Activities of relevance under the WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Areas of particular WHO involvement

- Surveillance and early warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities
- Water-borne communicable diseases
- Small-scale water supplies
- Climate change and water
- Project facilitation mechanism
- Equitable access
- Capacity-building in Member States
## WHO country support activities

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| Capacity building for development and implementation of Water Safety Plans:  
  • National trainings/workshops  
  • Resource materials  
  • Pilot projects | 5 countries  
  GEO, KGZ, TJK, TKM and UKR | 5 countries  
  KAZ, KGZ, TJK, UKR and UZB |
| Strengthen national and global monitoring programmes (JMP*, GLAAS**)) | 10 countries  
  AZE, BLR, GEO, KAZ, KGZ, LTU, MDA, SRB, TJK and UKR | 4-6 countries  
  tbc |
| WASH promotion in schools and soil-transmitted helminths | 3 countries  
  GEO, MDA and ROM | 1 country  
  MDA |

* WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring programme for Water Supply and Sanitation  
** UN-Water Global Assessment and Analysis of Sanitation and Drinking-Water
WHP and the European Environment and Health Process (EHP)

- Water and Health Protocol as an important tool for the implementation of commitments from Ministerial conferences, along with other MEAs
- Example of good governance for health
- High priority area in public health
- Unfinished business in the WHO European Region
EHP Policy context

Health

Health2020

International Health Regulations

WHO

RC

Prevention of NCDs

Environment

European Environment and Health Process

Rio +20

Multilateral Environmental agreements

UNECE

CEP

Environment for Europe
Health 2020

There will be no further gains in health and wellbeing in the WHO European Region unless we:

– Address underlying social and environmental determinants of health
– Tackle inequalities and human rights
– Work across sectors and make health everyone’s business
– Establish and implement good governance for health nationally and internationally
– Create resilient communities and safe environments
– Strengthen public health services
Recommendations of the EEH Ministerial Board

1. Convergence of health and environmental agendas;
2. “to walk the talk”, lead by example (e.g. environmentally friendly health services and healthy environmental policies);
3. To formulate a coherent framework of common principles, values and approaches for all-government action on health and environment;
4. Development of a flexible portfolio of action, including:
   • “unfinished” EH agenda for local and sub-regional action; and
   • Regional and global priorities for international collaboration, additional HIA and new tools for complex, multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary problems
EHP targets and objectives since Parma ministerial conference (2010)

• Regional Priority Goal 1 improving health through improved access to safe water and sanitation

• Parma commitment: “to strive to provide each child with access to safe water and sanitation in homes, child care centres, kindergartens, schools, health care institutions and public recreational water settings by 2020.”
Thank you!

http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/environment-and-health