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# Austria has the best tap water in Europe, Netherlands 2nd, France / England 3rd

Amsterdam, March 19, 2020 - Austrian tap water was declared as the best tap water of Europe. This came from "The European Water Awards", organized by Social Enterprise KRNWTR ([www.WeTapWater.com](http://www.WeTapWater.com)) in honor of World Water Day (22 March). The Netherlands finished second, followed by England and France in joint third place. An expert jury selected Austrian tap water from 10 major European countries as the most delicious. View the full top 10 at <https://www.wetapwater.com/european-water-awards-2020/results-top-10>

### Winner of The Golden Tap

The Austrian tap water was the winner with a score of 7.8, while the Dutch tap water finished in second place with 7.1. The expert jury assessed the water on various aspects, such as flavor intensity, mouthfeel and aftertaste. The winning tap water is described as "fresh, strong and pure." The Dutch tap water was described as "clean, smooth and the mouthfeel is just right." Both England and France finished with 6.9 in shared third place. The jury called the water from England 'Immediately skimpy, little acidity. Tastes familiar.' and France 'Very light minerals, but not salty. Smooth and refreshing'. The water from Portugal had a final score of 2.5 in last place and was described as "markedly bad chlorine taste" and "a kind of pool water that was there for a while."

The independent jury consisted of water sommelier Marielle Thiadens, Leslie Dronkers (Soda sommelier), Boris Visser (Wine sommelier) and Maxine Rietveld (Tea sommelier).

### Not just any water

Most of the European countries already have very good tap water, but we can also make tap water easy drinkable in countries such as Spain and Portugal. In these countries, the water is now less tasty because chlorine is added to it. "With special water filters we can not only get rid of impurities, but also improve the taste of the water. That is why it is senseless waste all over Europe to drink bottled water that has to be packaged and transported." says Daf Dubbelman, co-owner of KRNWTR. "The carbon footprint of a single-use water bottle (500ml) is 85.21 grams of carbon dioxide. This equates to almost one kilometer driving a Fiat Punto."

### The first "European tap water awards"

The competition was organized in honor of World Water Day on March 22 by Social Enterprise KRNWTR ([www.WeTapWater.com](http://www.WeTapWater.com)). Never before has the water from so many European countries been tasted at the same time. The tasting took place at the KRNWTR head office on the Keizersgracht in Amsterdam.

### Water from all over Europe

Tap water from 10 major European countries was collected with the help of tap water fanatics. Outside of the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, England and Austria also participated. Only the water from Italy could not be delivered on time due to the coronavirus.

### The best tap water in...

The KRNWTR awards are an annual event. Last year, the best tap water in the Netherlands was chosen, with 20 cities taking part. KRNWTR also examined whether bottled water tastes better and if it is possible to taste the difference between tap water and bottled water. Spa Blauw, Chaudfontaine, Sourcy, Bar le Duc and Evian were included in this taste test. For 100% of the tasters, including the (six-panel) expert panel, it was not possible to pick out more than two bottled water samples and on average the bottled water scored worse in taste than the tap water, thus disproving the myth that bottled water tastes better.

**KRNWTR (www.WeTapWater.com)**

Social Enterprise KRNWTR ([www.WeTapWater.com](http://www.WeTapWater.com)) was founded in 2010 by two friends who were annoyed with plastic waste and single-use plastic bottles. KRNWTR promotes drinking filtered tap water by providing unique water taps (for filtered, chilled still and sparkling water), design carafes, glasses, water bottles and natural syrups. In combination with 100% natural and organic (light) syrups and reusable bottles, KRNWTR helps companies become PET bottle free. KRNWTR customers include many schools, restaurants, bars, the KLM VIP Lounge, ABN AMRO CIRCL, Landal GreenParks and many other companies that want to contribute in a simple way to sustainability and almost always result in cost savings. KRNWTR has customers in Germany, Curacao, Belgium, Spain & the Netherlands. 5% of the turnover from new customers is invested into initiatives that reduce the plastic soup.

**Editor's Note**

The European Water Awards are organized in honor of World Water Day on march 22, 2020.

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