



## Small-scale water supplies and sanitation in the European Region

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### Description

To increase policy attention and support the creation of an enabling environment, small-scale water supply and sanitation systems have been a priority area for action in the Protocol's programmes of work since 2007. Good practices from across the region were collected in order to illustrate how countries in the region have taken the initiative to improve the situation of small-scale systems. The goal is to inspire national and local authorities by the case studies and good practices presented to take action towards reaching safe and sustainable water supply and sanitation services provided by small-scale systems. The collection of tools and good practices is supported by the outcomes of a survey on small-scale water supplies which was conducted under the Protocol.

The objective of the side event is to elaborate further on some of the case studies presented in the collection of tools and good practices. It aims at reaching out to policy makers both from the drinking-water as well as from the sanitation sector, to facilitate their collaboration, to give them further insight into how action has already been taken by other countries from within the region and to spark consideration of how this can be transposed to their settings.

A lot of experience exists within the European region with creating an enabling environment for improving the situation of small-scale water supplies and sanitation. The event will present policy makers with examples of such action, and inspire application of the proven tools and good practices across the region.

### Programme

Launch of *Taking policy action to improve small-scale water supply and sanitation systems and Status of small-scale water supplies in the WHO European Region*.

Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health, Serbia: *Improving the evidence base of the situation of SSWSS in Serbia through rapid assessment*

Stef Smits, IRC, Netherlands: *Financing of small scale systems*

Corina Andronic, ApaSan, Swiss Water and Sanitation Project: *Decentralised solutions for water supply and sanitation in rural Moldova*

Christian Zurbrugg, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (EAWAG): *The enabling environment for non-grid sanitation solutions – a brief of Eawag research*

### The following materials will be launched at the side event (in Russian and English):

Rickert B, Barrenberg E and Schmoll O (eds) (2016): *Taking policy action to improve small-scale water supply and sanitation systems. Tools and good practices from the pan-European region*. WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen.

Rickert B, Samwel M, Shinee E, Schmoll O, Kozisek F (2016): *Status of small-scale water supplies in the WHO European Region. Results of a survey conducted under the Protocol on Water and Health*. WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen.