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Reaction to the changing calendar of the Bathing Water Directive

In her introductory speech for the launch of the stakeholder validation conference for the revision of the Bathing Water Directive, Sylvia Bartolini, Head of the Marine Water and Clean Water Services Unit for DG ENV, announced the Commission's willingness to revise the timetable and postpone the publication of their revision proposal.

It should be noted that Surfrider Foundation Europe has participated in all consultation meetings and has high expectations for the revision of this directive. In June 2020, the ocean protection NGO handed over its manifesto for healthy waters to Silvia Bartolini ([see here](#)).

“We are extremely preoccupied with the further delay announced yesterday regarding the revision of the Bathing Water Directive. Despite great improvements in the quality of European bathing waters, key pressing challenges still need to be tackled. It is worrisome to see that these urgent changes are not to be expected in the near future. This text is at the core of the protection of our bathing and recreational areas and our own health.” Says Lucille Labayle, Water Quality lobby Officer for Surfrider Foundation Europe.

We remain at your disposal for any comment.

Regards,

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