

**2<sup>nd</sup> SDC-UNECE project**  
**on the implementation of targets set under the Protocol on**  
**Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova**

**1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**

**21 November 2012**

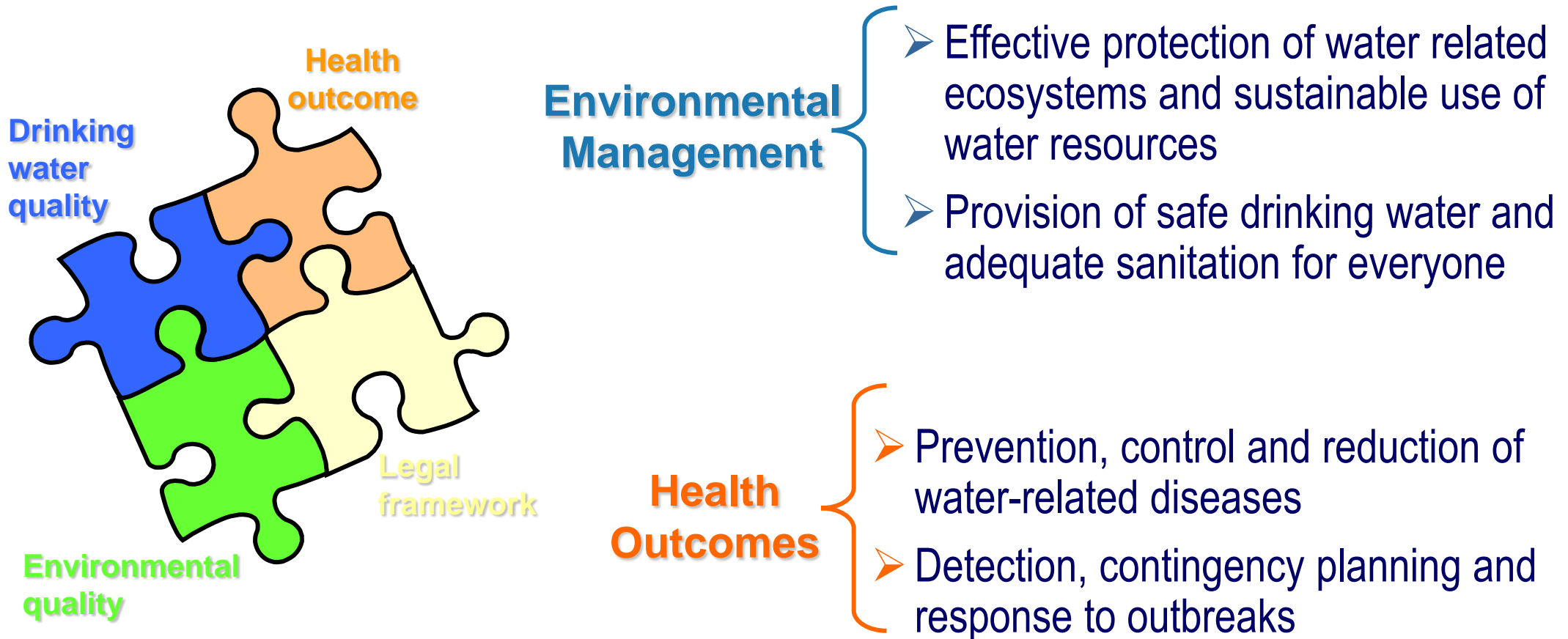
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# Goal: Protect human health and well being by better management of water resources



# Setting targets and measuring progress

## DECLARE TARGETS

- Water supply and sanitation
- Water management
- Health protection

## SET DATES

Within 2 years of becoming a Party, each country sets and publishes targets, and dates for achieving them

## REVIEW PROGRESS

### Parties:

- collect and evaluate data
- publish results
- review progress
- provide summary reports

## EVALUATE

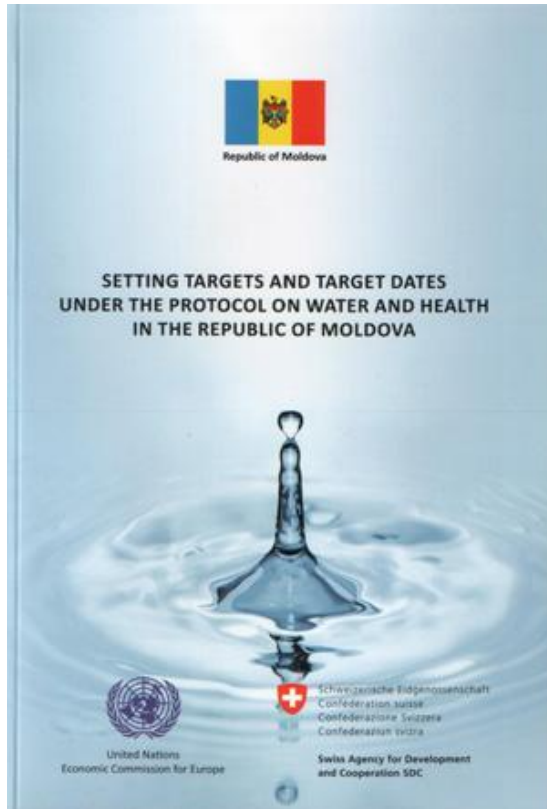
MOP evaluate progress in implementation

# Target setting areas



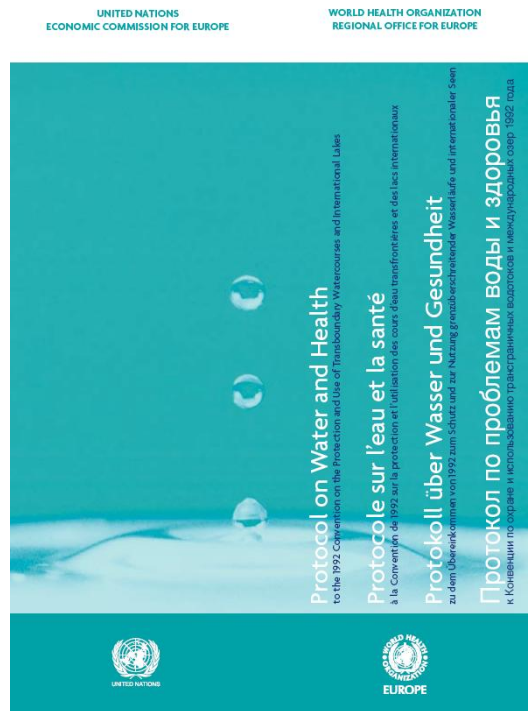
# Background: 1<sup>st</sup> UNECE-SDC project

## ...setting of targets on water and health



- Republic of Moldova became a Party to the Protocol on Water and Health in December 2005
- In 2009-2010, in the framework of the 1<sup>st</sup> UNECE-SDC project, the Republic of Moldova established targets with target dates and a first set of measures
- Close cooperation with national NPD
- Ministerial Order 91/704 of 20 October 2010 on the Approval of the Targets and Target Dates to implement the Protocol on Water and Health:
  - Conditioned by the assumption of having reasonable access to sources of finance, institutional capacities and human resources
  - Instructed Steering Committee to further develop measures for the achievement of the targets and include them in the new Action Plan for Environment and Health for submission to the Government

# Background: 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project



- Workshop organized by UNECE, SDC and Ministries of Environment and Health on the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health, 5 October 2011, and Steering Committee meeting, 6 October 2011:
  - Commitment of Ministries of Health and Environment to implement the Protocol
  - Identification of areas requiring particular support
- On this basis, definition of and agreement on 2<sup>nd</sup> SDC-UNECE project on the implementation of the targets and target dates set under the Protocol on Water and Health.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project:

## Overall objective/impact and outcome

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### *Overall objective/impact:*

The population of Moldova, in particular the poor and vulnerable, benefit from improved access to safe water and sanitation, reduced water-related diseases and a protected environment, through the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health.

### *Outcome:*

Frame conditions and adequate capacity are in place for national and local authorities, as well as water operators and water users associations to implement measures towards the water and health targets set under the Protocol.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project: Target audience

- Public authorities responsible for water management, safe drinking water supply and adequate sanitation (Ministries, agencies, institutions, local governments)
- Water utilities' and sanitation facilities' operators and Water Associations
- Environmental NGOs
- Consumers and the population at large, including women, children as well as vulnerable and marginalized groups.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project: Outputs/project components

**Output 1:** *Action plan for achieving the targets drawn up and approved by Governmental Decision*

**Output 2:** *Strategy/plan to mobilise resources developed and implemented*

**Output 3:** *Materials developed and training conducted to build the institutional capacities of the Apa-Canal Operators and Water Users Associations*

**Output 4:** *Norms and standards for small water operators established*

**Output 5:** *Clearing House on the Protocol on Water and Health established & functioning*

**Output 6:** *Public Awareness raising campaigns conducted*

**Output 7:** *Partnerships and platforms for policy dialogue and decision-making on the improvement of the legal, strategic and managerial frameworks for water and health established and functioning*

**Output 8:** *Promotion of the Moldovan experience through regional dialogue*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project: Timeframe: 3 ½ years

Project component	Months						
	1-6	7-12	13-18	19-24	25-30	31-36	37-42
Action Plan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Resource mobilization strategy/plan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Institutional capacity			x	x	x	x	x
Norms/standards			x	x	x	x	x
Clearing House	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Awareness raising			x	x	x	x	x
Enabling project environment	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Promotion of the Moldovan experience			x	x	x	x	x

# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project: Governance

- **Steering Committee:** high-level, multi-stakeholder body to oversee the implementation of the project, led by Ministers of Environment and Health, meeting every 6 months
- **Core Group**, chaired by UNECE, composed of team leaders responsible for each project component, Project focal points, Eco-Tiras, meeting every 3 months
- **Thematic working groups**
- **High-level Consultation Committee:** High-level representatives of UNECE, SDC, MoE and MoH to meet at least once per annum to review overall implementation of the project and address potential challenges/risks

# 2<sup>nd</sup> UNECE-SDC project: Cooperation

- **Close cooperation with Ministries of Environment and Health** in project definition and implementation
- Close linkage to **Sector Council on Water and Environment**
- **Close coordination with other donors** active on water and health issues in the Republic of Moldova incl. OECD, EU TA, GIZ, ApaSan, EBRD:  
**Invitation to interested donors to become observers in Steering Committee**
- **Donor coordination** through group led by SDC
- OECD and UNECE to **closely align the 2 Steering Committees**
- **Involvement of stakeholders and civil society**, in particular in the context of the Clearing House and awareness raising events

# Links with the Protocol activities

- Dissemination of Moldovan experience in EECCA countries
- Link with national reporting of Moldova on implementation of the Protocol:
  - **Deadline for submission of reports - 29 April 2013**
  - **Third Meeting of the Parties – 23-25 November 2013**
- Link with other activities on the Protocol that go beyond the current project

# Outcomes of the kick-off meeting

## During the kick-off mission and the meeting held on 4 October:

- Ministers of Environment and Health kindly agreed to co-Chair the SC

## The following immediate tasks were identified:

- Elaborate (update) and sign new Ministerial order on the composition of the Steering Committee
- Appointment of focal points for the project by lead ministries and identification of lead experts for each project area
- First priority- Action plan, resource mobilization strategy and the Clearing House
- Elaboration and signing of the MoU for project implementation between 2 lead Ministries, SDC and UNECE

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