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on behalf of the European Commission
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As the Commission stated in its reply to written question E-002119/2025, the Commission is currently carrying out an evaluation of the Nitrates Directive¹ and plans to finalise and publish the evaluation report by the end of 2025. The Water Resilience Strategy², adopted on 4 June 2025, as well as the Vision for Agriculture and Food³ refer to the ongoing evaluation.

The Commission will decide on the appropriate follow up to the evaluation in light of its findings which are based, inter alia, on extensive stakeholder consultations. The European Parliament own initiative report of 7 May 2025 on the European Water Resilience Strategy⁴ was also well noted.

¹ Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources, OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1–8.

² https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy_en.

³ <https://transition-pathways.europa.eu/policies/vision-agriculture-and-food>.

⁴ [https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/en/procedure-file?reference=2024/2104\(INI\)](https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/en/procedure-file?reference=2024/2104(INI)).