



5<sup>th</sup> Session

# MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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## Story telling about WASH in schools and health care facilities

### Concept note

*Come to hear real-world stories about WASH in schools and health care facilities and learn about the Protocol tools in this field. Bring your own WASH stories. This is a PowerPoint-free event to give you the opportunity for sharing them.*

#### Background

Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools and health care facilities is fundamental for providing safe learning environments in schools and quality health care, respecting the dignity and human rights of all users. This is how it should be. In reality, however, the situation looks different. Frequently, the lack of access to safe drinking water at schools and hospitals, poorly maintained toilets, deficiency of soap, toilet paper and menstrual hygiene products hamper the provision of basic WASH services. Global and regional WASH initiatives clearly call for attention and accelerated actions for improving WASH services in schools and health care settings.

#### Objectives, scope and expected outcome

The objective of the event is to present and share stories about WASH in schools and health care facilities, told by pupils, teachers and doctors. This is to listen to the people directly involved and affected by inadequate WASH services and to hear about common challenges and success stories. The expected outcomes are an increased awareness of the relevance of WASH in schools and health care facilities and of the needs to be addressed. The event aims at inspiring participants to undertake actions in their respective countries for driving improvements in institutional WASH, and at better understanding the available practical tools for achieving progress developed under the Protocol on Water and Health.



## Programme

Moderator: James Creswick, WHO Regional Office for Europe

- 13.45 – 14.10 Four stories about WASH in schools
- Pupils' and teachers' perspectives from the primary school "Svetozar Markovic" in Belgrade (*Nadja Nejkovic, Ivana Orolicki and Uros Petrovic*)
  - Menstrual hygiene in North Macedonia (*Natasha Dokovska Spirovska*)
  - A perspective of the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition (*Jovana Dodos*)
  - Sketch to promote new tools on WASH in schools (*Valentina Grossi, Dragana Jovanovic, Nadja Nejkovic, Ivana Orolicki and Uros Petrovic*)
- 14.10 – 14.35 Four stories about WASH in health care facilities
- The new World Health Assembly resolution (*Margaret Montgomery*)
  - A medical doctor perspective from the Clinical Center of Vojvodin (*Tamara Boskovic*)
  - Story from field project on WASH in health care facilities in Serbia (*Dragana Jovanovic*)
  - The use of WASH FIT in Tajikistan (*Safo Kalandarov*)
- 14.35 – 14.45 Moderated interaction with the audience
- Stories and comments from the audience
  - Summary and conclusions (*Marta Vargha and Dragana Jovanovic*)