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WATER CHARGES

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to voice my opinions on the proposed water charges. In a country where it is already very hard to survive and make ends meet we are once again being forced to pay for our basic needs. The proposed "free" allowance of 30,000 liters per year / 82 litres per day household should be increased as this does not even cover basic sanitation needs for an adult. Also the reduction from 38,000 liters allowance per child to 21,000 is extreme, this should be reconsidered as this works out at just over 57 litres per day per child whom as we all know use more water than adults and it is also important that the principals of, consuming water for hydration, washing of hands after outdoor activities or using toilet facilities, bathing are being thought to children without imposing restrictions on such events where parents are constantly thinking "how much is this costing me". The proposed allowances for people on social welfare benefits packages and those over 65 of 100 euro per year should be abolished or significantly reduced. I don't know of any persons over 65 whom have mortgages to pay and don't have to pay for health care, two of the most costly items facing households today. In my opinion the people whom need helping out are the families where one parent or both parents are working on minimum wages and are paying back into the system. The proposal of 278 euros for two people living in a house excluding what water children will use above their proposed allowance is a lot for households to take where one adult is working part time. This equates to an minimum extra 5.30 euros per week that households have to find which is a lot of money when households are already struggling and everything else is going up in price. In public and private sectors items are increasing across the board, everybody is adding percentage increases on to their items, ie. all insurances, solid fuels, heating oil, electricity costs etc. each one might seem insignificant on their own but together adds to a lot.

I hope some of these points are taken into consideration.

Regards,