6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

10th Working Group on Water and Health
Geneva, 15-16 November 2017
* Since 1989 EHP convenes Ministers of Health and Ministers of Environment to shape European policies and actions on the protection human health from environmental impacts

* Progress towards this goal is marked by a series of Ministerial Conferences held every five to seven years
 Protocol on Water and Health featured high:

- Czech Minister for Health in opening
- WHO Regional Director
- State Secretary for Health Serbia
- Interventions by several delegations
- Statement by the Chair of the Bureau
Water, sanitation, hygiene and health: closing the equity gap

- Concept of equity
- Score-card
- Case example from France
- Institutional WASH
- Case example from Serbia
Ostrava Declaration

Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

Annex 1: Compendium of possible actions to advance the implementation of the Ostrava Declaration

Priority areas:
- Air pollution
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Chemicals
- Waste and contaminated sites
- Climate change
- Cities
- Env. sustainable health systems

Development of national portfolios of action on environment and health by end-2018
Commitment related to water, sanitation and hygiene

- “Ensuring universal, equitable and sustainable access to safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene for all and in all settings, while promoting integrated management of water resources and reuse of safely treated wastewater, where appropriate”

- “Advance the implementation of existing commitments and instruments, particular those resulting from the EHP - the Protocol on Water and Health [...]”
“Ratify or accede to the Protocol on Water and Health to strengthen national action towards progressively reaching regional and global commitments for WASH and health, including the formulation of national priority targets and implementation plans.”
Compendium of actions /2

* Adoption of WSP and SSP approaches
* Reduce discharge of untreated wastewater
* Sustainable water resource management
* Close gaps in access to basic WASH through sustainable finance
* Promoting universal and equitable access (Score Card)
* Adequate WASH services in schools and health care facilities
* Climate-resilient WASH services
* Action plans on AMR to address safe water and sanitation
* Strengthening governance on water-related disasters
Role of Protocol chair

- Chair of the Bureau of the Protocol has become, *ex officio*, an recognized stakeholder of the European Environment and Health Task Force (Annex 2)