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# Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the target setting process in Hungary

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#### Ratification of the Protocol

- Hungary was involved in the Protocol from the beginning
- Alán Pintér, former chief medical health officer was among the earliest propagators of the idea
- The Hungarian Government formally adopted the Protocol on Water and Health in October, 2005 (Government Decree 213/2005 (X. 5.)
- Implementation of the Protocol is the joint task of the ministries responsible for health and environment (two focal points)
- Implementation was started after the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Parties in January, 2007



#### Water and Health Expert Committee

- Official mandate from 2008
- Originally set up under the National Inter-ministerial Committee on Public Health
  - Chaired by the National Public Health Center
  - National focal points (health and environment)
- Members (technical representation):
  - Ministry of Human Resources (health)
  - Ministry of Interior (water resources)
  - Ministry of Agriculture
  - Cabinet of the Ministers (local governments)
  - Ministry of National Development (water utilities)
  - Local public health services
  - National Center for Epidemiology
  - NGOs (Water Utility Association, Pool and Spa Association)



#### Mandate of the Expert Committee

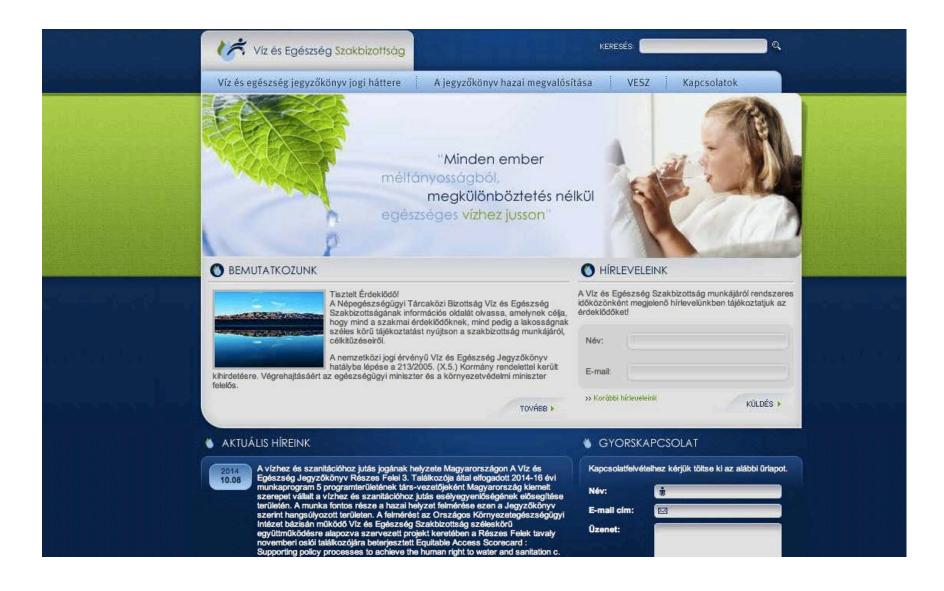
- Main task to coordinate the implementation of the Protocol in Hungary
  - Review and assess the progress of implementation
  - Report on the progess
  - Assist information exchange to facilitate implementation
  - Participate in the working groups and task forces of the Protocol (through national focal points)
  - Formulate short- and medium term task of the implementation
  - Propose an inter-ministerial framework to delegate tasks
- The Expert Committee shall formally meet at least once a year.
- First activity: drafting the targets and target dates

## Target setting

- Experts identified problem areas
- Expert Committee drafted the targets (2008-2009)
- Meetings every 6 months
- Other stakeholders were also invited
- Targets were approved by the involved ministries and the Government
- Targets were submitted to the Secreteriat in January, 2009.
- Targets and target dates were published on a dedicated website



#### Website – oki.antsz.hu





#### Areas of target setting - 1

- a) Drinking water quality (2010, 2015) increase chemical compliance
- b) Reducing water-borne disease (continuous) improve surveillance
- Access to drinking water and sanitation (2008,2010,2015) baseline assessment, social tariffs
- d) Collective wastewater systems (2008, 2010, 2015) all communities over 2000 inhabitants by 2015
- e) Public water supply and sewage performance baseline analysis
- f) Good management practices in water supply and sanitation –
   introduction of water safety planning
- g) Reduction of untreated waste water (2015) treatment to be introduced to all collective systems, decrease the proportion of combined sewers



#### Areas of target setting - 2

- j) Quality of water used as a drinking water source, (2009) baseline analysis, action plan, indicators for bathing water quality
- Identification and remediation of especially contaminated sites (2008,2015) – National Site Remediation Programme
- m) Effectiveness of systems for the management, development, protection and use of water resources (2007-2009, 2007-2012, 2015) drinking water source hazard analysis and indentification of protection zones
- n) **Information systems improvement** (drinking water quality, bathing water quality) (2008, continuous)
- o) Climate adaptation strategic planning



#### Implementation of the targets

- Level of implementation varies between targets
- Usually the progress is more defined on areas which overlap with the EU obligations (availability of finances)
  - Drinking water quality
  - Bathing water quality
  - Access to drinking water and sanitation
- Other areas:
  - Enclosed bathing waters
  - Information systems
  - Disease surveillance
  - Capacity building
  - Water resource management
  - Small scale waste-water treatment

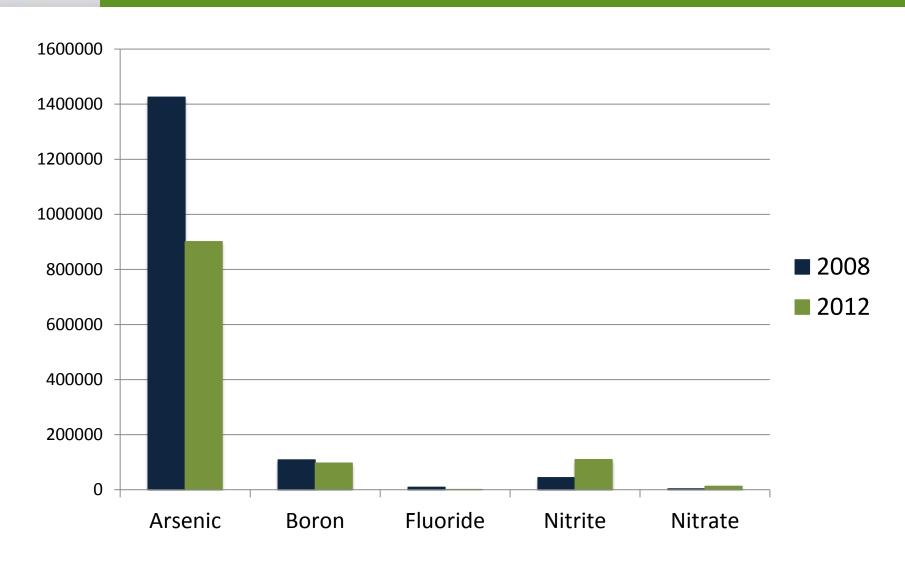


#### Target area: Drinking water quality

- Access to safe drinking water is limited by quality rather than quantity
- Chemical contaminants of geological origin: As, B, F (+ammonium - nitrite formation potential)
- Target: 96 % of the population to have access to safe DW by 2015
- Intermediate target: 80 % by 2010
- Legal environment
- National Drinking Water Improvement Programme
- EU derogation

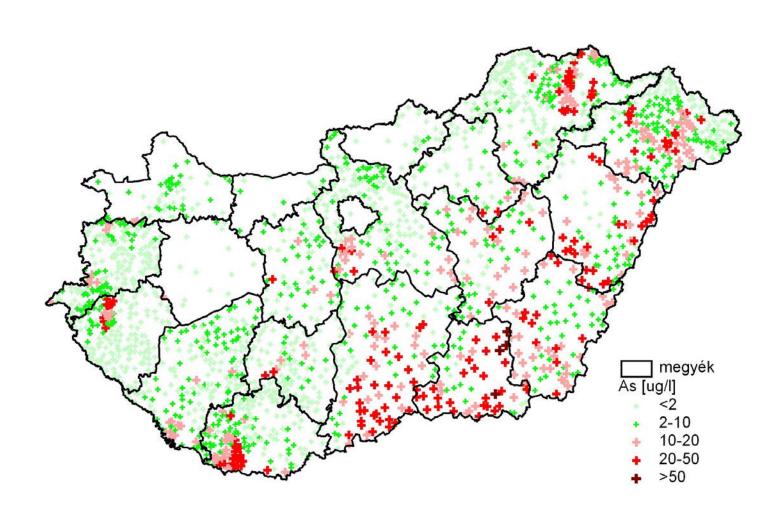


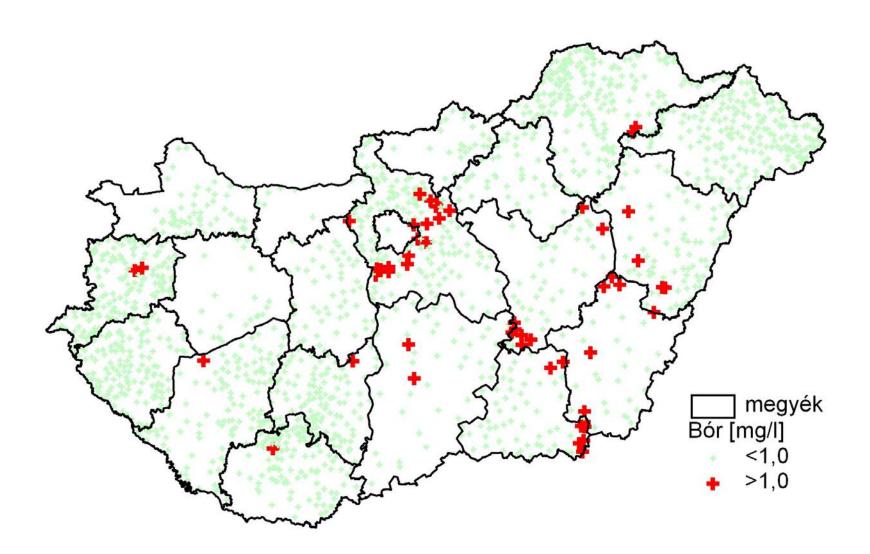
#### Drinking water quality





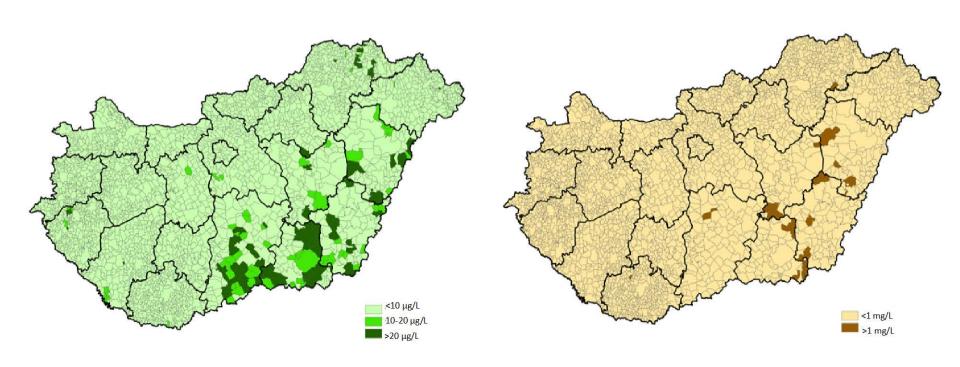
### Arsenic (2012)





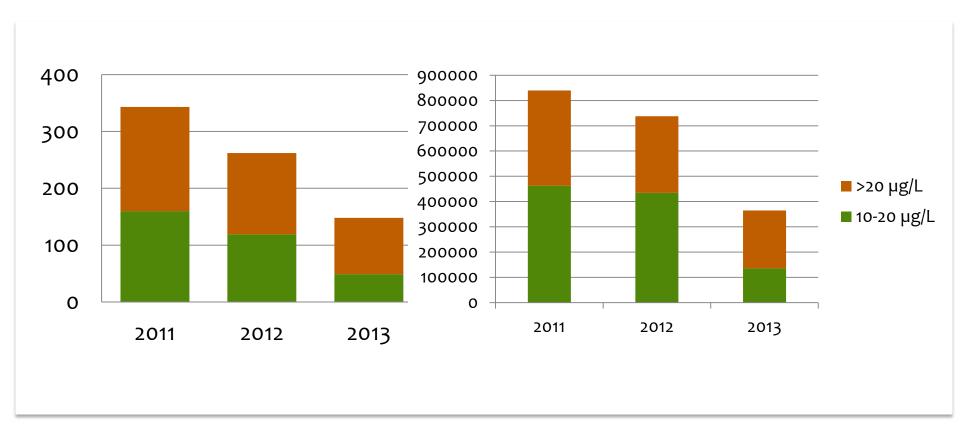


## Arsenic and boron



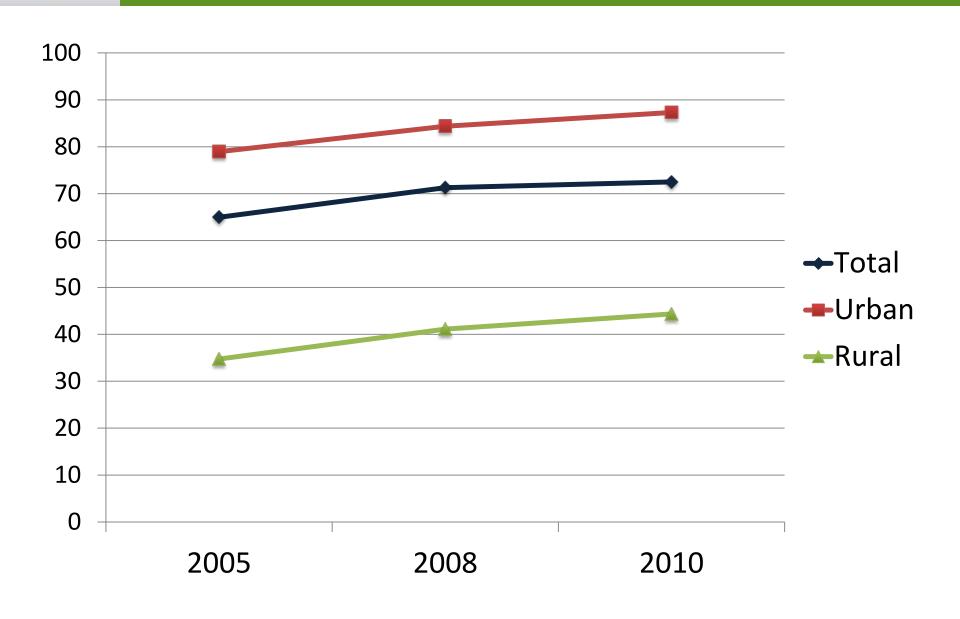


#### Supply zones affected by arsenic noncompliance



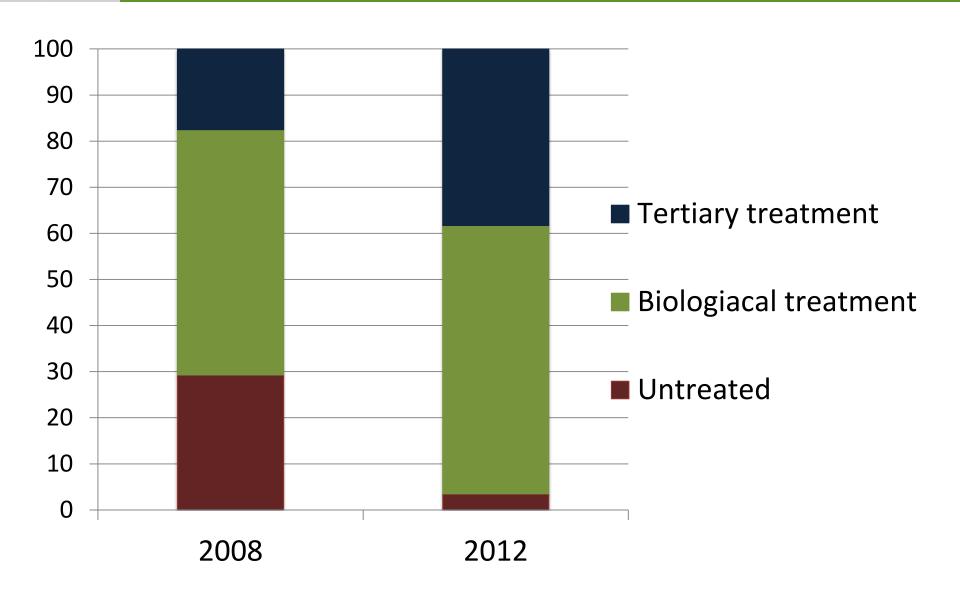


#### Access to sanitation





#### Waste-water treatment





#### Water quality of drinking water sources

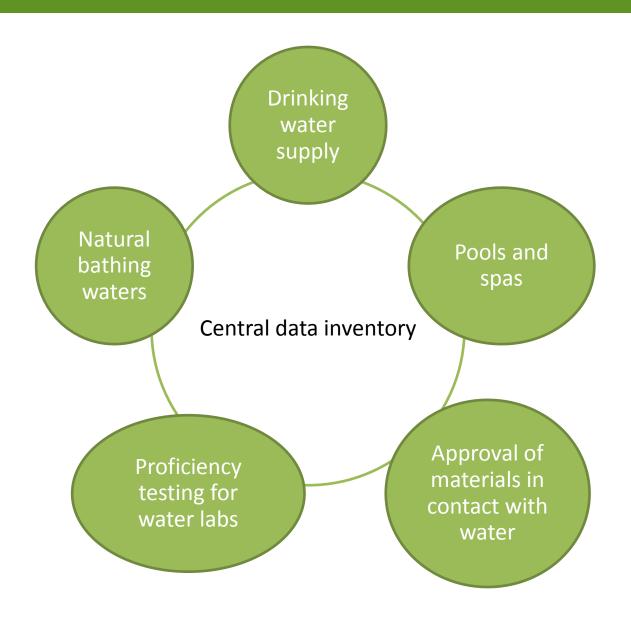
- WFD: all sources serving more than 50 people must be protected
- 1770 water sources (as of 2009):
  - 1662 ground water
  - 92 bank-wall filtered well
  - 16 surface water
- Target: to protect all sources from antropogenic contamination
- Tool: mainly legislative
  - Mandatory to define protective zones and blocks
  - Monitoring source water and produced water
  - Water safety plans of water supplies
  - Sensitive areas defined (nutrient, nitrate)

## Information databases

- Information to the public and to other expert groups is essential for the implementation of all target areas
- Links in with other targets
- Some link in with EU requirements (DW quality, bathing water quality)
- Other databases:
  - Pool registry
  - Registry of contaminated sites
  - Water source database
  - Communicable disease surveillance database
  - System of interconnected water databases is under development

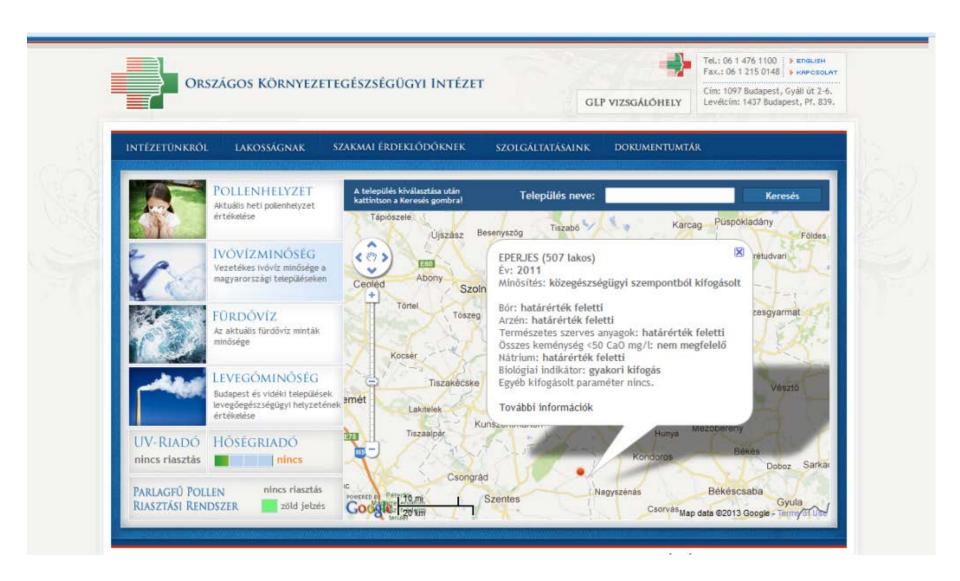


#### "Water for human use" database





## Information to the public on drinking water quality





#### Bathing water

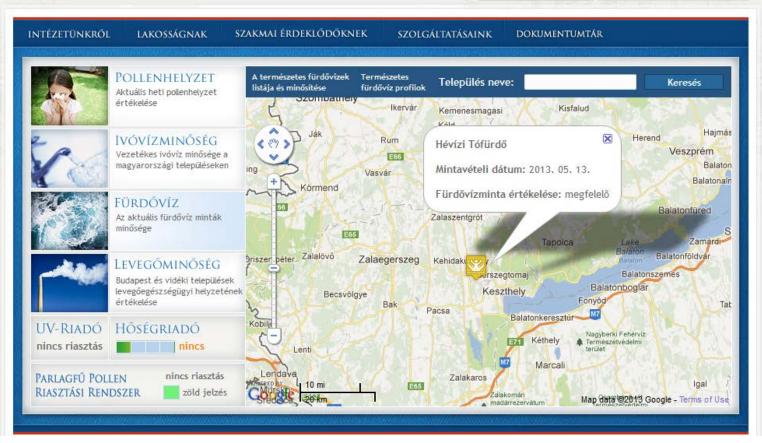


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#### Revision of targets and target dates

- Most target dates "expire" in 2015
- Revision of targets and target dates is due
- Taking into account outcomes of the recent reporting
- Formulate indicators of progress more clearly
- Participation in the Programme of Work
  - Equitable access
  - Prevention of water related disease



#### Potential directions of target revision

- Drinking water quality secondary contamination
- Equitable access (scorecard assessment)
- Private wells
- Extension of WSP approach
- Risk based management of natural bathing waters
- Information to the public based on risk communication



#### Programme of Work 2014-2016

- Increasing involvement
- PA 2.4 Advancing water, sanitation and hygiene in schools
  - Co-leads: Georgia and Hungary
- PA 5 Equitable access to water and sanitation
  - Co-leads: France and Hungary

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## Thank you for your attention! Rahmat!

