UNECE-FinWaterWei project on target setting process under the Protocol on Water and Health in Armenia Prioritization of targets and remaining activities

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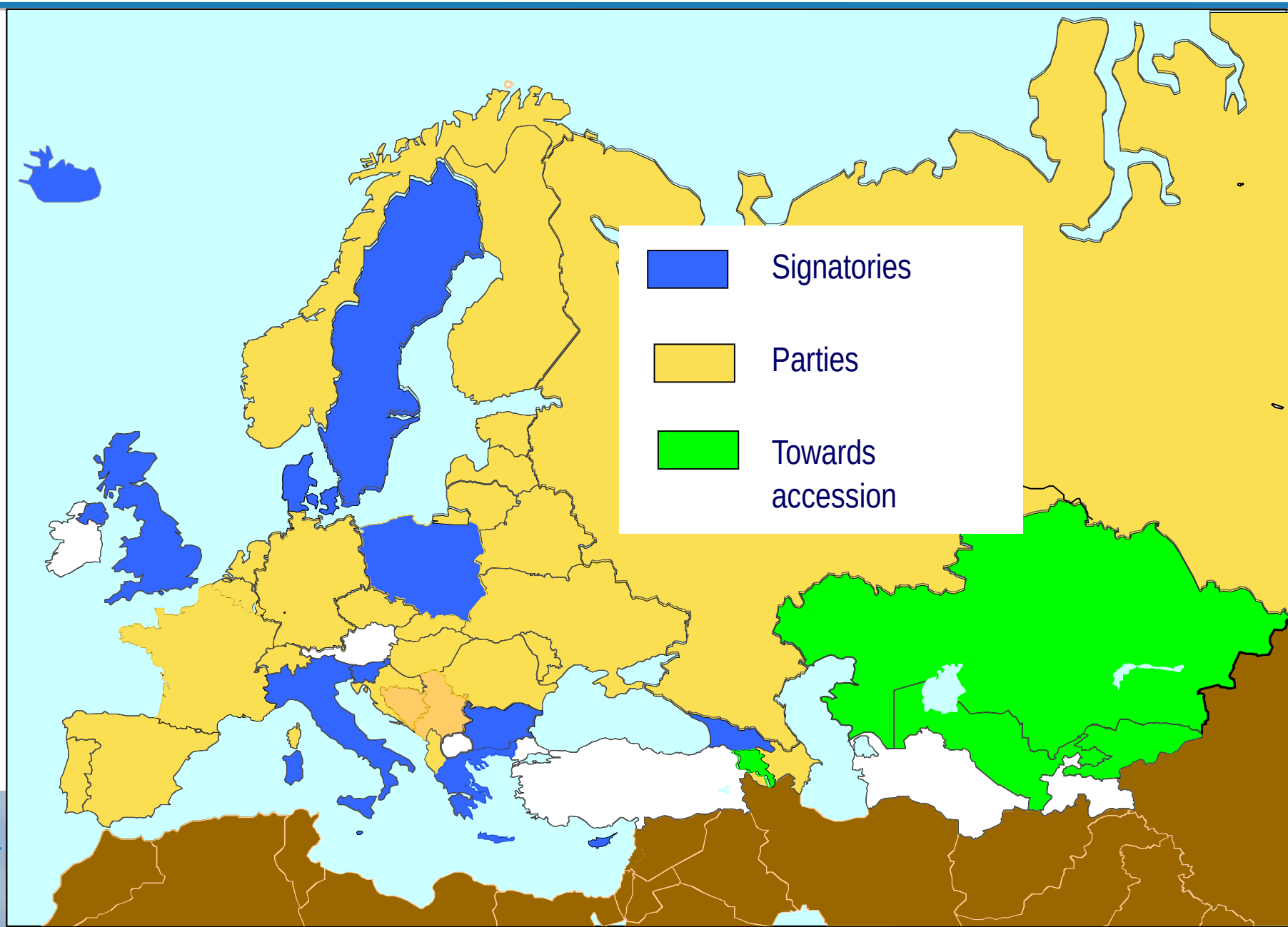
Status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health

Adopted in 1999 by 36 countries

Entered into force in 2005

Currently ratified by 26 countries

Armenia – Signatory, not yet a Party



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

Environmental Management

- Effective protection of water related ecosystems and sustainable use of water resources
- Provision of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for everyone

Health Outcomes

- Prevention, control and reduction of water-related diseases
- Detection, contingency planning and response to outbreaks

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:

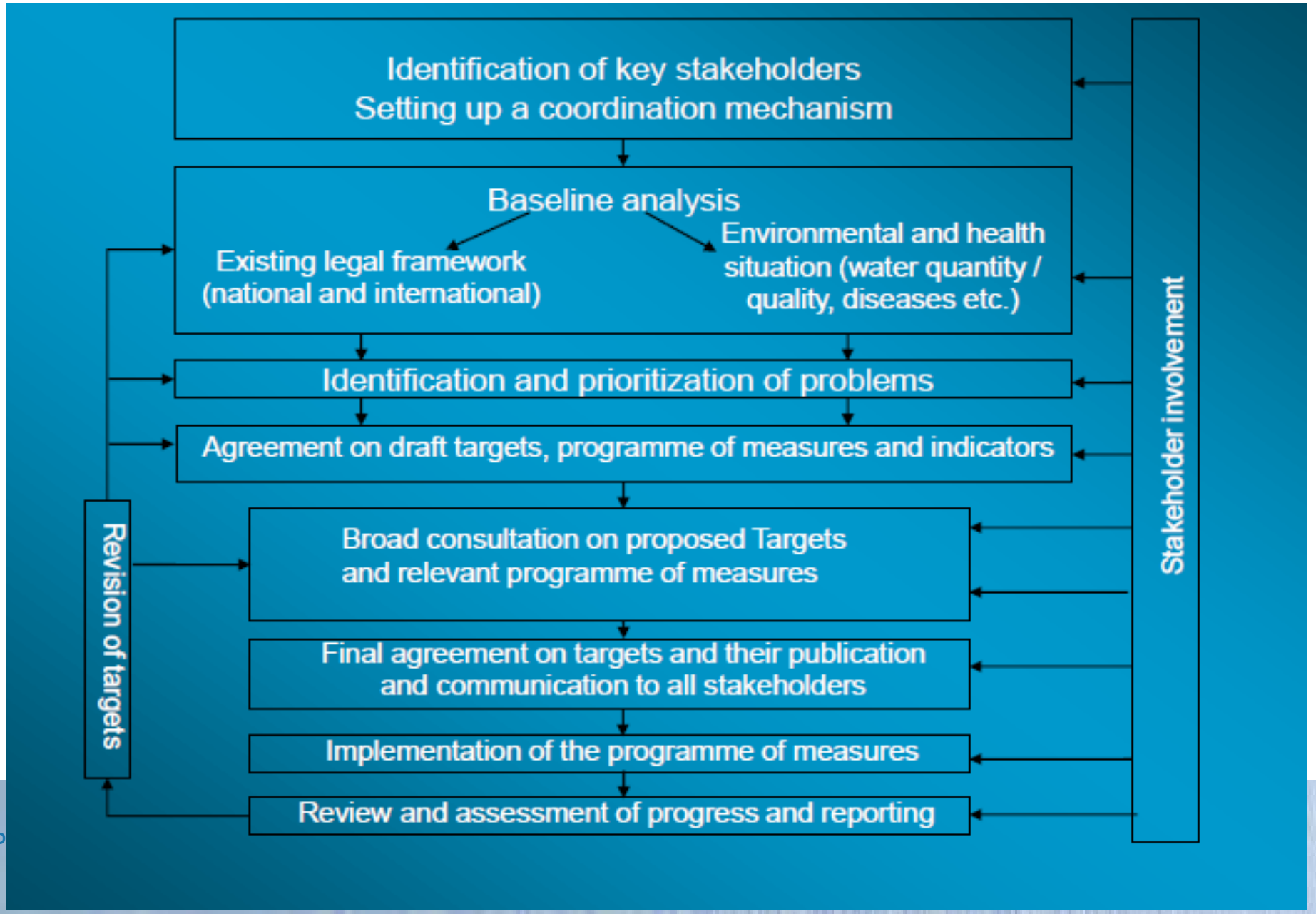
- collect and evaluate data
- publish results
- review progress
- provide summary reports

EVALUATE

MOP evaluate progress in implementation

Target setting areas

Target setting process



Outcomes and outputs

Outcome 1: Strengthened capacity of the Government of Armenia to implement targets and proposed measures to ensure sustainable water management, access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation

Output 1: *Action Plan to ensure sustainable water management, access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, including a Roadmap for ratification of the Protocol*

Output 2: *Governmental Document approving the list of targets and targets dates*

and the proposed measures to implement the Protocol on Water and Health

Outcome 2: Enhanced implementation capacities and improved outreach, including public access to water-and-health related information and public awareness

Output 3: *Technical reports on the relevant for Armenia Target Areas*

Output 4: *Publication on targets, target dates and proposed measures to improve efficiency of water management, and achieve safe drinking water and adequate sanitation*

Output 5: *Promotion Material*

Outcome 3: Enabling project environment

Output 6: *Establishing partnerships and platforms for policy dialogue*

UNECE-FinWaterWei project: Governance

- **Steering Committee**: high-level, multi-stakeholder body to oversee the implementation of the project – existing EUWI NPD SC + additional members
- **Working Group:** chaired by UNECE and Head of Water Resources Management Agency, comprised of six national experts in key areas of target setting and one international expert
- **Coordination meetings of NGO representatives:** Chaired by AWHHE to facilitate participation of public in the target setting process and preparation of NGOs inputs to WG, SC meetings
- **Consultations of UNECE and SYKE with Ministries of Nature Protection and Health:** To discuss overall progress of the project and possible challenges (includes signing of MoU)

Key partners and cooperation

Key partners:

- Ministry of Nature Protection and its Water Resources Management Agency;
- Ministry of Health and its State Hygiene Inspectorate;
- Ministry of Territorial Administration and its State Committee for Water Systems;
- NGO Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment

- Close coordination with other donors active on water and health issues in the Republic of Armenia, especially for elaboration of the Action Plan

- NGO community, academia, etc

Status of implementation

- Work on baseline analysis finalized – revealed main problems and priorities
- 1st NGO consultation meeting held in Gyumri in Nov. 2013
- Armenia submitted its national summary report under the second reporting cycle under the Protocol on Water and Health and participated in the Meeting of the Parties in Oslo (25-27 November 2013)
- In order to finalize all project activities in an efficient and productive way the project was extended until 30 June 2014

Next step: prioritization of target areas

- Main water and health challenges brought up during previous NPD SC meetings:

-Increasing the access of urban and rural populations to improved sources of drinking water and establishing water safety plans;
•Increasing the access of rural populations to adequate sanitation;
•Revision of the legal and regulatory basis related to drinking water and harmonization with European standards;
•Safeguarding the performance of water supply and sanitation facilities under extreme weather conditions and climate change;
•Improving existing water management systems in line with requirements of the Protocol and such applicable EU Directives as the WFD and its economic instruments;
•Safeguarding the relative good status of the existing response systems regarding outbreaks of water-related diseases.
• Wastewater treatment (discharges of untreated wastewater and quality of treated WW)
• Level of performance of systems (water losses, continuity of services, accidents/km)

Prioritization of problems

- Will allow to focus on the main challenges
- Decrease the total number of targets, relevant measures and indicators
- Targets have to be realistic, measurable and attainable, but remain also ambitious
- Should be linked with the ongoing activities implemented by Government, donor agencies and IFIs
- Ranking methodology was used during NPD SC mtgs in KG and TJK
- Important to choose the cut-off line properly
- Active participation of SC members is key

No.	Targets	Target dates	Responsibility
1	Provide access of the population to improved water supply sources	2015: For 68% of the total population 2020: For 80% of the total population 2015: For 35% of the rural population 2020: For 45% of the rural population	Local authorities, operators of water supply systems
2	Increase the access of children in schools and pre-school institutions to improved water supply sources	2015: In 95% of schools and pre-school institutions 2020: In 100% of schools and pre-school institutions	Local authorities, operators of water supply systems, Ministry of Education

D. PROPOSED MEASURES TO ACHIEVE TARGETS AND TARGET DATES

No.	Measures and activities	Time frame	Responsibility
1	Construction of water treatment installation and the provincial water supply system in Nisporeni[9]	2010-2013	Local authorities, the Apa-Canal operators in the town of Nisporeni, the "Apele Moldovei" Agency
2	Implementation of water supply projects in 23 villages with the support from the World Bank[10]	2010-2013	Local authorities, the "Apele Moldovei" Agency
3	Setting up of provincial water supply systems in the districts Orhei, Soroca, Floresti, Leova, Ciadyr-Lunga, Hincesti, Cahul on a basis of the existing networks[11]	2011-2015	Local authorities, the Apa-Canal operators, the "Apele Moldovei" Agency
4	Conducting an assessment regarding the achievement of the criteria of access to improved sources of drinking water and sanitation as part of a new demographic study[12]	2011	Ministry of Health

Tentative workplan October 2013-June 2014

Activity/Month	X	XI	XII	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
Meetings of the Steering Committee (2)			X				X			
Working Group meetings in Yerevan (3)	X		X							
Working Group meeting outside Yerevan (1)							X			
NGO Consultation meeting (3)		X		X		X				

Priorities until mid-2014

- Ensure wide consultation with stakeholders in the process of setting targets (discussion of the baseline analysis and prioritization of targets)
- Ensure official adoption of targets by the Government of Armenia
- Promote the ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health by Armenia and provide necessary assistance on this issue (draw up a roadmap for ratification)
- Print the final publication on targets and disseminate it widely in the country,
- Ensure mechanism for active public participation under the Protocol in Armenia

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