

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH



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- The Protocol on Water and Health is the first international agreement adopted specifically to ensure, by linking water management and health issues, the adequate supply of safe drinking water management and health.



General aspects

- The Protocol on Water and Health was signed by the Government of the Republic of Armenia and currently it is in the process of ratification.
- The main responsible bodies for implementation to the Protocol are: the Ministry of Nature Protection /WRMA/ and Ministry of Health /State Hygiene and Anti-Epidemiological Inspectorate/.



Implementation of the Protocol

- Armenia started the project “Target setting process under the Protocol on Water and Health in Armenia”
- The project is supported by the Government of Finland.



Implementation of the Protocol

- The project will follow the framework of the target setting process
- Stakeholders are identified
- Coordination mechanism was set
- The Minister of the Nature Protection signed an Order the establishment of the Steering Committee



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- The existing Steering Committee for the National Policy Dialogue is the most appropriate coordination mechanism.
- The Steering Committee comprises some of the key ministries (*State Committee of Water System of the Ministry of Territorial Administration of the RA*) and agencies as well as the most competent NGOs (*Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment*) and other partners.
- Ninth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Armenia 12 December, 2012



Implementation of the Protocol

- A specific Working Group is established that helps the Steering Committee in setting and approving the targets, targets dates and proposed measures.

Targets and target dates under the Protocol of Water and Health are assumed to be set at the end of 2013.

- Collection of baseline data started



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Thank you