

# Solving tasks under Programme area 2 – how we used the network for preparations for risk-based drinking water surveillance document

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# Background

## Why risk-based approach in drinking water surveillance?

- Waterborne outbreak still occur in the region - despite compliance of water quality standards
- Drinking water quality surveillance has been a priority area under the Protocol since the beginning
- Risk-based approaches is highly demonstrated by good practice - creating awareness benefit from a “bottom-up” approach among the involved actors
- Risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance is relevant at all levels (high and lower technical development) to improve public health
- **-> BLR and NOR got engaged in creating awareness on the benefits of risk-based approaches (early 2014), e.g. the objectives of Programme area 2.3 in the programme of work**

# Input for expert meeting in Oslo 2015

- Following the bottom-up approach: input examples of risk-based approach for drinking water surveillance from the region were called for in the 3rd Nordic Baltic meeting in Oslo
- Intervention from:
  - *Norway and drinking water quality monitoring*
  - *Water surveillance with Water and Health Safety Information System («VTI») in Estonia*
  - *Drinking water supply, quality, economy and strategy, Lithuanian*



# The Oslo meeting 2015 on risk based approaches



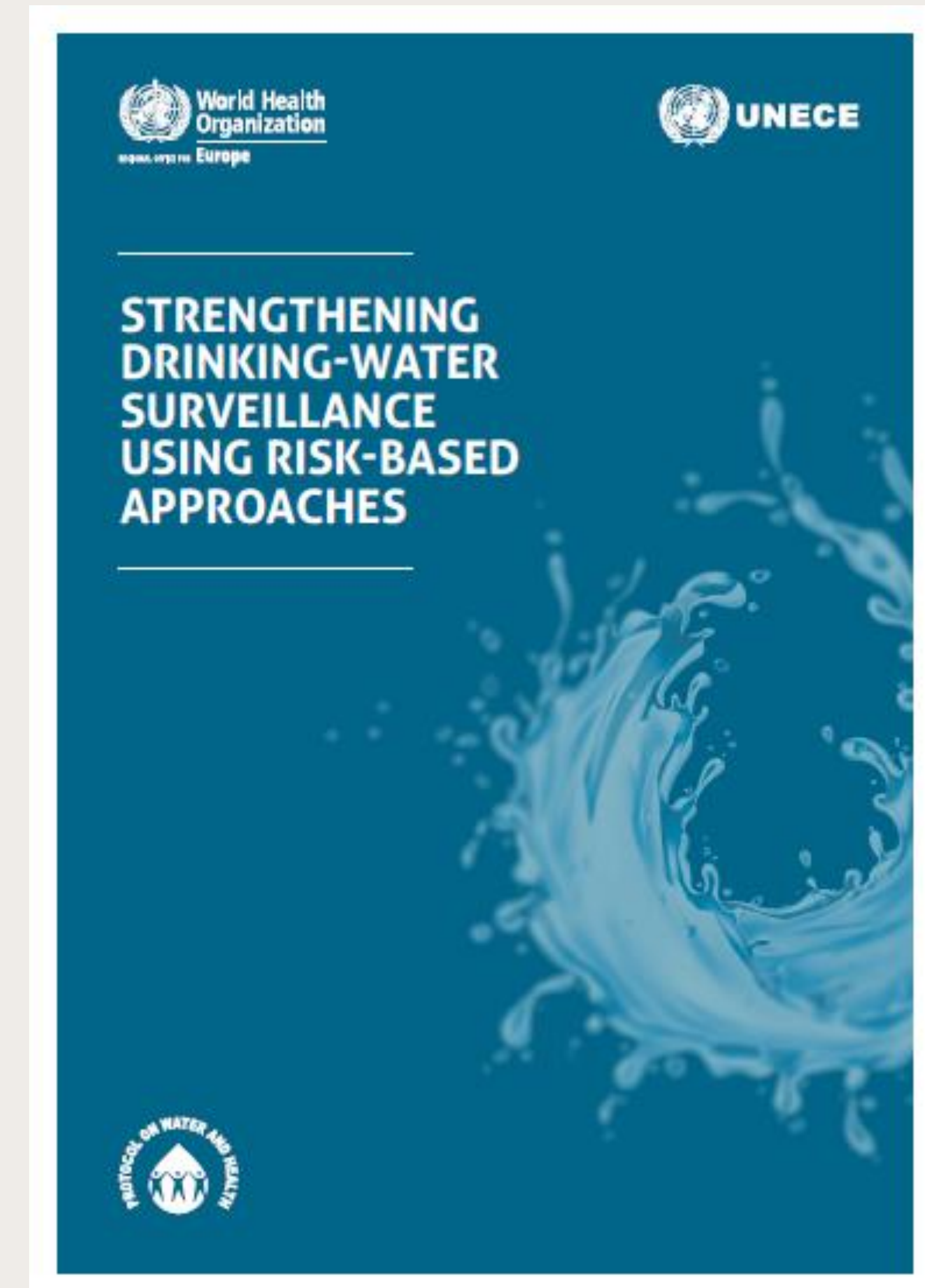
In the meeting elements of risk-based thinking about drinking-water quality surveillance were introduced and reached consensus on.

Member States' experience of and challenges related to meeting ongoing regulatory surveillance requirements were reviewed, and needs to strengthen implementation of risk-based surveillance were identified.



# The result

- Provides a rationale for decision-makers
- Promotes uptake of risk-based approaches to drinking water quality surveillance in legislation and practice
- Emphasizes six key messages
- Illustrated by cases from member states with different context and challenges



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- Thank you for your attention

