

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

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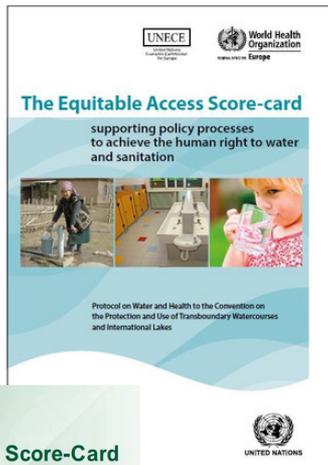
Achievements: Protocol supports 2030 Agenda

- 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)
- *Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation* to be published in early 2019
- Complementarity between the Protocol and SDG targets on water, sanitation and health - clear added value for joint implementation

Protocol target areas	SDGs
Quality of drinking water supplied (art. 6.2 (a))	
Reduce non-compliance of drinking water quality according to national standards by xx% by 20xx	6.1
Reduction of water-related disease (art. 6.2 (b))	
xx% reduction of water-borne diseases compared to 20xx by 20xx (i) typhoid fever; (ii) bacillary dysentery; (iii) viral hepatitis; (iv) diarrheal diseases; and (v) parasitic diseases	3.2, 3.3, 3.9
Access to drinking water (art. 6.2 (b))	
Secure xx% access to safe water for all educational, medical and social facilities	3.8, 4a, 6.1, 11.1

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)

1. National assessment of the situation, using the Equitable Access Score-card (2015-2016)

(a) governance frameworks, (b) geographical disparities, (c) vulnerable and marginalized groups, (d) affordability

2. Action Plan on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (2018-2020) approved by State Committee of Water Economy (2017)

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!

