

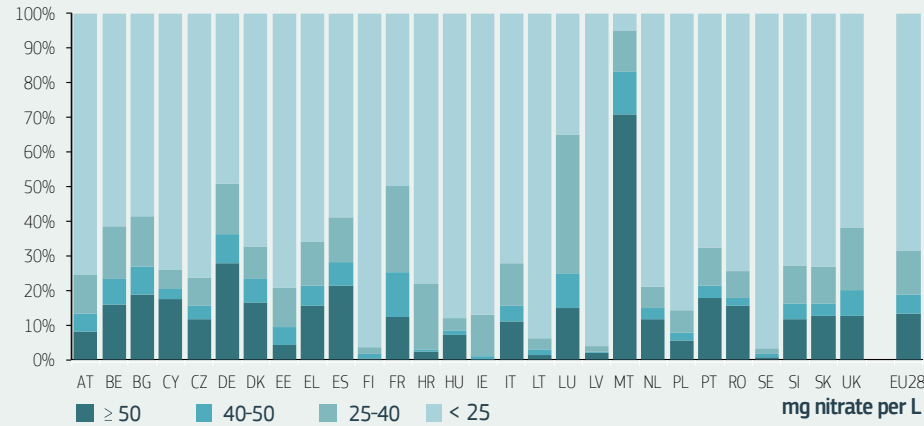
WATER QUALITY IN THE EU

Ground and surface water quality in the EU has improved over the last decade, but more efforts are needed

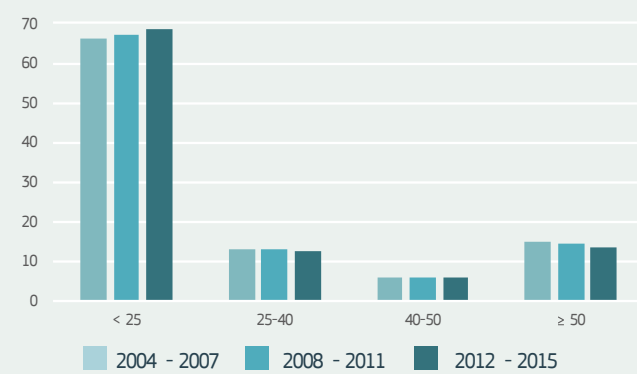
Annual average nitrate concentrations in groundwater in the period 2012-2015

Ground water nitrate concentrations

Sampling points (%)



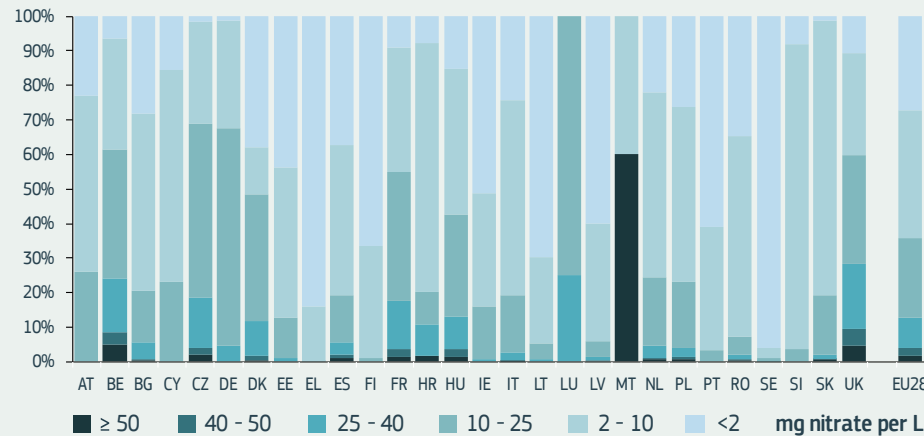
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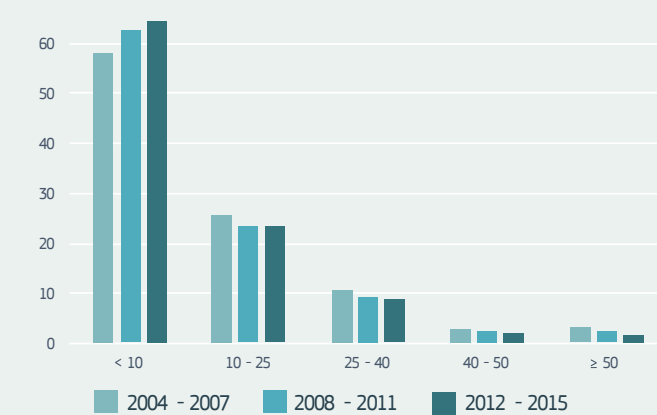
Annual average nitrate concentrations in fresh surface waters (rivers and lakes) in the period 2012-2015

Surface water nitrate concentrations

Sampling points (%)



Sampling points (%)



The comparability of data between Member States is limited by differences in the monitoring networks and strategies.