

**Workshop on Regional Roadmap for
HABITAT III for the UNECE Region, 22 February 2016**



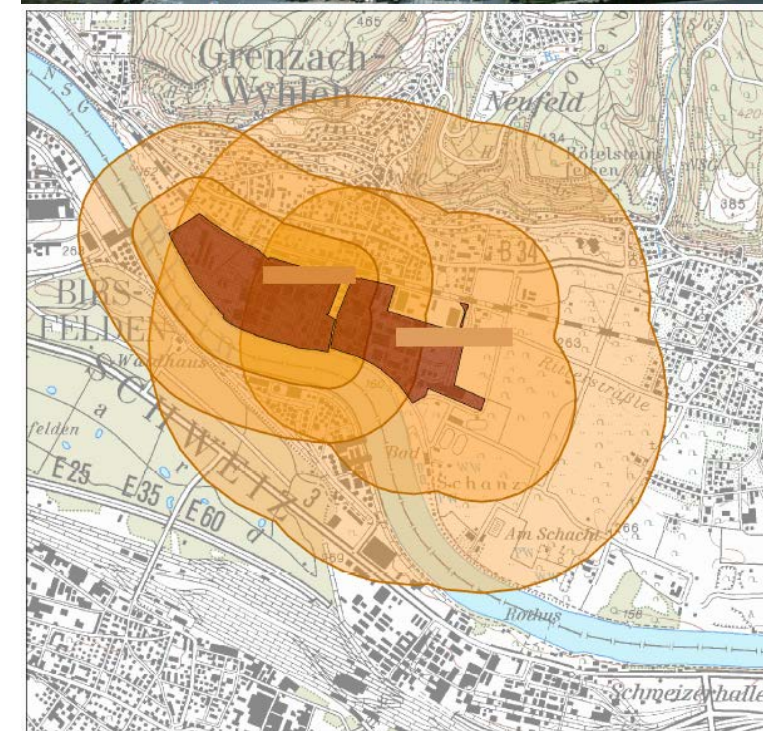
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Key planned activities for 2016 related to housing and urban issues / events related to HABITAT III

Land-use planning

Workshop on land-use planning, siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (Geneva, 13 April 2016), jointly under Industrial Accidents Convention, Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and Committee on Housing & Land Management

Guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and safety aspects under the Industrial Accidents Convention and the Protocol on SEA



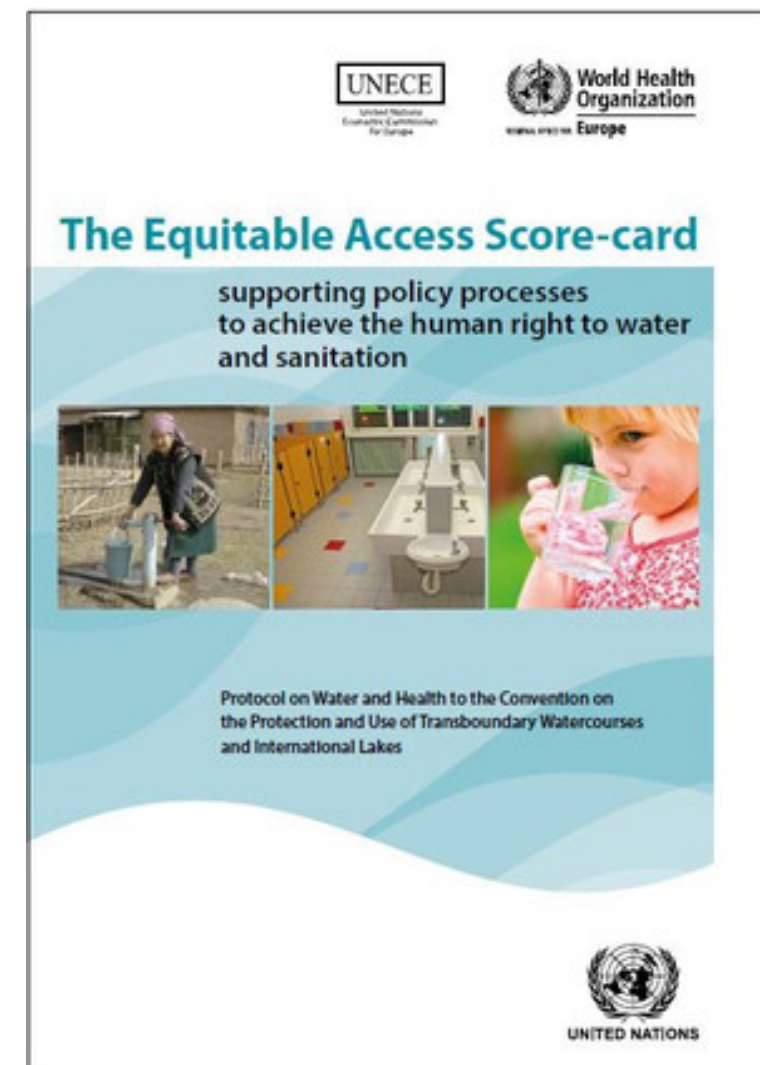
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Water and health

The Equitable Access Score-card: supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation supports Governments and other stakeholders to

- establish a baseline measure
- discuss further actions to be taken
- evaluate progress

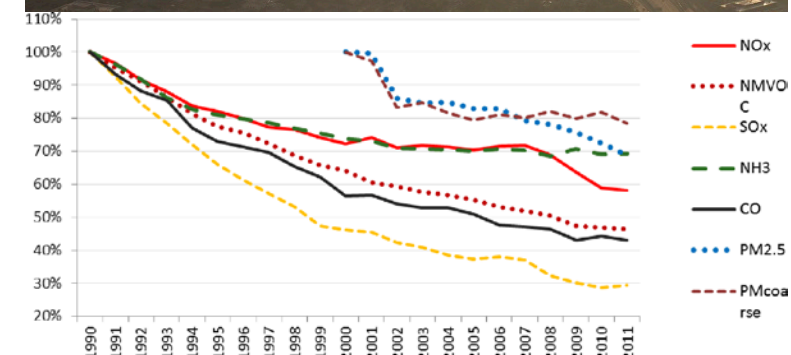
To be applied in Armenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary and Serbia in 2016



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Air quality

- Air Pollution Convention reduces air pollution at national level, city too
- Emission targets also help prevent degradation of historical buildings
- Quantification of effects at city level under Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), assists in tracking improved air quality
- Joint Task Force on Health Aspects of Air Pollution, with WHO
- International Cooperative Programme on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, including Historic and Cultural Monuments



Proposals for cooperation

Industrial accidents

Possibly work on:

- Implementation of guidance on land-use planning, siting of hazardous activities and safety aspects, from 2017
- Climate change and its consequences, in particular with regard to technological accidents caused by a natural hazard or disaster
- Urban (unregulated) sprawl in areas around hazardous activities
- Public information and participation with regard to emergency and land-use planning
- Joint support to member States in implementation of Sendai framework for disaster risk reduction and relevant SDG targets (notably 11.b and 13.1).



Proposals for cooperation

Strategic environmental assessment

Parties now designing the workplan for 2017–2020 under Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for adoption in June 2017

At present includes proposed activities to contribute to implementation of the SDG target 11.3 (...capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning...), where cooperation would be particularly beneficial, e.g.

- Organization of seminar for exchange of good practices in application of Protocol to urban planning
- Preparation of guidance for application of Protocol to urban planning
- Pilot implementation of SEA of urban development plans in countries within (and possibly also beyond) UNECE region



Proposals for cooperation

Water and health

Parties now designing the programme of work for 2017–2019 under UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health

- Urban water issues (including climate change vulnerability) tentatively high priority
- To be discussed during a strategic workshop (7–8 March 2016)
- If priority confirmed, more opportunities for cooperation from 2017

