

## HUNGARY

### **TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING PROGRESS ON SETTING TARGETS AND TARGET DATES ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH**

According to the Protocol on Water and Health, within 2 years of becoming a Party, each Party shall establish and publish targets referred to in paragraph 2 of article 6, and target dates for achieving them.

Parties and, if relevant, Signatories, to the Protocol on Water and Health are invited to answer the following questions to allow exchange of experience at the first meeting of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting (Geneva, 10-11 March 2008).

Replies should be sent not later than **25 February 2008** to the UNECE secretariat (protocol.water\_health@unece.org).

1. Briefly describe your national process to set targets and target dates in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol on Water and Health. Please include information on the institutions involved, approach adopted, steps identified and agreed timeline, as well as ways and means to involve stakeholders, including the public. Include both information on progress achieved to date as well as future plans.

The Protocol has been ratified by the Hungarian Parliament on 4 August 2005. A Special Committee on Water and Health under the auspices of the Interministerial Committee on Health (headed by the health secretary of state) has been founded on 24 January, 2007 with the aim of acting as an inter-ministerial body for the issues related to water and health. The first task of the Special Committee is defining the targets and target dates required by the Protocol. The list of the targets and target dates has been completed by January 2008, though several targets were not found to appropriate for defining the final outline and deadline.

2. List the target set in your country in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol, as well as the target dates for achieving them.

Art. 2.

- a) 96 percent of the population supplied with public drinking water complies with the health relevant chemical limit values by the end of 2015 (interim target: 80 percent by the end of 2010). The requirements are set by the European Union in the Directive 98(83/EC and are promoted by the National Drinking Water Improvement Programme
- b) No direct quantifiable target is reasonable to apply, also see below under 3.
- c) Nation-wide survey on the population without access and exploration of the feasible solutions is targeted by the end of 2008 and a social subsidising system will be elaborated to implement the human right to water by the end of 2010. The outcome of the development in the context of the targets is to be quantified acc. WatSan\_Ex1
- d) Sanitation and advanced (3-er) sewage treatment for settlements in sensitive areas & over PE 10000 should be attained by the end of 2008; Sanitation and biological ST for settlements over PE 15000 should be attained by the end of 2010 and Sanitation and biological ST for settlements between PE 2000 – 15000 should be attained by the end of 2015. These requirements are set by the European Union in the Directive 91/271/EC and are promoted by the National Sanitation and Sewage Treatment Programme
- e) see below under 3.
- f) see below under 3.

- g) No untreated sewage shall be dumped from settlements over PE 2000 after 2015 and No new combined sewer systems shall be laid and the existing ones should be transformed into separated systems on a continuous basis.
- h) Discharge limit values are to be met on a continuous basis and are regularly checked. see also below under 3.
- i) see. below under 3.
- j) Detailed investigation of surface waters assigned as drinking water resources or fisheries to prepare protection measures for compliance with WFD-targets has the deadline end of 2009; Detailed protection plans to have to be prepared and implemented by the end of 2015 and targets are to be set for bathing water quality by the end of 2009.
- k) see. below under 3.
- l) Remediation of 3.305.000 m<sup>3</sup> contaminated soil and the recultivation of 1500 dumping sites are to be accomplished by 2015. These targets are pursued by the Govt. Decree on the protection of groundwaters and implemented by the National Programme on Environmental Remediation
- m) Monitoring and vulnerability diagnostics of drinking water resources for 200 groundwater basins and securing the protection of 100 of them and finally the implementation of the Nitrate Action Programme II. for securing the good practice of husbandry are the main targets set to date with deadline of end of 2015 for the first two. Related reporting obligations are determined by the Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD)
- n) There are no concrete targets and target dates for this item but the public information is subject to strategic development planning.

3. If the process of target setting is still ongoing, briefly list the relevant national and international obligations, existing reporting mechanisms and other standards which you propose to use for the purpose of target setting.

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- b) Indirect targets relevant for surveillance and epidemiological education and training are necessary to adopt; No target date is possible until resources are explored. In the context of reporting requirements the HfA Database and the ENHIS recommendation for monitoring CEHAPE Regional Priority Goals are relevant.
- e) Targets are to be set with the involvement of the relevant suppliers' association by the end of 2008. There is no related reporting requirement to date.
- f) Targets to be set for drinking water suppliers with the involvement of the relevant suppliers' association by the end of 2008.
- h) Several indicators that are used by EEA Waterbase are serving for national reporting with the requested return. Exceedance of the regulated pollution limits falls under reporting obligations according to the Water Framework Directive.
- i) The disposal or reuse of sewage sludge and the quality of waste water used for irrigation purpose are not yet covered by defined targets. Targets and target dates should be set later (deadline not yet defined).
- k) Targets are to be set with the involvement of relevant associations by the end of 2008. There is no international reporting obligation except the Protocol on Water and Health

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