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How to report without targets ?

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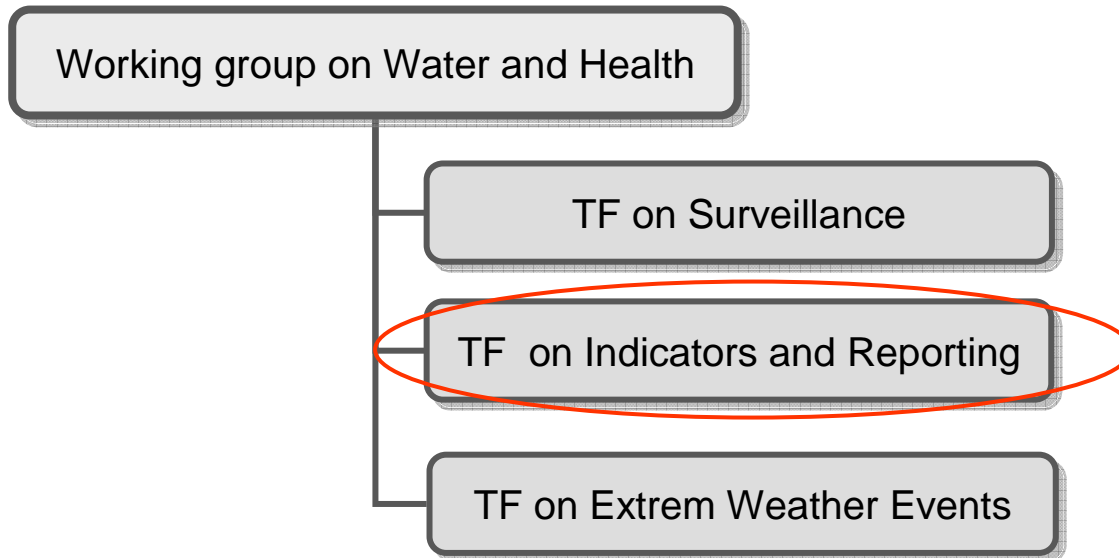


Procedure of target setting in Switzerland

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Background: Conditions of the Protocol

Art. 6: Targets and target dates

- have to be established, except where local circumstances make them irrelevant.

Art. 7: Review and assessment of progress

- collect and evaluate data on indicators that are designed to show the progress made





The authorities in Switzerland

- Switzerland is a Confederation of 26 states (cantons) with broad autonomy
- Water is owned by the cantons
- Federal legal requirements are implemented by the cantonal authorities:
 - 20 offices for environment
 - 20 offices for consumers protection



Coordination at national level

- Main stakeholders
 - Federal office of environment
 - Federal office of public health
 - Federal office for agriculture
 - Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
 - Institute for aquatic research



Key players for the implementation of the Protocol

- Federal office of environment, resp. for water management
- Federal office of public health: focal point of the Protocol and resp. for drinking water regulation
- Swiss agency for development and coordination: resp. for international cooperation



Target setting in Switzerland: where we are...

- All stakeholders have been informed, at national and local level
- A first meeting of coordination took place in July 2007 at national level



Target setting in Switzerland: the challenges...

- Each federal entity has its own targets
- A national water platform has been proposed to the national authorities
- No formal decisions have been taken so far, but the management of the concerned offices is part of their obligations



Target setting: Baseline analysis

This analysis has been performed:

- Existing legal framework
- List of projects at national level
- Interdepartmental collaboration identified

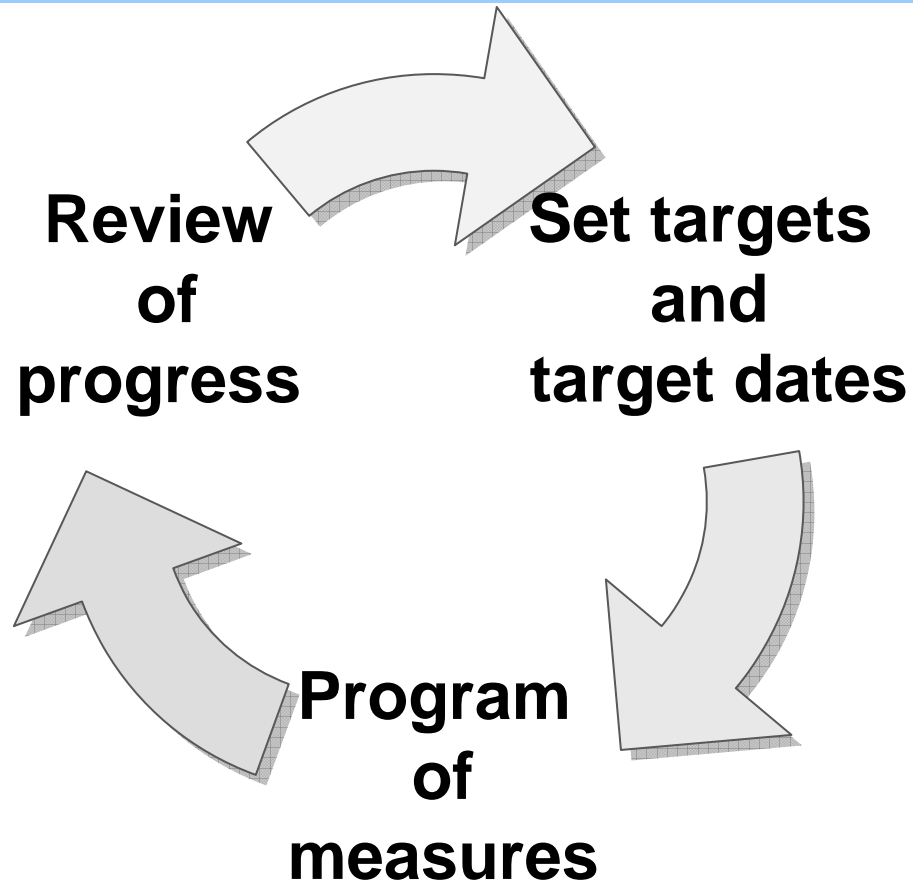


Next steps, following the target setting procedure

- Meeting of the stakeholders (at management level) in order to review these activities and identify overall targets
- Agreements on draft targets, programs of measures and indicators
- Broad consultation



Activities of the Task Force Indicators and Reporting





Reporting activities under the article 6 of the Protocol

Part one: general aspects

- Representatives of the Office of environment and Office of public health made an inventory of the datas available for the present reporting
- The other international obligations of reporting have been listed (OECD, WHO, JMP, ...)
- The description of the « general aspects » is essential for Switzerland in order to understand which parameters are of relevance.



Reporting activities

Part two: common indicators

- The majority of the parameters can be globally evaluated, but a lot of data are not available for evaluation
- Some parameters are generally not (yet) measured:
 - Monitoring of fluorine ?
 - Monitoring of nitrite ?
 - Number of outbreaks related to water ?



Reporting activities

Part three: targets and target dates set and assessment of progress

The first evaluation had to contain a basic analysis for the concerned parameters. Depending of this status, we were able to identify:

- The present lacks
- The necessary corrective actions
- Realistic targets



Reporting activities

Part four: overall evaluation of progress achieved

The Swiss report will contain the following:

- Status on the international cooperation (art. 11)
- Status on the cooperation in relation to transboundary waters (art. 13)
- Status in international support for national action (art. 14)



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Thank you for your attention

