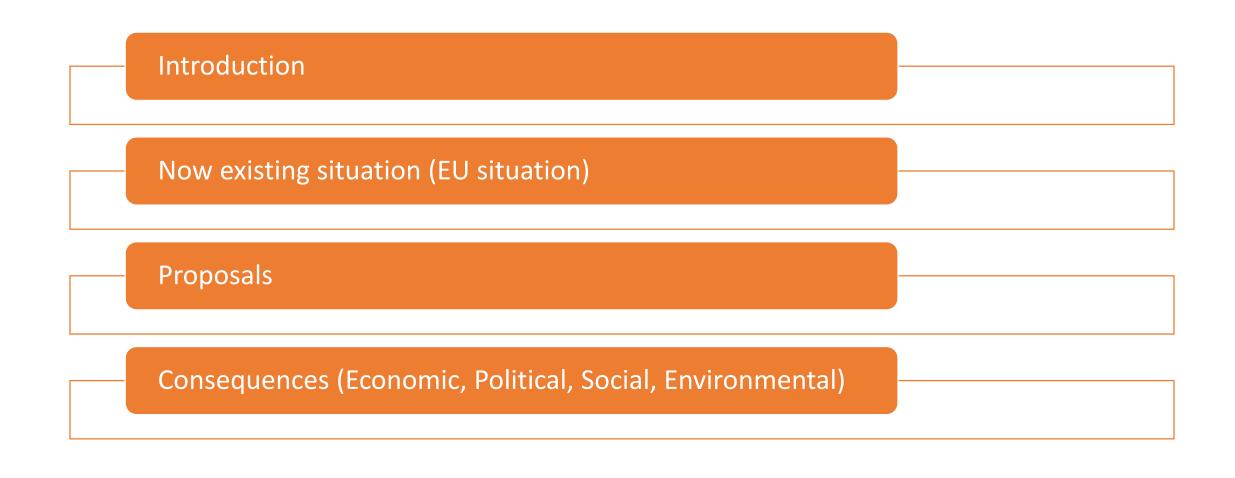
# Water availability

### <u>Summary</u>



#### INTRODUCTION

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#### Now existing situation in EU



Water distribution is unequal in the EU



Water scarcity more acute in southern Europe



11% of the European population and 17% of the EU territory is affected by water shortage



Since 1980, the number of droughts in Europe has increased and become more severe





#### **Proposals**

- Recycling wastewater
- Protecting wetlands
- Improving irrigation efficiency

### Consequences



#### Economic consequences :

- -Industry represents 59% ot total water use
- -lack of water increases food prices

#### Political consequences :

• - Portugal-Spain conflict

• - Adapt water policies



#### Social consequences

- Water is crucial to hygiene and hygiene is crucial to health
- Water scarcity increases food prices

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## **Environmental consequences**

- DISAPPEARING WETLANDS
- DAMAGED ECOSYSTEMS

# Conclusion