the Commission to ensure appropriate financing of wastewater treatment plants; **calls on the Commission to develop a strategy for internalising the external costs incurred through water consumption, water pollution and wastewater treatment**;

Or. en

Compromise Amendment 8 (COMP 8)
Human right and international dimension

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Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 119, 120, 128, 130

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Welcomes the early achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal on safe drinking water; calls on the Commission **and** the Member States to reinforce their commitment to achieve the MDG on basic sanitation and to take into account the relevant outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the early achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal on **sustainable access to** safe drinking water; calls on the Commission, the Member States **and the relevant authorities at all levels** to reinforce their commitment **and to play an active role** to achieve the MDG on basic sanitation and to take into account the relevant outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, **ensuring that access to potable water and sanitation is guaranteed as a fundamental human right, that is essential for the full enjoyment of life, under the terms adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2010;**

Welcomes the active participation of the European Union in the 6th World Water Forum on 12–17 March 2012 in Marseille; calls on the European Union to continue its commitment on improving water access throughout the world, particularly with a view to the 7th World Water Forum which will take place in South Korea in 2015;

Or. en