



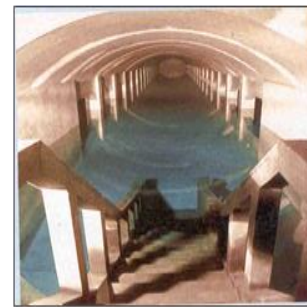
Statement of EurEau

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Breakfast debate: Act now - set hygienic requirements for all materials in contact with drinking water

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- ~ EurEau has been the **voice of Europe's water sector** since **1975**
- ~ Our members are **32** national associations of **water services** from **29** European countries
- ~ We represent **drinking water and waste water operators** – from the *public* and *private* sector
- ~ We **engage** with **EU policy makers** to ensure the *protection of public health* and the *environment* as well as **the sustainability** and **the affordability** of water services



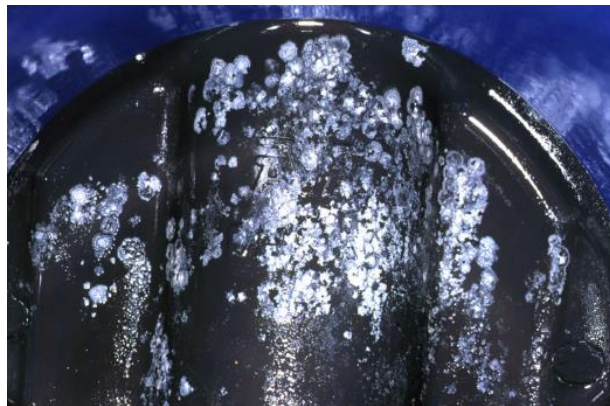
What are our concerns

~ Materials in contact with drinking water could impair the water quality by:

- ~ **Leaching of substances**
- ~ **Enhancement of microbiological growth**
- ~ **Odour and flavor problems**



PVC pipes



Coliforms on EPDM in a gate valve



... coal tar linings, epoxy resin lining, cement mortar linings ...

Lead pipes



We ask the European **Commission**, the European **Parliament** and the **Council** of the EU

to establish **EU-wide hygienic requirements for materials in contact with drinking water**

within the frame of the **DWD**

to ensure that **pipes, valves, water meters etc.**

offered on the **European Market**, are **safe** for the **water services infrastructure**.



Thank you!

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