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In June 2025, the Commission adopted the Water Resilience Strategy¹, with water efficiency as a key focus across all sectors in the EU, including water supply. This strategy strengthens the implementation of the recast Drinking Water Directive², which was adopted in December 2020 and has since been transposed into national law by Greece. The Directive includes provisions for Member States to reduce leakage levels in the water supply chain. By 12 January 2026, Member States were required to report to the Commission the results of their assessments of water leakage levels within their territories and identify potential improvements for reducing leaks. By January 2028, the Commission will review these assessment results and establish a water leakage threshold through a Delegated Act. By January 2030, Member States that exceed this threshold must present an action plan outlining measures to reduce their leakage levels. In this context, the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy³ programmes support water management and water resource conservation across Greece, including measures to reduce leakages, with an EU contribution of EUR 71.7 million.

In collaboration with representatives and experts from Member States⁴, the Commission has developed an indicator for water leakage levels. This indicator facilitates the use of harmonised water leakage data and enables effective benchmarking. The Commission has encouraged Member States to include this indicator in their reporting, which was due by 12 January 2026. Monitoring of and steering on this indicator should enable Member States to achieve the required water leakage level targets.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy_en.

² 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) OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1–62.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/2021-2027_en.

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3030&Lang=EN>.