

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN SCHOOLS: IMPROVING HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2016

Hour: 13.00 – 14.00

Room: E1014/16

Organizers: *European Environment and Health Youth Coalition (EEHYC)*

Co-organisers: *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany; Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia; National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia; National Public Health Center, Hungary; Swiss Water and Sanitation (ApaSan) Project, Republic of Moldova; United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Kyrgyz Republic, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

Description

Access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is a child and a human right. Access to adequate sanitation and safe water for drinking and hygiene at home, schools and health care facilities is essential to ensure universal health and well-being and should be a prerequisite for life in the 21st century. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development aspires to reach universal and equitable access to safe WASH services and creating education facilities that provide safe learning environments for all. Providing schools with safe drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene education will be fundamental for meeting these universal targets.

Objectives, scope and expected outcome

The side event aims to draw attention and encourage active engagement of countries in advancing WASH in schools. To achieve this, various publications developed under the Protocol on Water and Health, case studies and examples of good practice from the pan-European region will be presented. The side event will also highlight the need for leadership of the education sector and strong cooperation with health, environment and other sectors. Creative discussion will be fostered to analyze new strategic directions in this area and agree on the possible activities that could be implemented under the programme of work for 2017-2019 of the Protocol on Water and Health.

Summary for promotion use – 2 sentences:

Improving WASH in Schools for creating healthy and sustainable learning environments

Tentative programme

The side event will consist of short key-note presentations (5 min) highlighting successful projects related with WASH in schools, followed by a round table to discuss and agree on the activities to extend and implement at regional level. The key-note presentations will be combined with/spaced by interactive elements, such as short videos.

Side event programme

Event Schedule	Topic description	Speakers
13.30-13.40	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Setting the scene and short reporting on the outcomes of work in advancing WASH in schools in the past triennium</i> - <i>Brief presentation of two publications: “The situation of water, sanitation and hygiene in schools in the pan-European Region” and “Prioritizing education, health and well-being: water, sanitation and hygiene in schools in the pan-European region”</i> - <i>Presentation of a short video “Improving the standards and qualities of school toilets in Scotland” (part I)</i> 	<p>Dovile Adamonyte, European Environment and Health Youth Coalition</p> <p>Márta Vargha, National Public Health Center, Department of Water Hygiene, Hungary</p>
13.40-14.10	<p>Panel of experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What instruments are available to achieve universal access to WASH in schools?</i> - <i>Is education sector ready to take the lead?</i> - <i>What are the main implementation challenges?</i> - <i>What changes can be awaited from the new SDG indicators?</i> - <i>Where do we want to go from here? What are the priorities for the programme of work for 2017-2019 of the Protocol on Water and Health?</i> 	<p>Arne Panesar, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany</p> <p>Corina Andronic, Swiss Water and Sanitation (ApaSan) Project, Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Biljana Filipovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia</p> <p>Esen Turusbekov, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Jovana Dodos, European Environment and Health Youth Coalition</p> <p>Moderated by Valentina Grossi, Water and Sanitation Programme, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe</p>
14.10-14.25	<p>Q&A session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Discussion between the panel of experts and the audience</i> 	<p>Moderated by Dovile Adamonyte, European Environment and Health Youth Coalition</p>
14.25-14.30	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation of a short video “Improving the standards and qualities of school toilets in Scotland” (part II)</i> - <i>Wrapping up and closing the event</i> 	<p>Nana Gabriadze, National Center for Disease Control & Public Health, Georgia</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>		