

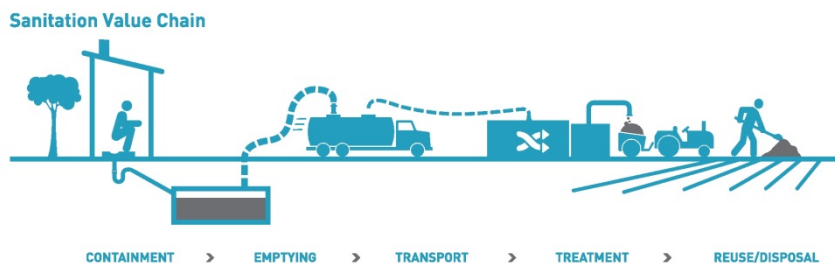
Sanitation in the pan-European region: Future developments and challenges

Organizers: IWA, The Netherlands (Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, RIVM), Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc) **With contributions from:** EAWAG, World Health Organization, UNECE

Objective

During this side-event, representatives from organisations in the field of sanitation will present challenges and opportunities for sanitation in the region. They will take you through concepts like sanitation safety planning, open courseware for technology planning and 'new' sanitation.

Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc) and the Netherlands will present national developments and challenges. The side-event furthermore offers the opportunity to exchange ideas with regard to sanitation in the 2017-2019 programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health. The audience will be asked to actively participate by responding to questions concerning needs and challenges related to achieving safe and adequate sanitation systems in their respective countries.



Background

The pan-European Region has not met the MDG target on sanitation. Of the 912 million people living in the WHO European Region, in 2015 more than 62 million (7%) lacked access to an adequate (improved) sanitation facility and 14 million did not use a basic drinking-water source (1,5 %) (WHO/EURO 2015). In this perspective, the international community has flagged the importance to pay more attention to safe management of sanitation services. The importance of this topic was underlined during the strategic workshop on future work under the Protocol in February 2016 and again during the Working Group on Water and Health in July 2016. Several activities in the 2017-2019 programme of work will therefore be specifically focused on improving the understanding of issues related to sanitation implementation and operationalization in the region.

Programme

- Sanitation within the Protocol on Water and Health and beyond; **linkages, challenges and opportunities**
- Activities** related to sanitation within the programme of work 2017-2019
- Planning & Design of Sanitation Systems and Technologies** (EAWAG)
- Reuse: Sanitation Safety Planning** in the pan-European region (WHO)
- New sanitation** and regulatory challenges in the Netherlands
- Experiences and needs** in Bosnia and Herzegovina



*Interpretation to Russian is provided for during this event.
The WHO 2015 Sanitation Safety Planning manual
is now available in Russian. Prints available at the side-event.*

Date: **Tuesday, 15 November 2016**
Time: **13.30-14.30**
Room: **Emirates room/Salle XVII**