

Agenda Item 9



Draft programme of work 2011–2013

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Core Programme Areas



- **Areas are essential to ensure the implementation of the work under the Protocol, directly linked to the most fundamental obligations under the Protocol.**

These include:

- **Programme area 1 – Target setting and reporting**
- **Programme area 2 – Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities**
- **Programme area 3 – Cross-cutting issues**
- **Programme area 4 – Project Facilitation Mechanism**
- **Programme area 5 – Compliance procedure**
- **Programme area 6 – Promotion of the Protocol and advocacy**

Reinforcing Programme Areas:



- **Activities to strengthen the implementation of the Protocol, their implementation will depend on willingness of lead Parties to fund and carry out the work to be accomplished**

These include:

- **Programme area 7 – Public awareness, access to information and public participation**
- **Programme area 8 – Equitable access**
- **Programme area 9 – Capacity-building and sharing of experience**



Bodies to implement the programme of work

- Bureau
- Working Group on Water and Health
- Task Force on Indicators and Reporting
- Task Force on Surveillance
- Compliance Committee
- Project Facilitation Mechanism
- Expert groups
- Joint UNECE/WHO-EURO secretariat

Programme area 1 – Target setting and reporting

Lead Party: Switzerland



Objectives and expected outcome:

- Support Parties and non-Parties in implementing articles 6 and 7 and other related articles of the Protocol;
- Promote the exchange of experience between Parties and non-Parties on the implementation of the Protocol;
- Assist Parties to assess the activities carried out under the Protocol and to demonstrate progress towards its overarching objectives.

Work to be carried out:

- Setting targets, implementing measures, assessing progress and reporting;
- Exchange of experience.

Programme area 2 – Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities



Lead Party: Italy

Objectives and expected outcome:

- Support Parties and non-Parties in implementing Article 8 (response systems) and other related articles of the Protocol;
- Support core activities under the Protocol;
- Support tools needed for the successful implementation of cross-cutting issues;
- Support the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) and provide assistance in strengthening outbreak surveillance and response systems;
- Support mainstreaming of the work under the Protocol.

Programme area 2 – Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities (*cont.*)



Lead Party: Italy

Work to be carried out:

- Water-related disease surveillance, outbreak detection and contingency planning;
- Capacity-building;
- Follow-up to the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health;
- Cooperation on the work on small-scale water supply systems;
- Cooperation with the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting.

Programme area 3

(1) Cross-cutting issues Small-scale water supplies and sanitation

Lead Party: co-led by Germany, the Czech Republic and Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF).



Work to be carried out:

- Development of policy and guidance documents;
- Improvement of evidence base on the current status of small-scale water supplies;
- Water safety plans and water and sanitation plans for schools;
- Networking and sharing of experience.

Programme area 3

(2) Cross-cutting issues Water supply and sanitation under extreme weather events and the impact of climate change



Lead Party: Italy (for the promotion of the use of the Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events)

Work to be carried out:

- Promoting and supporting the use of the Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events;
- Providing support to the development of a methodology for the assessment of resilience to the impact of climate change in water supply and sanitation networks;
- Providing support to countries to include risks related to extreme weather events;
- Developing decision-support tools to balance new water resources.



Programme area 4 – Project Facilitation Mechanism

Lead Party: Norway with other partners (to be determined)

Objective and expected outcome:

- The Project Facilitation Mechanism will assist Parties in implementing articles 12 and 14 of the Protocol on Water and Health.

Work to be carried out:

- Upon request, the Project Facilitation Mechanism will support Parties and non-Parties from South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in their efforts to implement the Protocol.

Programme area 5 – Compliance procedure



Objectives and expected outcome:

- The Compliance Committee, with the assistance of the secretariat, will monitor and facilitate implementation of and compliance with the Protocol

Programme area 6 – Promotion of the Protocol and advocacy



Lead Party: Bureau, all focal points, secretariat

Objective and expected outcome:

- Promote the Protocol and disseminate information on its achievements.

Work to be carried out:

- Activities carried out by focal points in accordance with the guide to promote the Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health. Focal points will regularly report on their promotion efforts
- Presentations of the Protocol and its achievements at high-level meetings in UNECE countries and at international meetings
- Development of relevant tools to raise the profile of the Protocol
- Promotion of the Protocol through coordination and synergies with activities of United Nations agencies and other organizations.

Programme area 7 – Public awareness, access to information and public participation

Lead Party: Romania



Objective and expected outcome:

- Provide assistance to Parties in the implementation of articles 9 and 10 of the Protocol and promote public participation to establish targets in accordance with article 6.

Work to be carried out:

- Organize a workshop on public participation to implement the Protocol, in cooperation with the Aarhus Convention;
- Develop guidelines/manual for involving the public in consultations and decision-making processes under the Protocol;
- Organize sessions on public participation during the sub-regional workshops to exchange experience and strengthen implementation of the Protocol at the national level.

Programme area 8 – Equitable access

Lead Party: France



Objective and expected outcome:

- Promote the implementation of the Protocol in relation to facilitating access to water and sanitation for poor, vulnerable and socially excluded people through information exchange on relevant experience in UNECE countries.

Work to be carried out:

- Replies to the questionnaire from Parties and non-Parties will be examined by a group of experts, which will prepare a draft good practices document;
- A regional workshop will be organized to discuss and review the good practice document;
- The group of experts will finalize the document in time for dissemination at the Sixth World Water Forum.

Programme area 9
(1) Capacity-building and sharing of experience
- Education and training



Lead Party or organization: to be determined

Objective and expected outcome:

- To provide strong support to all the other activities under the programme of work

Work to be carried out:

- Design, development and implementation of an integrated, cross-sectoral training programme tailored to the needs of the countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to help them implement their obligations under the Protocol



Programme area 9

(2) Capacity-building and sharing of experience

- Thematic workshops

Lead Party or organization: to be determined

Objective and expected outcome:

- To strengthen understanding of critical issues linked to the Protocol's implementation, exchange experience and good practices and to build capacity, in particular in the countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Work to be carried out:

- The organization of conferences, workshops, training sessions and exercises will be led by interested countries. The results of the activities will be presented at the Working Group on Water and Health for discussion on possible follow-up.



Costs for the implementation of the programme of work for 2011–2013:

The costs estimated in the draft programme of work are based on a recommended level of activity. However, the level of activity depends on the financial situation

When adopting the programme of work, Parties also adopt its budget and commit to the financial implications

THANK YOU !

