



5th session

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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High-level intergovernmental meeting on advancing the water, sanitation and health agenda in the pan-European region, in support of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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The Protocol on Water and Health

The Protocol on Water and Health is a unique legally-binding instrument aimed at attaining safe drinking-water and adequate sanitation for everyone, through sustainable management of water resources. Over the past 15 years, the Protocol has supported significant progress in water, sanitation and health in the pan-European region. It is a powerful tool towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 3, 6 and others, and the 2017 Ostrava Declaration on Environment and Health, at national and regional levels by promoting integration of policies and a holistic and preventive approach to water, sanitation and health.

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19 November 2019 | High-level session

The high-level ministerial session on the first day of the meeting will review progress in attaining the water, sanitation and health related goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and foster strategic discussion on implementation gaps. It will discuss political and technical dimensions of key issues for the pan-European region, such as the safe management of water and sanitation services in the light of climate change, equitable access to water and sanitation and current water-related health concerns, such as legionella prevention and antimicrobial resistance.

19-21 November 2019 | General segment

The meeting will be an important milestone in advancing the water, sanitation and health agenda in the pan-European region. It will review achievements but also reflect on challenges and identify need for action in areas such as:

- Water and health governance through target setting
- Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases
- Water, sanitation and hygiene in schools and health care facilities
- Small scale water supplies and sanitation
- Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
- Equitable access to water and sanitation and realization of the dedicated human rights
- Increasing resilience of water and sanitation infrastructure to climate change

In addition, the Meeting of the Parties will:

- Review progress of the 4th **reporting cycle** under the Protocol
- Adopt a **new programme of work of the Protocol for 2020–2022**

Parallel side-events on priority water, sanitation and health issues will be organized by many partners.

More information:

<http://www.unece.org/env/water/5thsession/mop/protocol.html>

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