

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

Work plan until mid-2014

2nd Steering Committee Meeting

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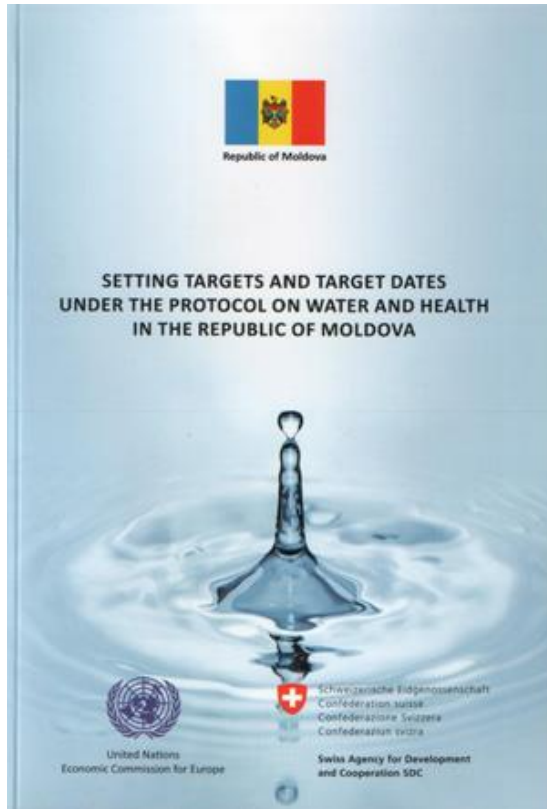
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Background: 1st UNECE-SDC project

...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 1st 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

2nd UNECE-SDC project:

Overall objective/impact and outcome

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.

2nd 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*

2nd 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

Overview of activities until mid-2014

Activity/Month	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Meetings of the Steering Committee	X						X		
Stakeholder/consultation meetings /public awareness campaign	X		X		X	X	X		
Trainings for operators								X	X

Output 1&2: Action Plan and resource mobilization strategy

- Concept note of the programme containing the outline of the Action Plan presented at the 2nd Steering Committee meeting
- Donor mapping exercise initiated, need to involve Min. of Economy and Finance
- The national report under the Protocol submitted in May 2013
- Investigate the need to reformulate the targets and adjust the target dates
- Align the Action Plan with the revision of targets and with other major initiatives –e.g. revised WSS Strategy
- Continue to work on the Action Plan, hold 2 Stakeholder meetings under these outputs

Output 3: Build institutional capacities of the Apa-Canal Operators and WUAs

- Initial assessment of the training needs conducted
- Thematic working group to be formed by January 2014
- Water Safety Planning – one of the priority areas – involve WHO/Europe and IWA, possible peer-to-peer cooperation with Hungarian utilities
- Conduct two trainings until mid-2014 – on WSPs and another theme (TBD)
- Hold 1 Stakeholder consultation meeting under this output

Output 4: Norms and standards for small water operators

- 2 Thematic working groups for drinking water systems and sanitation systems to be formed by January 2014
- Conduct the baseline study for the elaboration of norms and standards for small water operators
- Hold 1 Stakeholder consultation meeting under this output until mid-2014

Output 5 and 6: Clearing House and public awareness campaigns

- Established at the National Centre for Public Health by the Order of MoH
- Based on the outcomes of the discussions on its TOR at the SC and Stakeholders meetings
- Trainings for media/NGOs held
- 1 Public awareness campaign to be held
- Information materials to be developed (esp. in Romanian)
- Ensure sustainability of the center

Output 7: Partnerships and platforms

- MoU on the project implementation signed between UNECE, SDC, MoE and MoH
- SC formed by joint Ministerial Order of MoE and MoH- Chaired by both Ministers
- The role of the SC to increase as the project activities intensify
- 2 SC meetings to be held in 2014, next one in April

Output 8: Promotion of the Moldovan experience

- Moldovan experience promoted at regional level – at meetings of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting and the Working Group on Water and Health
- At subregional level in EECCA countries – Caucasus in May 2013 and Central Asia – October 2013
- Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, Oslo, 25-27 Nov. 2013:
 - Report on the project results
 - Participate in the special session on equitable access at the high-level segment
 - Conduct an official side-event on the Moldovan experience

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