

ERM Coalition presents European River Memorandum (ERM) 2020 to Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life in European Commission

Karlsruhe, 24 June 2020. The ERM Coalition is formed by Associations of Drinking Water Suppliers in the major European river basins. Today, the Coalition presented the European River Memorandum (ERM) 2020 to Ms Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life in the European Commission, and her team in DG Environment. Ms Manfredi is also, on behalf of the EU, President of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine for the period 2020-2022.

The ERM Coalition partners pointed out the need for legislative changes and that precautionary protection of drinking water resources is indispensable if the EU wants to have a sustainable drinking water supply in the future. Therefore, effective, concrete, comprehensive legislation is required now - as a top priority. As a response, Director Manfredi presented a number of upcoming legislative acts designed to address the complex issue of water protection and expressed unanimous support as the issues of the ERM Coalition highly match the holistic approach of the European Green Deal, a top political priority of the European Union.

The European River Memorandum had already been handed over to Ms Veronica Manfredi in advance at the Rhine Ministerial Conference in Amsterdam on 13 February 2020. On 22 March 2020, World Water Day 2020, it had officially been released.

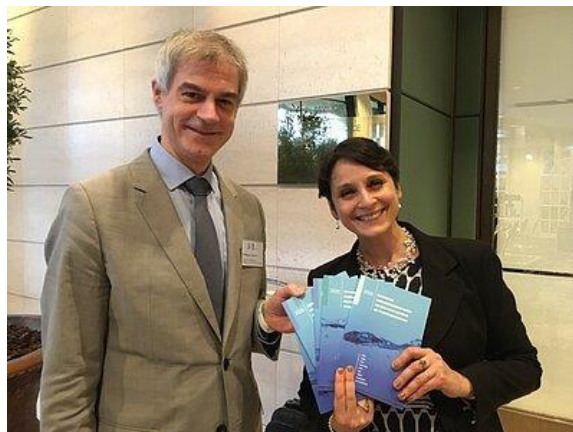










Image caption: Wolfgang Deinlein, IAWR Managing Director, hands over the European River Memorandum (ERM) to Ms Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life at the Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission. In the memorandum, ERM coalition partners set out target values for watercourses, which are indispensable as minimum quality standards for a sustainable drinking water supply.



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