

# Equitable access to water and sanitation

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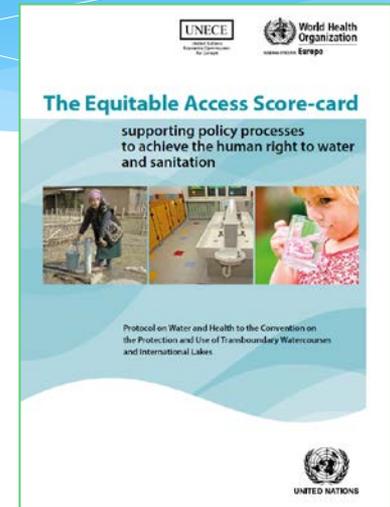
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# 1. Main achievements in this area of work the Equitable Access score-card

- \* supports policy processes to achieve the Human Right to Water&Sanitation
- \* contains recommendations on how to plan for self-assessment exercises
- \* is useful to identify inequities and to support the development of action plans to adress the identified equity gaps



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This tool was tested in France (Paris area), Portugal and Ukraine, before its signature by the French minister of social affairs & health and adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties in Oslo (Nov. 2013)

This tool has been widely used in the region

- \* in the Republic of Moldova (2014)
- \* in Armenia (December 2015-July 2016)
- \* in Hungary (October 2014-March 2016)
- \* in Azerbaïdjan (started in September 2015)
- \* in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Apr 2015-Jan 2016)
- \* in Spain/Catalunya, Castello de la Plana (summer 2016)

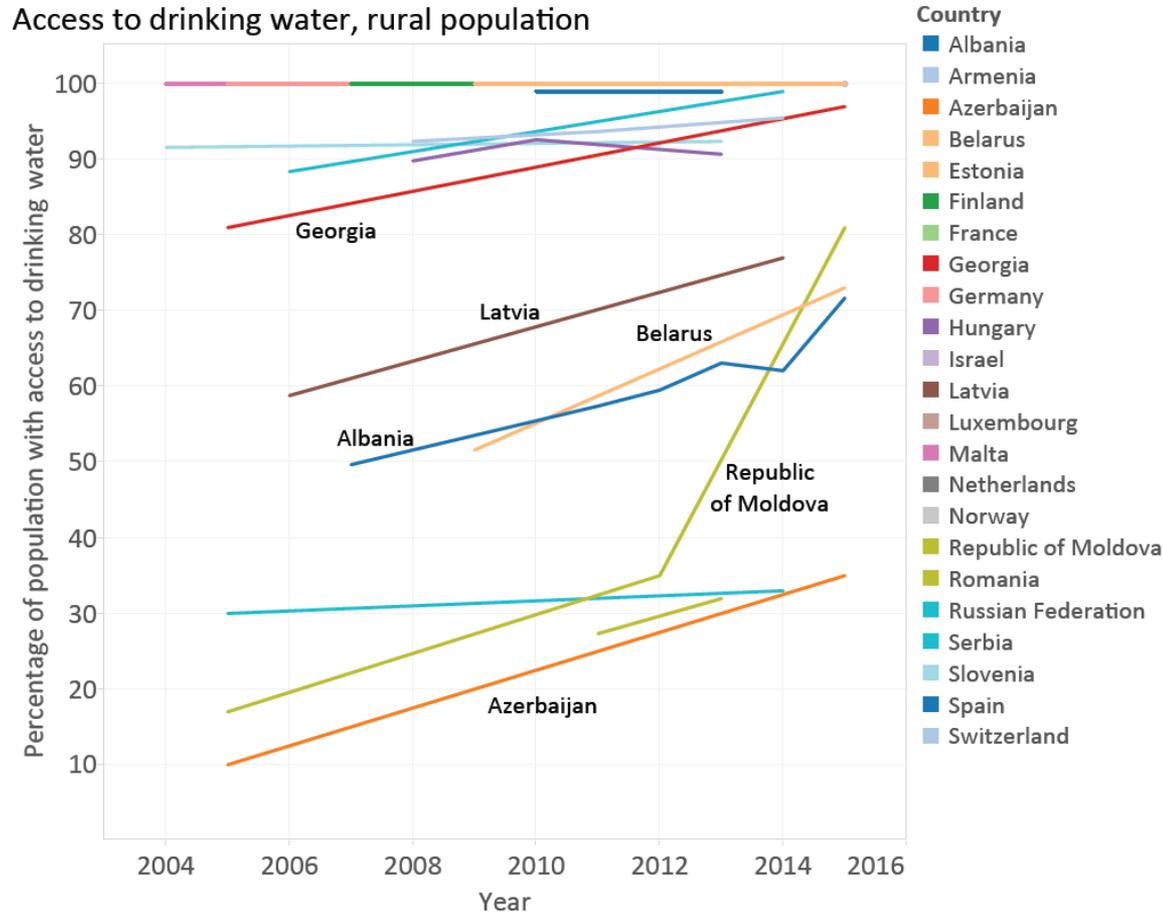


## 2. Why are these achievements important for the pan-European region

- \*Assessment exercises showed the important need to build capacities of various stakeholders (in ministries, operators, civil society..) on the Human Right to W&S
- \*Assesment exercises showed what the obligation under the Protocol to provide equitable access means into practice
- \*Equitable access assessment exercises facilitated awareness raising



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Source: WHO Collaborating Center for Health Promoting Water Management and Risk Communication at the University of Bonn

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### Key messages

- \* Voluntary self-assessment process is adaptable to country needs and specificities
- \* The tool provides a “high resolution” analysis of the situation of equitable access in a country, region or city
- \* Self-assessment process supports coordination and collaboration between stakeholders
- \* Outcomes provide solid basis for objective debate on improvements needed to fill identified equity gaps and to develop equitable access action plans
- \* Several countries already took action to improve equitable access, based on assessment's outcomes

### 3. Major milestones since 2014 : Workshops on achieving equitable access to W&S

Paris – 11/12 March 2015  
Geneva – 21/22 May 2016

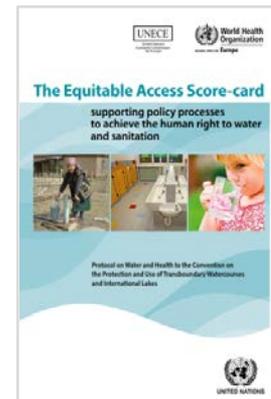
- \* brought together 60 experts and multistakeholders working in the W&S sector to exchange experiences in achieving equitable access to W&S in the pan-European region and beyond
- \* were organized by UNECE, in cooperation with OHCHR, the French Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, and the Hungarian Office of the Chief medical officer
- \* allowed to discuss about main themes : actions needed to achieve equitable access to W&S, as well as the role of key actors to be engaged for their effective implementation, possible ways to integrate actions to achieve equitable access into water and non-water sectors policy processes and plans

# 3. Major milestones since 2014 : the Protocol's tools to support countries in their efforts to achieve equitable access to W&S

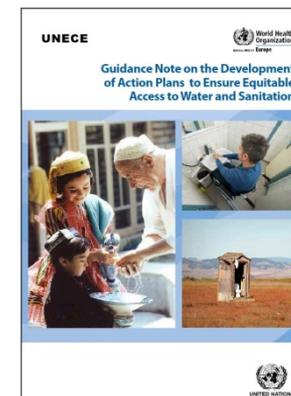
Understanding the issues



Assessing the situation (& evaluating progress)



Triggering actions



### 3. Major milestones since 2014 :

Daegu – 14 April 2015  
Stockholm – 28 August 2016

- \* High visibility of equitable access activities under the Protocol
  - \* promoted at the World Water Forum in 2015 in Rep. of Korea
  - \* Promoted at Stockholm World Water Week in 2016
- \* High interest for the Equitable access score-card tool, even from other regions of the world



## 4. Lessons learnt for future work : necessity of a multistakeholders involvement

Identifying what is an Equitable Access Action Plan in a country :

- \* limited number of main priority areas (national/regional/local)
- \* measures linked to evaluation of existing policies, legal & institutional reforms, targeted investments, communication efforts, etc.
- \* existing or planned strategies in which to integrate prioritized equitable access measures governmental institutions responsible & resource mobilization strategy
- \* description of what could be the process for its development



## 5. Suggested future work in this area (1/2)

- 1 - Enhancing knowledge of the situation of equitable access to W&S through assessments and awareness-raising :
  - \* Scale up application of the Equitable Access Score-card and supporting baseline analyses on the equity of access to W&S at the national and local levels
  - \* Facilitating the exchange of experience on the assessment process
  - \* Further developing training materials on equitable access to W&S based on the publication *No One Left Behind: Good Practices*
  - \* Promoting political awareness on existing inequities

## 5. Suggested future work in this area (2/2)

- 2 - Fostering the adoption of measures to ensure equitable access to W&S
  - \* Support the development of national or local equitable access action plans
  - \* Share lessons learned and promote good practices through the expert group on equitable access and thematic regional, sub-regional or national workshops

