Programme area 3 — Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene Area of work

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Main Objectives

Support Parties and other States to ensure WASH services in institutional settings, particularly in schools, kindergartens and health-care facilities

- Translation of global and regional commitments into national targets and action plans
- Monitoring and systematic situation assessments of status of WASH services
- Cooperation and partnership between education and health for improved health and educational outcomes
- Partnership and collaboration with youth organizations
Suggested future work in WASH in schools

• Disseminate the developed of tools and **promote their national and local uptake**. Also considering aspects of equitable access.

- **Subregional workshops**
- **Sharing of good practice**
- **Support target setting and action planning**

• Up to two **in-country pilot projects** making use of the tools and resources developed

• Collect **evidence on drinking water consumption in schools in selected countries** to serve as a basis for policy action to promote water consumption in schools, improve hydration among children, and reduce consumption of sugary beverages, with positive effects on pupils’ health and school performance
Suggested future work in WASH in health-care facilities

• Develop a report to **review the evidence** on WASH in health-care facilities in the pan-European region.

• Develop a practical **surveillance tool** on WASH in health-care facilities

• Organize a **regional meeting** on WASH in health-care facilities to update countries on the ongoing work and promote implementation of the WHA resolution on WASH in health-care facilities

• Support **baseline analysis of the WASH in health-care facilities situation** in up to two countries to inform national target setting and action planning

• Support in-country capacities on **applying the Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT)** for improving quality of care through better WASH management in health-care facilities;

• Promote and support country actions for integration of safe WASH in health-care facilities into **national health strategies and action plans on antimicrobial resistance**.