



# European DWD-Conference 2026

8. – 9. october 2026, Munich

Drinking water contact materials  
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Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)

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## PROGRAMM

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## Thursday, 8. October 2026

- 10:00** **Welcome Coffee** (arrival of participants)
- 10:30** **Opening lecture** (introduction to the conference)
- 11:00** **Drinking water contact materials in Europe**  
**Legal Background**  
**Speaker: Bert Leemans** (EU Commission)  
• DWD - Drinking Water Directive  
• Implementing and Delegated Acts  
• Main pillars and identified gaps
- .....
- 11:45** Question & Answer
- .....
- 12:00** **Drinking water contact materials in Europe**  
**Supporting Document** (part 1)  
**Speaker: Dr. Thomas Rapp** (UBA)  
• Introduction to supporting document  
• Certification of pre-products, intermediate products and formulations  
• Differences between the German and European system
- .....
- 12:45** Question & Answer
- .....
- 13:00** Lunch break (buffet)
- 14:00** **Drinking water contact materials in Europe**  
**Positive Lists**  
**Speaker: Panagiotis Zarogiannis** (ECHA)  
• Positive lists for materials  
• Petitions and Mocup  
• Substance sunset date and implications in practice
- .....
- 14:45** Question & Answer
- .....
- 15:00** Coffee break
- 15:30** **Drinking water contact materials in Europe**  
**Supporting Document** (part 2) & **A member states view**  
**Speaker: Bianca van de Ven** (RIVM)  
• Testing and accepting organic materials  
• New requirements compared to 4MS initiative  
• Transition from national to EU-System
- .....
- 16:15** Question & Answer
- .....
- 16:30** **Panel discussion**
- 19:00** **Get Together with dinner**

## Friday, 9. October 2026

- 8:30** **Welcome Coffee** (arrival of participants)
- 9:00** **future Notified Bodies**  
**Speaker: Marco van Brink** (fNB)  
• Role of Notified Bodies  
• Organisation and involvement (fNB)  
• Becoming a notified body
- .....
- 9:45** Question & Answer
- .....
- 10:00** **The products industry view**  
**Speaker: Lars Neveling** (EDW/figawa)  
• Role of the EDW  
• Industry view on upcoming legislation on drinking water contact materials  
• Identified gaps and open points under discussion
- .....
- 10:45** Question & Answer
- .....
- 11:00** Coffee break (buffet)
- 11:30** **Getting substances/starting composition on the EUPLs**  
**Speaker: Lara Van de Merckt** (European Metals)  
• Role of European Metals  
• Learnings from mock-up dossiers  
• Identified gaps and challenges for the EUPLs process
- .....
- 12:15** Question & Answer
- .....
- 12:30** Lunch break
- 13:30** **future Notified Bodies subgroup laboratories**  
**Speaker: Dr. Johannes Ruppert** (fNB)  
• Role of the subgroup laboratories  
• Experimental challenges unexpected substances  
• Testing challenges
- .....
- 14:15** Question & Answer
- .....
- 14:30** **The materials industry view**  
**Speaker: Prof. Claus Wrana** (Compounds AG)  
• Certification of intermediate products - rubber as case example  
• Scientific approaches towards safe curing  
• Certification challenges
- .....
- 15:15** Question & Answer
- .....
- 15:30** **Closing lecture** (wrapup of the conference)



## ABOUT

# European DWD-Conference 2026

Drinking water is one of the most important resources in Europe and around the world. High-quality, safe drinking water in sufficient quantities is crucial to public health and the well-being of the population. From the start of 2027, uniform yet far-reaching new hygiene requirements for materials in contact with drinking water will come into force across Europe.

The Drinking Water Directive (DWD) – including delegated acts and implementing acts – ensures that water intended for human consumption can be consumed safely, thereby providing a high level of health protection.

The aim of the DWD-Conference is to provide an overview of the minimum hygiene requirements for materials in contact with drinking water in Europe and to help relevant stakeholders gain an understanding of the subject.

The conference is aimed at both manufacturers and users of materials intended to come into contact with drinking water, as well as notified bodies, competent authorities and regulatory bodies in Europe.

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## INFORMATION

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### Registration

**Join us as we kick off the DWD.**

Gain insights, exchange ideas, and explore new perspectives with renowned speakers – substantive, practical, and networking-oriented.

### Registration fees

The registration fee for both days is 950,00 € plus 19% VAT

Register now to secure your spot.

Space is limited!

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### Location

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