The Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation

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Objectives of the Guide

(1) Highlight benefits of joint implementation of Protocol and SDGs

(2) Provide step-by-step guidance for coordinated action

Audience:
• **Government officials** from different sectors and **focal points** involved in the implementation of the SDGs related to water, sanitation and health
• **National focal points under Protocol**
• Also national decision-makers working on water, sanitation and health, UN and other agencies supporting SDG implementation, water and sanitation service providers, civil society, donors
Input and contributions

• **Development of the document**: Drafting group under the Task Force, with support of international consultant and experts from countries and partner organizations. Conceptual development and technical input provided by joint secretariat and peer-review by Richard Johnston (WHO)

• **Case studies provided by:**

  - Albania
  - Bulgaria
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Netherlands
  - North Macedonia

  - Norway
  - Portugal
  - Romania
  - Serbia
  - Switzerland
  - Ukraine
Preparation

Programme of work 2017-2019: develop guidance booklet on translating 2030 Agenda into national Protocol targets

4-5 May 2017: Workshop on setting Protocol targets to support SDG implementation - outcomes endorsed by the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting at 9th meeting

12-13 March 2018: Drafting Group (Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, NGOs Earth Forever and MAMA-86)

24-25 April 2018: 10th meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting - first draft endorsed and secretariat entrusted with finalizing the Guide

- Practical Guide finalized and translated into Russian and French
- Printed publication in 3 languages will be available in July 2019
- Financial support: Germany and Switzerland
Structure

• Executive summary

• Part 1: Overview of synergies between Protocol and 2030 Agenda. Basic information on the treaty, water sanitation and health targets of 2030 Agenda, follow-up and review processes, procedural synergies between Protocol and 2030 Agenda

• Part 2: spells out action for implementation, practical step-by-step guidance. Concrete solutions illustrated by case studies

Complemented with figures and graphs to make document reader-friendly and visual
Main messages

Protocol provides sound approach, valuable experience and successful regional platform for implementation of SDGs on water, sanitation and health.

SDG implementation is best achieved by taking advantage of existing commitments and structures – Build upon existing Protocol platforms.

Protocol goals and principles aligned with 2030 Agenda and target areas closely related to SDG targets on water, sanitation and health – Protocol target setting process beneficial for establishing national SDG targets.
Main messages

Protocol provides **tools and guidance**, facilitates sharing of **best practices** and offers **technical capacity building at all levels**

**Reporting** under Protocol supports **monitoring of water, sanitation and health related SDGs**

**Communication mechanisms are important for joint implementation** – discussing synergies, potential collaboration and data exchange

**Protocol and 2030 Agenda mutually reinforcing** – Protocol is legally binding **tool** and facilitates implementation. **SDGs momentum** can be capitalized to promote the Protocol and raise attention on water, sanitation and health
Thank you for your attention!