PA1: Improving governance of water and health: Support for setting targets and implementing measures
2017 – 2019: Outcomes of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

Pierre Studer
Switzerland

5th session
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health
19-21 November | Belgrade | Serbia
1. Why is this work important for the pan-European region?

- The Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting is a successful regional platform bringing together Health and Environmental Experts
- The target setting process is an opportunity to give visibility to water and sanitation issues at the national level
- The national reporting under the Protocol is a concrete instrument measuring the implementation of global and regional commitments (SDGs or Ostrava Declaration)
2. Major milestones since 2017 and outcomes

- Implementation of Articles 6 and 7: exchange of experience
- Several States have set their targets
- Workshop dedicated to setting targets to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Drafting group for preparing the recommendation

⇒ Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation
2. Major milestones since 2017 and outcomes

4th reporting cycle and public participation
- all Parties (26) and submitted their summary reports
- 7 non-Parties submitted theirs reports on a voluntary basis
- Information provided by JMP and GLAAS highlights key findings and priorities for improvement

=> Essentials to find synergies between the different reporting exercises
3. Challenges and lessons learnt for future work

- Intervention of the Compliance Committee was crucial for the respect of the targets setting process
- The revised reporting template gives more importance to emerging issues and take into account Article 8 on “Response systems”

- For the PWH-Focal Points: not easy to be recognized by the national SDG-Teams
- Alignment with SDGs and other policy frameworks can help gather political support
4. Suggested future work in this area

• To be based on the draft programme of work for 2020-2022
Thank you for your attention