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Dear petitioner,

Thank you for your message to Executive Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Sinkevičius, in which you share your concerns about the Water Framework Directive¹. They asked me to respond to your correspondence on their behalf.

In order to advance towards the objective of reaching good status of all EU waters, and following up to its Fitness check² of EU water legislation, which concluded that the existing regulatory framework is broadly fit for purpose, the Commission is now focusing on supporting better implementation and enforcement of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the Member States, without changing the Water Framework Directive as it stands.

For this, the Commission works closely with the Member States, following up to the 2nd River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) assessment and relative recommendations for each Member State, issued back in February 2019³. Please be informed that the public consultation of 3rd RBMPs under the WFD is starting in the Member States. This consultation is a good opportunity for the public to make their ideas or concerns known to the relevant authorities.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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¹ Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, OJ L 327, 22.12.2000 p. 1-73

² https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/fitness_check_of_the_eu_water_legislation/index_en.htm

³ https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/whater-framework/impl_reports.htm

