

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION UNDER THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

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1. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS WORK AREA? MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2012?

- PoW 2011-2013, item IV. Reinforcing activities–
Programme area 7: *to develop guidelines on pp*
- The 2nd meeting of the drafting group, 10 October 2012, Geneva
- A small Editorial Group Meeting on PP, 8 May 2013, Geneva (3rd draft)
- *The draft of Guide on PP* - finalized by WECF, with contributions and comments from drafting group members. *Financial support -Norway*
- WGWH – to comment and agree on next steps
- Third session of the MoP, Oslo 2013: for consideration and adoption



2. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT?

- Lack of funding activities
- Develop the structure of the guidelines
- Exchange of emails, shared document and phone&skype conferences-positive experience
- Cooperation with WECF and TFPPDM of the Aarhus Convention – extremely important to fulfill the work
- Public participation in Protocol matters- a common regional issues
- Strengthening of public participation is needed: the guidelines should be a lively document

