



Protocol “Water and Health” implementation in Ukraine

Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine





Background

Ukraine ratified the Protocol by the Act of Ukraine №1066-IV *"On implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes"* dated **July 9th, 2003**.

Ukraine has requested assistance for the target setting process, **in 2008**.

Norway has agreed to provide professional and financial assistance.



About targets setting

- **According to Article 6, Paragraph 2, of the Protocol on Water and Health:** *“the national and/or local targets for the standards and levels of performance that need to be achieved or maintained for a high level of protection against water-related disease shall be established and published”*.
- **The target setting process in Ukraine was initiated in March 2009 with the assistance from Norway.** *A project “Implementation of UNECE/WHO’s Protocol on Water and Health and EU’s WFD in Ukraine through R&D on Water Management” was designed with defined tasks and timeframes so the target setting process should be completed by the end of 2010.*

Intersectoral coordination platform

- *The ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health needs the effective cooperation of all interested executive authorities, scientific organizations, public organizations.*
- *The coordination mechanism (consisting of representatives of all stakeholders) is contributing and ensuring implementation of provisions of the Protocol in Ukraine was initiated by*





Public participation in targets setting process

- *The public participation in the process of target-setting has been achieved through involving NGO and academic organisations in the Reference Group of the Project on implementation of UNECE/WHO's Protocol.*
- *The public representatives took an active part in target-setting process during the past three Project Reference Group meetings (July 15th, 2009, December 4th, 2009, February 26th, 2010).*
- *A broader participation from the public is envisaged under the next stage when comments to draft targets of all stakeholders will be available and the approved draft targets will be open for public comments and remarks.*



Targets and target dates (1)

- *The target setting process in Ukraine started with setting 2-5 targets under each target area, resulting in over 80 individual targets.*
- *We found that it is more rational to aggregate the related targets for easier management and implementation process. At working meeting of Reference Group of the project (held on 26th February, 2010), we discussed and prioritized targets.*
- *Thus, the targets were then reduced.*

1 target areas of the Protocol are fully covered by the relevant targets

Target area of the Protocol
(a) The quality of the drinking water supplied
(b) The reduction of the scale of outbreaks and incidents of water related disease
(c) The area of territory, or the population sizes or proportions, which should be served by collective systems for the supply of drinking water or where the supply of drinking water by other means should be improved
(d) The area of territory, or the population sizes or proportions, which should be served by collective systems of sanitation or where sanitation by other means should be improved
(e) The levels of performance to be achieved by such collective systems and by such other means of water supply and sanitation respectively
(f) The application of recognized good practice to the management of water supply and sanitation, including the protection of waters used as sources for drinking water
(g) The occurrence of discharges of:
(i) Untreated waste water from waste-water collection systems to waters within the scope of this Protocol
(g) The occurrence of discharges of:
(ii) Untreated storm water overflows from waste-water collection systems to waters within the scope of this Protocol
(h) The quality of discharges of waste water from waste-water treatment installations to waters within the scope of this Protocol
(i) The disposal or reuse of sewage sludge from collective systems of sanitation or other sanitation installations and the quality of waste water used for irrigation purposes, taking into account the Guidelines for the safe use of waste water and excreta in agriculture and aquaculture of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme
(j) The quality of waters which are used as sources for drinking water, which are generally used for bathing or which are used for aquaculture or for the production or harvesting of shellfish
(k) The application of recognized good practice to the management of enclosed waters generally available for bathing
(l) The identification and remediation of particularly contaminated sites which adversely affect waters within the scope of this Protocol or are likely to do so and which thus threaten to give rise to water-related disease
(m) The effectiveness of systems for the management, development, protection and use of water resources, including the application of recognized good practice to the control of pollution from sources of all kinds
(n) The frequency of the publication of information on the quality of the drinking water supplied and of other waters relevant to the targets in this paragraph in the intervals between the publications of information under article 7, para 2.

Targets and target dates (2)

- *It should be also noted that the targets are still in their draft form and subject to the public and open comments and thereafter legal procedures in the state administration*





Conclusions (1)

- *Ukraine was among first countries that ratified the Protocol (2003).*
- *Ukraine is quite satisfied both with the process and progress of the target setting process. We have managed to mobilize necessary resources to carry out the process, where the assistance from Norway and the Norwegian Institute for Water Research have been quite important and valuable.*
- *This assistance is provided to Ukraine under Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism which is an important and successful mechanism for the Protocol on Water and Health implementation in member countries.*



Conclusions (2)

- *On completion of project with the Norwegian Government under Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism the Ukrainian party seeks for broader cooperation with Norway involving international organizations and other interested countries. Israel party is interested enough in cooperation on targets setting.*
- *Thus, articles 11 and 14 of the Protocol on Water and Health related to international cooperation and international support for national action are reflected in Ukrainian practice of implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health.*

**Thank you for your kind
attention!**

