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The EU has a drink problem – official

Water – the very source of life – is in chronic short-supply across Europe. Occasional hose-pipe bans in the UK pale into insignificance compared with shortages now afflicting the continent.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – exposes the chronic water shortage now afflicting swathes of Europe in this exclusive report. The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

The report below has been produced in association with our affiliated organisation and research think tank, [Facts4EU.Org](#).

Swathes of Europe are running dry

- *Grab a midday glass of water in Catalonia? No*
- *Want to jet-wash your car in Girona? Non possibile*
- *Top up your pool in Porto? No*
- *Water fountains in Florence? Forgedda about it*

Here in Britain, we are subject to the occasional hosepipe ban. The situation in parts of Europe is altogether more serious:

- Swathes of southern Europe are in crisis as the map above indicates.
- In parts of Spain, the water is turned off between 10am and 8pm.

KEY DATA

- Only **9%** of the water consumed is for domestic use. The rest is used commercially or in agriculture, according to the European Environment Agency (EEA).
- **A state of Emergency** has now been declared in **five regions** of Northern Italy. Over **100 towns and cities** are now subject to water rationing.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

- in Portugal, the government has ordered the effective closure of its hydroelectric power plants, allowing them to operate for only two hours per week.
- **Food Production:** agricultural production is now affected. Spain has to operate with half its usual supply of water to irrigate its crops.
- **Food Price Inflation:** The knock-on effects in terms of production combined with shortages arising from Putin's war in Ukraine will only increase prices for the consumer.
- **EU Regulation:** Multiple agencies issuing multiple rules and directives only adds to the burden on suppliers.

OBSERVATIONS

With no coverage at all in the British mainstream media, we thought we should notify UK holiday-makers who are heading to the continent for their Summer holidays.

For editors and journalists

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain ([CIBUK](#)) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.