

## Annex

### Information on the reporting process for Art 15 and Art 17 of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 2019

#### Background to the 2019 UWWTD data request

Member States are asked to upload their UWWTD-files (GIS-files, tabular data as xml-files, additional documents and reports) into the Central Data Repository (CDR)<sup>1</sup>. Spatial data representing valid sensitive areas and its catchments need to be uploaded by the Member State. Pre-filled spatial data templates based on the reporting from 2018 have been made available, enabling Member States to re-use these data where there have been no changes.

Detailed instructions on how to use Reportnet for reporting under Articles 15 and 17 of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (hereby the Directive) are provided<sup>2</sup> and include all practical information on data compilation, quality check and the submission as well as links to other supporting documents, XML schemas and templates. Training on the quality control scripts has been provided, and further training on the reporting process is planned for spring 2020.

#### What is addressed in the 2019 UWWTD data request?

The Questionnaire-2019 contains the request to report the information inventory on the core elements of the Directive requested under Article 15, in particular:

1. Inventory and geo-referenced information on designated sensitive areas and their catchments (including designated less sensitive areas, if any<sup>3</sup>). If the designation of the sensitive areas, their catchments or less sensitive areas has not changed since the last reporting call, data-templates with prefilled country data can be used for reporting.<sup>4</sup>
2. Information at agglomeration level covering waste water collection, treatment level and performance for all agglomerations for which the deadlines of the Directive and the Accession Treaties have expired. For agglomerations where transitional periods **have not yet expired**<sup>5</sup>, voluntary reporting of the set of required parameters as defined by data dictionary is recommended.
3. Aggregated information at Member State level on waste water reuse and sewage sludge management.

Under Article 17, a specific set of parameters is requested:

A. Information about agglomerations and related urban waste water treatment plant projects that are foreseen to meet the requirements of the Directive;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/>

<sup>2</sup> For Art. 15: [http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD\\_Implementation-2015\\_Reporting](http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD_Implementation-2015_Reporting), for Art. 17: [http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD\\_National\\_Implementation\\_Programme-2015\\_Reporting](http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD_National_Implementation_Programme-2015_Reporting)

<sup>3</sup> Information on less sensitive areas (if they have been designated) must also be reported.

<sup>4</sup> [https://forum.eionet.europa.eu/x\\_wise-reporting/library/restricted\\_distribution](https://forum.eionet.europa.eu/x_wise-reporting/library/restricted_distribution)

<sup>5</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-urbanwaste/legislation/pdf/transitional\\_periods\\_eu10\\_eu2.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-urbanwaste/legislation/pdf/transitional_periods_eu10_eu2.pdf)  
and <https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-urbanwaste/legislation/pdf/Transitional%20periods%20Croatia.pdf>

B. Information about the investments needed to achieve or maintain the compliance to the Directive;

C. Information about the national implementation programme.

Information under (C) must be reported either via a hyperlink giving access to a national webpage or document, or in text format providing answers to the questions raised in Table 5 of the Implementing Decision 2014/431/EU<sup>6</sup>.

**The reference year to report is 2018;** status as on 31/12/2018; monitoring results for the year 2018: from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018. As regards information related to Article 17, the projects listed should be related to the situation concerning the same reference year (2018), along with the most recent information about dates, costs and national plans.

Even if it remains optional for transitional periods, Member States are also encouraged to report detailed information about the performance and treatment in place for the "distance to target" calculation. The "distance to target" indicator was introduced in order to give a complementary picture of the situation in Member States.

In addition, Member States have the possibility **to provide additional information beyond the requirements of the Directive**. This data will not be used for the compliance checking exercise. The purpose of this request is to obtain additional data that can be used by the European Commission and other EU bodies for complementary work (e.g. EEA- for the assessment of the state of the environment). Such information does not then need to be re-submitted under other reporting exercises, thus implementing the principle "report once, use many times".

Reporting under the UWWTD should be carried out by uploading data via Reportnet<sup>7</sup> (the European Environment Agency's electronic infrastructure for data collection). Only datasets submitted this way (into the CDR) will be included into the UWWTD database used for compliance assessment.

For data to be successfully submitted to Reportnet, the automatic quality control checks introduced for this questionnaire must be passed without blockers. Early preparation for reporting is recommended to allow time for correction of datasets ahead of the deadline.

Member States have the right to submit reports on the implementation of EU legislation in their national languages. However, in practical terms and taking account of the budgetary constraints of the Commission, the presentation of the electronic reporting tool and the help documentation is provided only in English. This approach is consistent with the previous reporting exercises since 2009 and with the approach agreed for the Water Framework Directive reporting.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1405007191767&uri=CELEX:32014D0431>

<sup>7</sup> <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/> selecting the country and the envelope "[European Union \(EU\) obligations](#)" and sub collection "[Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive 91/271/EEC - Implementation](#)" or "Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive 91/271/EEC - National Implementation Programme to submit the Art 17 country report.

## TECHNICAL HELPDESK

Instructions on “How to use Reportnet for reporting under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive” for the submission of the reports from the Member States are available at <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help> (under “Dataflow specific instructions”)

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A **technical helpdesk** on the reporting exercise will be provided by the UWWTD team at the European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters (ETC-ICM), and will be available for six months after the launch of the reporting exercise for Questionnaire 2019. The helpdesk can be contacted via e-mail on [uwwtd.helpdesk@eionet.europa.eu](mailto:uwwtd.helpdesk@eionet.europa.eu)

## OPTIONAL USE OF SIIF GENERIC WASTE WATER WEBSITE

A generic waste water website (SIIF) has been developed by the Commission to help Member States better assess their dataset before final reporting, and to disseminate their national waste water information. The SIIF tool is used by the Commission's contractor for compliance calculations.

As regards reporting needs and automatic feedback of the dataset, it provides:

- automatic calculation of compliance,
- automatic generation of the register (a file used by the Commission to do the assessment of the dataset),
- automatic generation of Article 17 tables prefilled with the code and names of agglomerations/treatment plants,
- selection of data per parameters,
- visualisation of the content of urban waste water database through map viewer, lists and fiches,
- report generation,
- historical comparison of some of the parameters,
- statistics predefined at national level and adjustable at basin, regional and national levels.

The tool is available on the following platform: <https://uwwtd.eu/>

Some (limited) support for making the tool operational on national servers can be provided to Member States upon request.

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