Role of the Protocol on Water and Health in implementing the 2030 Agenda

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Achievements: Protocol supports 2030 Agenda

- National targets on water and health set by most Parties (new in 2018: Croatia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain) and non-Parties (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)
- Countries revising Protocol targets to ensure full alignment with SDGs and integrating them in sustainable development strategies (Belarus, Netherlands, Ukraine)
- Parties submitting VNRs on SDG 6 in 2018 (e.g. Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Switzerland)
- Complementarity between the Protocol and SDG targets on water, sanitation and health - clear added value for joint implementation

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<th>Protocol target areas</th>
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<td>Reduce non-compliance of drinking water quality according to national standards by xx% by 20xx</td>
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<td>Reduction of water-related disease (art. 6.2 (b))</td>
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<td>xx% reduction of water-borne diseases compared to 20xx by 20xx</td>
<td>3.2, 3.3, 3.9</td>
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<td>(i) typhoid fever; (ii) bacillary dysentery; (iii) viral hepatitis; (iv) diarrheal diseases; and (v) parasitic diseases</td>
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<td>Access to drinking water (art. 6.2 (b))</td>
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<td>Secure xx% access to safe water for all educational, medical and social facilities</td>
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Lessons learned and challenges – example of progress

- Overall progress in access to water and sanitation in UNECE region, but ensuring equitable access still a key challenge. SDG6 targets call for “universal and equitable access”.
- Tools and guidance were developed under the Protocol to support countries in ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation

**Improving equitable access to water and sanitation in Armenia (2015-2020)**

   (a) governance frameworks, (b) geographical disparities, (c) vulnerable and marginalized groups, (d) affordability
3. Progress achieved
   (a) Steps taken to include 579 unserved rural communities into service area of water service provider
   (b) Package of legislative reform proposals to address legislative barriers to ensuring equitable access under development
   (c) Targets being developed under the Protocol to address gaps
Further steps

- The Protocol will further support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda capitalizing on the achievements made to date (concrete tools such as equity score-card, WSPs)

- Fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be hosted by Serbia (Belgrade, 19-21 November 2019)

- Programme of work of the Protocol for 2020-2022 to be adopted at MOP5 in Belgrade reflects core priorities in the water, sanitation and health domain in the pan-European region:
  
  - Improving **governance for water and health** (including alignment with 2030 Agenda)
  - Strengthening **surveillance to combat water-related disease**
  - Promoting equitable **access to safe water and sanitation for all**
  - Ensuring **safely managed sanitation**
  - Fostering **climate resilient** water and sanitation services

- Increased mandate and expansion of activities foreseen due to Protocol alignment with the 2030 Agenda → need for increased resources
Thank you for your attention!