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# General thoughts

- a view from Norway

- Norway supports risk based approach
- We also see the need for a European approval scheme on materials in contact with DW
- Access to water: awaits the full scope of this, but probably unproblematic from our point of view
- Norway supports the proposed requirements for sampling and monitoring
- New demands for information to the public and reporting means tighter link to the Protocol

# Risk based approach

- The new DWD introduces risk based approach from catchment area to consumer
- Norwegian legislation introduced this in 2017
  - Water suppliers are responsible for the entire risk assessment
  - And as much of the risk management as possible
- In our experience, water suppliers with knowledge of their own system are best fitted to see what needs to be done
- *Legionella* control has been in Norwegian legislation since 2008
  - Responsibility of the property owners

# Safe DW with a minimum of bureaucracy

The DWD seems to take this into consideration

- Risk based approach is a good example of how to minimize the burden on water suppliers
  - E.g. risk based sampling and management
- Norway aims to reduce bureaucracy
  - E.g. reporting should be limited to relevant data
- But: reliable data makes for easier government inspections

# The Protocol and the DWD

Are they on speaking terms?

- The Protocol on Water and Health is not a showstopper to implement the DWD
- On the contrary: the Protocol provides us with useful and necessary tools
- The DWD risk based approach means tighter link to the Protocol
  
- Furthermore: the new DWD approaches the Water Frame Directive

Thank you!

