



The role of water in the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

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Who we are ...

- ~ EurEau is the **European Federation of Water Services**
- ~ **34** national associations of **drinking and waste water operators** from **29** European countries
- ~ Providing “essential services”
- ~ Realising the **human right to water and sanitation**
- ~ Protecting **public health and the environment**



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Water services & climate change

- ~ Urban water services use 12% of the total water used in the EU (EEA)
- ~ but significantly affected by climate change:

~ Drought



~ Floods



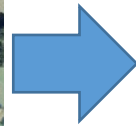
~ Raising temperatures

~ Raising sea-levels



Impacts of climate change (1)

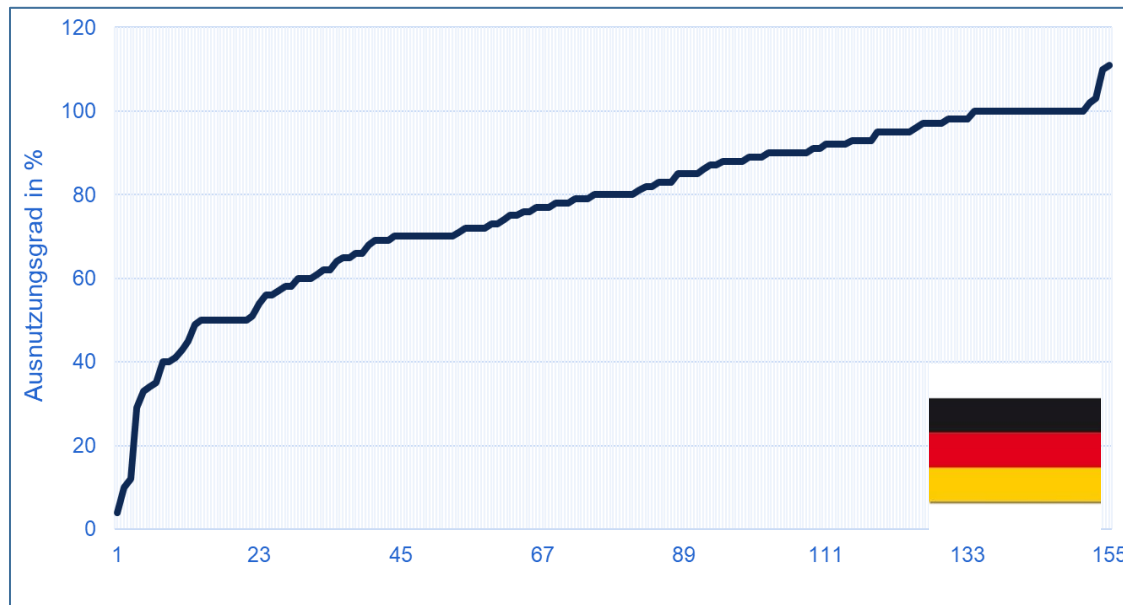
- ~ On the **quality** and **quantity** of available water resources
- ~ On the **management** of the water cycle



2018

Impacts of climate change (2)

~ On the operation of water infrastructure



Source: DVGW survey

2018:

- 1/3 water suppliers with utilisation rate of water treatment capacities > 90%



Water services and climate change

Resilience of water infrastructure is of top priority for us to ensure water services sustainability – now and in the years to come



The new Adaptation Strategy



- ~ Strong focus on the **protection of water** resources (quantity and quality)
- ~ Focus on **NBS** to prevent too much water from reaching **the sewers** (heavy rains)
- ~ Promote **water reuse**
- ~ Clear **governance** structures (EU, national, local levels)
- ~ Implementation of **cost recovery principle**
- ~ Encourage MS to set up **priority schemes** for water use: drinking water at the top
- ~ Encourage MS to adopt **drought management plans**

MfR in the ENVI Committee



- ~ We welcome the work of ENVI on the Adaptation Strategy
- ~ We support the AMs that add a focus to the water dimension of the adaptation Strategy
- ~ We hope that these AMs will be taken up in the negotiations on the **Compromise Amendments** and the final text of the resolution

DRAFT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to Question for Oral Answer B9-0000/2020
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Thank you for your attention

Q&A



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