Concept Note for a publication on

Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation for MOP5

11 September 2017

**Brief introduction**

This concept note presents the preliminary content of a publication to be developed for consideration and endorsement by the Meeting of the Parties of the Protocol on Water and Health at its 5th session in November 2019, as well as the suggested process for developing it.

The publication will aim to consolidate in a short volume the lessons learnt and impact of the work carried out in countries from the pan-European region under the Protocol and Water and Health in the area of Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation since 2010.

Such publication could inspire additional countries to improve the equity of access to water and sanitation and could therefore be considered as a contribution to the international effort to meeting targets 6.1 and 6.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Preliminary content**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Chapter** | **Target length** | **Information Sources** |
| Executive Summary | 2 pages |  |
| Equitable access to water and sanitation, the Protocol on water and Health, the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation and the SDGs | 2 pages | * *No one left behind: Good practices to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation in the pan-European region (2012)* |
| Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation   * Assessment methodology * Examples of findings from country self-assessments * Recommendations for organizing a self-assessment | 8 pages | * *The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation (2013)* * Presentations and discussions at Expert Meetings * Country contributions to be developed by expert group members * Country reports on equitable access assessment outcomes |
| Planning and implementing actions to achieve equitable access   * Planning methodology * Examples of actions taken in countries * Recommendations for developing an Equitable Access Action Plan | 8 pages | * *Guidance Note on the Development of Action Plans to Ensure Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (2016)* * Presentations and discussions at Expert Meetings * Country contributions to be developed by expert group members |
| Financing actions to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation   * Issues around financing equitable access to water and sanitation * Examples of financing approaches in countries * Recommendations for financing equitable access to water and sanitation | 8 pages | * 2018 Expert Meeting on Financing Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation * Presentations and discussions at previous expert meetings * Country contributions to be developed by expert group members |
| Annex: Country profiles  (2 pages per country, 7-10 countries) | 14-20 pages | * To be developed by the Secretariat based on the country contributions |

**Suggested process**

1. Discussion on the general approach and structure at 4th Expert Meeting (13-14 September 2017)
2. Distribution of revised template for country contributions by the Secretariat (by 22 September 2017)
3. Preparation of first draft of country contributions by expert group members (by 3 November 2017)
4. Presentation at the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (15-16 November 2017) of the publication’s planned content and roadmap and (possibly) of the Financing Workshop’s concept note.
5. 5th Meeting of the Expert Group, focused on Financing (June 2018, tbc)
6. First draft of publication (by 15th October 2018, for discussion at 11th meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (November 2018, tbc)
7. Final draft of publication for review at Working Group on Water and Health (July 2019, tbc)
8. Publication for adoption at the 5th session of the Meeting of the Parties (November 2019, tbc)