



UNECE



Republic of  
Kazakhstan



NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF  
THE ENVIRONMENT



WHO/Europe

---

## NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE UNECE-WHO/EUROPE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH FOR KAZAKHSTAN

23 – 24 April 2014  
BOROVOE, KAZAKHSTAN  
Okzhetpes Hotel (<http://okzhetpes-esk.kz/>)

### PROGRAMME

#### WEDNESDAY, 23 April 2014

**13.00 – 13.30**

**Registration**

**13.30 - 14.00**

**Opening remarks**

- *Mr. Bolat Bekniyaz, Chair of the Committee of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Mr. Zhandarbek Bekshin, Deputy Head, Agency for Consumer Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan*
- *Mr. Peep Mardiste, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*
- *Mr. Oliver Schmoll, Co-secretary to the Protocol on Water and Health, WHO/Europe*
- *Mr. Pierre Studer, Chair of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health*

**14.00- 14.45**

**Session 1: Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and to its main obligations**

- Introduction round of all participants
- Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and to its main obligations, *Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE*
- Target setting and reporting under the Protocol, *Mr. Pierre Studer, Senior drinking water regulator, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, Switzerland*

**14.45-15.00**

**Coffee break**

**15.00 - 16.15**

**Session 2: Sharing of experience on the setting of targets and targets dates (plenary session)**

- Setting and implementation of targets in the Republic of Moldova, *Mr. Ion Salaru, Deputy Director, National Centre for Public Health, Ministry of Health, Republic of Moldova*
- The process of target setting in the context of the Protocol in the Kyrgyz Republic, *Mr. Erkin Orolbaev, NPD coordinator, Kyrgyz Republic*
- Questions and answers and discussions on what lessons-learned can be exchanged between the countries

**16.15- 17.30**

**Session 3: Application of the Protocol in Kazakhstan**

- Overview of the water and health situation in Kazakhstan, *Representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, the Agency for Consumer Protection and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan*
- Presentation of the outcomes of the assessment of legal, institutional, financial and capacity needs for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health for Kazakhstan and its possible accession to the Protocol, *Mr. Serik Akhmetov, NPD coordinator, Kazakhstan*
- Questions and answers and discussions related to water and health issues in Kazakhstan and to its possible accession to the Protocol

**17.30- 18.00**

**Wrap-up of the day**

**19.00 Reception**

**THURSDAY, 24 April 2014**

**9.30 – 11.00**

**Session 4: The Protocol on Water and Health: mechanisms and tools**

- Introduction to water and sanitation safety planning, including the overview of activities planned under the Protocol's programme of work for 2014-2016, *Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe*
- Obligations under the Protocol related to surveillance of water-related diseases and the experience of the Republic of Moldova in this field, *Mr. Ion Salaru, Deputy Director, National Centre for Public Health, Ministry of Health, Republic of Moldova*
- Small-scale water supplies and sanitation: issues in the region and activities in the programme of work under the Protocol, *Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe*

- Questions and answers and discussions

**11.00-11.15**

**Coffee break**

**11.15 – 12.00**

**Session 4: continued**

- Compliance review mechanism under the Protocol and its facilitative role,  
*Mr. Veit Koester, Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol*
- Public participation in the implementation of the Protocol and in the setting of targets,  
introduction to the *Guide to Public Participation under the Protocol*  
*Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, UNECE and representatives of Kazakh NGOs*

**12.00 – 13.00**

**Workshop conclusions**

- Discussion on the main conclusions and possible next steps/follow up actions in implementing the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan, including the elaboration of recommendations regarding possible accession to the Protocol for the meeting of the NPD Steering Committee
- Evaluation of the event, lessons learned for future similar events
- Closure of the workshop

\*\*\*