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**To: Water Directors
 (by Email)**

Dear Water Directors,

In accordance with Articles 15 and 17 of the Council Directive 91/271/EEC¹ concerning urban waste water treatment (hereafter the Directive), the Commission is responsible for monitoring progress in the implementation of the Directive by Member States and for assessing information provided on the forecasted projects and measures under the Member States' programmes for implementation.

Pursuant to Articles 15(4) and 17(3) of the Directive, all Member States are requested to deliver both monitoring data and programmes for implementation for the year 2018. In the context of the implementation programmes in accordance with Article 17, the information requested by its Implementing Decision² is to be provided by 30 June 2020. Concerning national programmes and table 5 of the Decision, the Commission encourages Member States to report specific measures related to storm water overflows, owing to their influence on diffuse pollution; and on treated waste water reuse, to facilitate assessment of developments towards the circular economy and towards adapting to climate change.

The reporting process will be similar to past exercises, with some updates, which were discussed with Member States at the Expert Group Meeting of 15th May 2019, consulted upon later that month, and further explained per the webinar hosted by the European Environment Agency on 2nd October 2019. More details about the reporting process and related format are specified in the document attached to this letter (in English), with a further training webinar to be arranged for spring 2020. Data Dictionaries to support countries in reporting good quality data and detailed specifications in a structured format are available on-line³ (in English).

¹ OJ L 135 of 30.5.1991

² 2014/431/EU: Commission Implementing Decision of 26 June 2014 concerning formats for reporting on the national programmes for the implementation of Council Directive 91/271/EEC (notified under document C(2014) 4208)

³ http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD_613 (Article 15), http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/UWWTD/UWWTD_524 (Article 17).

I would be grateful to receive your **replies via the Reportnet⁴** system of the European Environment Agency no later than **30th June 2020**.

I would also like to inform you that a specific website⁵ has been developed under the SIIF (Structured Information and Implementation Frameworks), which can be used by your services to prepare your reporting and/or to disseminate your waste water information at national level.

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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Background of the main reporting requirements for Questionnaire-2019.

c.c.: UWWTD reporters

⁴ <https://www.eionet.europa.eu/reportnet>

⁵ <https://uwwtd.eu/>