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Consultation process country presentation – Estonia - autumn session

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Developments since last meeting and usefulness of the Consultation Process thus far

Indicator/ year	2004	2007	2018
The share of Estonian population connected to public water supply system	77%	84%	89%
Share of connected population receiving drinking water meeting all the requirements	68%	65%	99%
The share of Estonian population connected to public sewerage system	72%	75%	85%
Accordance with urban wastewater directive for agglomerations more than 2000 pe	55%	62%	88%

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- **Public Health Plan 2020-2030 development**
 - Water and health as a separate priority theme
 - Water and health targets
 - Connection to Protocol, SDGs
 - Public consultations ongoing
 - Action plan in start of 2019 (detailed targets, measures, indicators etc)
 - Resources planning on government level

Developments since last meeting and usefulness of the Consultation Process thus far

- New measure for financing private persons for connecting to public water and sewerage system;
- Infringement procedure regarding urban wastewater directive (7 agglomerations over 2000pe not in compliance);
- Preparation of the new EU financing period 2021+ (smaller water works and individual systems for sparsely populated areas); Input from WH protocol very important as EC does not share these priorities;

Developments since last meeting and usefulness of the Consultation Process thus far

- Administrative reform for the municipalities in place, synergy with merging the water companies;
- Plan of a structural reform for water companies for achieving the sustainability after EU funds deplete;
- Amendments to financing conditions to enhance the merging process of the water companies;
- Preparation of the new Public Water Supply and Sewerage Act (in force since 2020);
- Implementation of a new study regarding drinking water quality in individual systems (11% of the population) in sparsely populated areas.



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Thank You!

