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Review of alternative water allocation options

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This document aims to assess which would be the best alternatives for water allocation from an economic perspective, i.e. income and job generation, when water is relatively scarce, while pressure on water resources is maintained equal or lower. The review of implemented and available policy instruments for water allocation used in EU countries demonstrates alternative policy tools that can support water use reallocation to increase value creation and sustainable water use. Tools have been developed for reallocation of water under scarcity conditions and adapted to local circumstances and the historical context.

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