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Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

Achievements – 2011-2013

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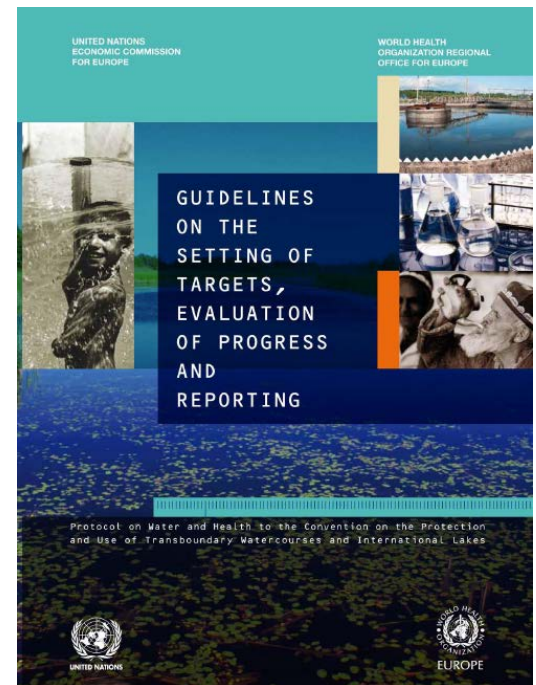
Mandate of the task force



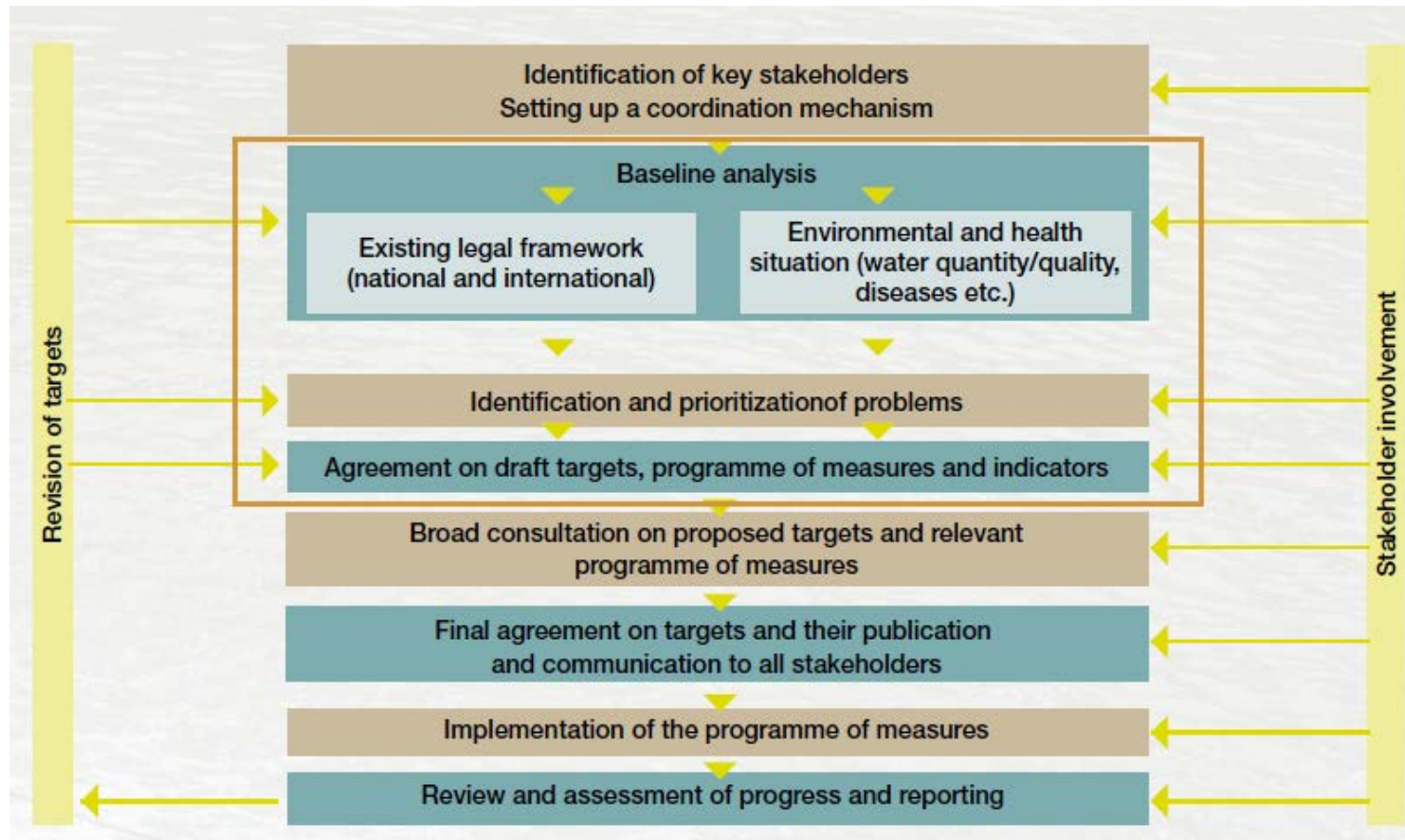
To assist the Parties in

- the establishing of targets and
- the reporting of progress achieved

In accordance with the
articles 6 and 7 of the Protocol



The setting of targets



Last meeting of the TFTSR



- Review the progresses in setting targets
 - Several countries have made progress
 - Important to identify common issues to be further explored
 - Subregional approach for exchange of experience is appreciated

Subregional workshops

5 events: Bratislava, Minsk, Oslo, Tbilisi, Almaty



1. Setting of targets and target dates
2. Intersectoral cooperation: a major challenge
3. Sanitation is lagging behind drinking water supply
4. Climate change impacts as a challenge for reaching the objectives of the Protocol

Subregional workshops

4 subregions: Bratislava, Minsk, Oslo, Tbilissi



- Access to water and sanitation in rural areas;
- Equitable access;
- Public participation in Protocol matters;
- Levels of performance of water supply and sanitation systems.
- The need for cost-benefit analysis of targets and proposed measures, but also the challenges associated with performing such analyses

Workshop on reporting

Geneva, February 12-13, 2013



- Intersectoral cooperation needed
- Present a picture of where the country stands
- Monitoring systems, data collections are essentials
- Important to clarify some definitions of common indicators

**Guidelines for summary reports
in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and
Health
adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its second session
(Bucharest, 23-25 November 2010)
Second reporting exercise**

A. Background and objectives

1. According to article 6 of the Protocol on Water and Health, Parties shall set targets and target dates two years after ratification, at the latest. The Meeting of the Parties shall evaluate progress in implementing the Protocol on the basis of such summary reports (art. 7, para. 6). The objectives of the triennial summary reports are:

- (a) To assess progress (self-assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties);
- (b) To exchange experience and share lessons learned;
- (c) To demonstrate the main challenges/obstacles in implementing the Protocol, thereby informing activities under the Protocol's programme of work;

2. The summary reports do not aim to compare the situations in different Parties. However, for the sake of promoting harmonization in the whole region covered by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO-Europe), Parties have agreed to report on a limited number of issues using commonly agreed indicators that are closely related to the areas under article 6, paragraph 2, for which targets should be set. The aims of the guidelines are as follows:

- (a) To assist Parties in meeting their commitments under article 7 of the Protocol;
- (b) To promote the provision of consistent, transparent, accurate and complete information in order to enable a thorough review and assessment of the implementation of the Protocol by the Parties;
- (c) To assist the Meeting of the Parties in carrying out its responsibilities to review the progress in implementation of the Protocol pursuant to article 7, paragraph 6.

Main challenge



- 8 countries (out of 25 Parties) have published their targets
- Reporting when lack of targets or data ?
 - Part III: include information on the baseline analysis

Main challenges and lessons learnt



- Synergies with:

- Other “Task Forces” and activities
- With other reporting exercises (EC,OECD,...)

= > Setting targets is not solely a technical exercise, but also a complex political one

Added values of the TFTSR

Useful aspects of the work



- Support the setting of targets
- Advice on prioritization of targets
- Subregional workshops
- Exchange of experience
- Networking

**Thank you for your attention
and your active participation !!!**

