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Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova

Development and implementation of national targets and target dates

Date: Wednesday, 27 November 2013

Time: 13:00 -14:00

Venue: Hjernevaerelset room

Background:

The Republic of Moldova ratified the Protocol on Water and Health in 2005. The national targets and target dates for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health were officially adopted by the Joint Order of the Ministers of Environment and Health in October 2010 as a result of a project implemented by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The process of setting targets and target dates had been designed and implemented in line with the relevant provisions of the Protocol and fostered strong intersectoral and interministerial cooperation. In addition, the non-governmental sector had also played an active and crucial role in the process. A high-level body, the Steering Committee, acted as the main decision making body of the project.

Following the success of the first SDC-UNECE project in the Republic of Moldova, the country had focused on the implementation of the set targets, achieving significant results, especially in the access to drinking water and sanitation. However, the progress was not even in all areas. In order to assist the country with the implementation of targets and based on the request from the Republic of Moldova, SDC and UNECE embarked on a follow-up project which will run between 2012 and 2015. The project will strengthen the capacity of the Government of the Republic of Moldova to implement the targets and target dates established under the Protocol on Water and Health through elaboration of a concrete Action Plan and the related resource mobilization strategy, building capacities of the water operators, establishing standards for small-scale installations, building awareness and other activities.

The main objective of the side-event is to share the wealth of experience on the implementation of the Protocol accumulated in the Republic of Moldova with other countries, especially those in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Government officials and NGO representatives from Moldova will also share their views on the benefits of the Protocol and provide some updates on the recent achievements in the country, including, on the establishment of the national Clearing House under the Protocol in the Republic of Moldova.

Programme:

- General overview of the process of setting targets and target dates and their implementation (Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova)
- Specific activities towards the implementation of targets, focusing on the establishment of the national Clearing House under the Protocol and implementation of article 13 of the Protocol (cooperation in relation to transboundary waters)
- Questions and answers

Moderator: Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE

Speakers:

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