Programme area 5
Equitable access to water and sanitation

Strategic workshop on future priorities under the
Protocol on Water and Health

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Main achievements

* The Equitable Access Scorecard was reconfirmed to be a useful tool for self-assessment
* The Scorecard was used for baseline analysis in 6 countries
    * France (Greater Paris Area)
    * Portugal (national)
    * Ukraine (national)
    * Moldova (national)
    * Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia (3 regions)
    * Hungary (national)
* Ongoing or planned: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Serbia
* The first countries to use the scorecard already progressed from assessment to action

Main challenges and lessons learned

* National differences of organization in the water and sanitation sector hinder the direct adaptation of best practices from other countries in the assessment.

* Twinning should focus on countries with similar language or historical background.

* Lead organization of the assessment can be diverse. However, its dedication and political power is critical in making the assessment successful

* Misinterpretations sometimes hinder the use of the scorecard, such as

    * Fear of revealing problems to international organizations

    * Fear of comparison between countries

    * Filling parts with irrelevant information so it is "not empty"

Vision for the future
(including possible activities)

* Equitable access is gaining momentum under other international processes. The Equitable Access Scorecard as a unique tool of self-assessment could be the link of the Protocol to a wider community.

* Countries should be further encouraged to use the Scorecard for baseline analysis of equitable access. This can also support the target setting process in this target area.

* Twinning excercise on the subregional level can support the wider use of the scorecard.

* Guidance should be developed on how to build on the assessment outcomes: **designing action plans.**

* Best case examples shall be collected from countries already using the scorecard