
Activities on setting targets and reporting in Moldova for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health

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Background notes

- Under the frame of Ad – Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (AHPFM), with Swiss Government support and with UNECE management, in Moldova started in August - September 2009 to implement a project on setting national targets and target dates for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health.
- Moldova has to establish national targets and to develop appropriate measures on how to achieve them and to report progress according to art. 6 and 7 of the Protocol.

Overall goal and expected outputs

- **Setting national targets and target dates for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health**
- Expected to obtain 3 main products:
- Commonly agreed targets and target dates for the Protocol on Water and Health and establishment of a reporting mechanism based on indicators.
- An Action Plan approved by the Government on further steps for Protocol implementation
- To establish a Steering Committee to coordinate the Protocol implementation



Weaknesses

- Lack of collaboration between relevant central authorities,
- Lack of financial and human resources at the central and local levels,
- Existing legislation on water management is in many cases unclear and ambiguous.
- The majority of the local authorities and population consider the main priority drinking water supply and do not pay enough attention to sanitation.
- Moldova needs capacity building of human and technical resources to implement projects in water and sanitation sector.

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Participants

- Ministry of Health,
- Ministry of Environment, with subordinated Water Management Agency “Apele Moldovei”,
- Ministry of Construction and Regional Development,
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry,
- Ministry of Economy,
- Ministry of Finance,
- Ministry of Internal Affairs,
- Academy of Sciences of Moldova,
- Association of DWSSS operators “Moldova Apa-Canal”.
- NGOs

Important activities

- By common order of ministers of Health and Environment established a Steering Group, approved nominal composition and responsibilities of SG. At the last meeting— 21 January 2010 were agreed on responsibilities of authorities and timetable for project implementation.
- Was established an Expert Group. In September and December 2009 organized two meetings and discussed current situation, also nominated responsible national experts for development of draft national targets – 20 groups.
- December 2009 - meeting with relevant NGOs and discussed the way how to be involved and to be part of the process.

National Workshop

- On 20 January 2010 organized the 1st national workshop on Setting Targets for the Protocol implementation. Main topics:
 1. Assessment of current situation
 2. Description of project and role of authorities and NGO
 3. Presentation the experience of Hungary in development and implementation of national targets
 4. Presentation of developed draft targets for two groups based on Guidelines for setting targets:
 - a) Drinking water quality
 - b) Identification and remediation of particularly contaminated sites
 5. Recommendations.



Follow-up activities 2010

- Summary report preparation under the Protocol on Water and Health – March 2010.
- Development of drafts for targets and targets dates, an Action Plan for target implementation according to real capacities and possibilities of Moldova and Gov. Decision – 30 April 2010.
- Presentation of above mentioned documents at the meeting of Steering Group and 2nd National Workshop – May 2010.
- Final drafts of documents – June 2010.
- Coordination with relevant authorities: July–September 2010.
- Final versions to be presented to Government for approval - September–October 2010.
- Dissemination and implementation.

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Thanks for your attention!

