# Role of the Protocol in achieving the 2030 Agenda in Romania



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- \* In Romania, more than 15 years, the Protocol on Water and Health has proven its effectiveness as an enabler for sustainable development, for improving the water, sanitation and public health
- \* Reporting Cycle under Protocol is useful, now process with Voluntary National Review Romania 2018
- \* The Protocol is the mechanism to advance and operationalize progress on the goals and targets related to water, sanitation, hygiene and health



### Role of the Protocol in achieving the 2030 Agenda

Under Protocol water and health umbrella:



Foremost, Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all





End poverty in all its forms everywhere

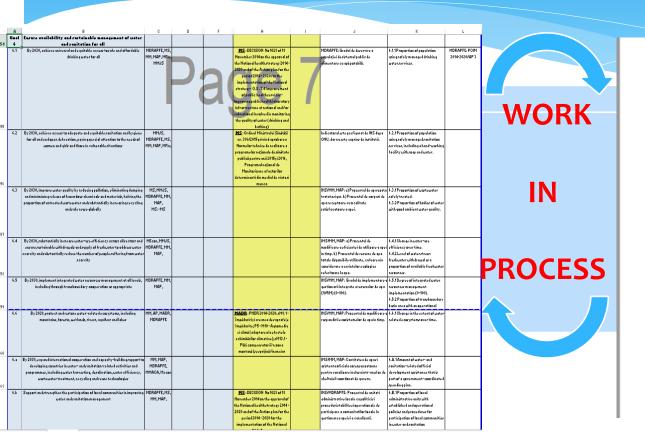


Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

## Links made to the targets under the Protocol and viceversa SDG Matrix Tamplate of PoW Report Interministerial Committee



III. Access to drinking water (art. 6, para. 2 (c))

### For each target set in this area:

Describe the target, target date and baseline conditions. Please include information on whether the
target is national or local, and intermediate targets as relevant. Also include information on the background
and justification for the adoption of such target.

Target: Improvement quality of, and access to water infrastructure by providing water supply services in centralized system to the majority of urban and rural areas.

Target date: 3, 12, 2013.

### Level of target: nationwide.

Background justification: to implement all necessary measures to ensure drinking water supply in accordance with DVD, establishing requirements for drinking water, inspection of water systems, drinking water quality surveillance and monitoring, disseminating information and reporting.

National Sustainable Development Strategy Romania 2013-2020-2030 (document approved by the Romanian Government Decision no. 1460/2003 addresses the following strategic objectives for short, medium and long run: To narrow the current disparities in relation to other EU Member States in terms of coverage and quality of environmental infrastructure by providing efficient public servicies in this domain, following the concept of sustainable development and respecting the \_polluter pays' principle; To attain the present average EU level for the main indicators describing the responsible management of natural resources; and To come significantly close to the environmental management performance of the other EU Member States; Intel/laws.unders/document/MDIO\_208\_Budfi.

Describe the actions taken (e.g. legal/regulatory, financial/economic and informational/educational
including management measures) to reach the target, having regard to article 6, paragraph 3, and, if
applicable, the difficulties and challenges encountered.

The legal/regulatory measures: are in place: Water Law no. 107/1996 with further modifications and amendments (hereinafter Water Law), DWQ, Law and G.D. no 974/2004 for approval of the Norms related to the surveillance, sanitary inspection and monitoring of the drinking water quality and for approval of the Sanitary Permitting Procedure of the drinking water supply and distribution, and Implementation Plan of the DWD.

Financial/economic measures: National Objectives with regard to the water and sanitation sector were extensively formulated within SOP ENV - Priority Asis 1 "Extension and modernization of water and wastewater systems". SOP ENV contributes to the implementation of the 3rd National Development Priority of the NDP 2007-2013 Protection and Improvement of the Environment Quality.

Taking into account the social, economic and environmental needs in Romania so as to obtain a highest positive impact upon environment and to stimulate the economy, the Government supports the development of drinking water infrastructure from the national budget, especially for medium and small localities.

### The difficulties and challenges encountered

- Huge needs for water infrastructure area;
- Limited possibilities to support maintenance and operation of small water systems in rural area;
- Necessity to ensure a proper operator for these systems.
- Assess the progress achieved towards the target

In 2010, 67.88% of the total population was connected to centralized water supply



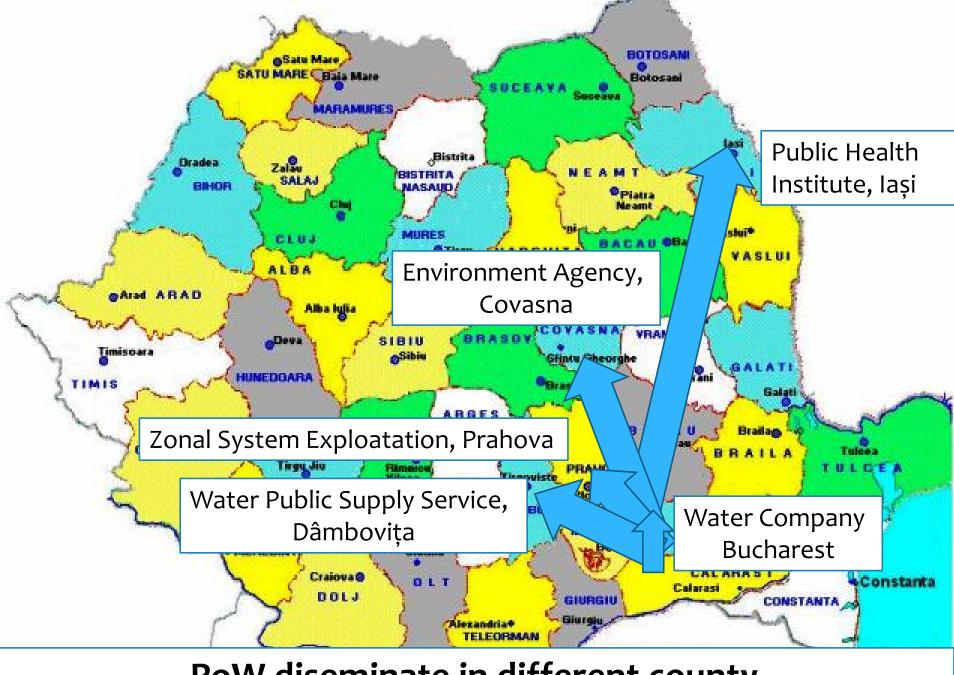


# Role of the Protocol in achieving the 2030 Agenda considered activities implemented under the Protocol

In Romania, targets have been set and approved under the Protocol, and now, this kind of work is useful to setting national targets for SDG 6 and others in **Voluntary National Review Romania 2018** 

In the same time, the **Voluntary National Review Romania 2018** offers the opportunity to review Protocol targets to check their relevance, comprehensiveness and appropriateness and to update priorities in the context of SDGs and other relevant global and regional commitments.





PoW diseminate in different county

## Voluntary National Review of Romania How is the process organized at national level, including intersectoral cooperation and stakeholder participation

High Level Political Forum 2018, New York















### HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A project under the Romania's Centenary 2018



- \* Under the responsabilty of Viceprime-minister, Minister of Environment
- \* Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on drafting Romania's VNR under the Interministerial Committee
- \* The SDGs Matrix (including MEAs), all 169 targets mapping the main processes and actions by each target



### Institutional framework of Sustainable Development in Romania

The Inter-ministerial Committee for the Coordination of the Integration of Environmental Protection into Sectoral Policies and Strategies at the National Level (IC): - State' Secretaries from all the Ministries and Governmental Institutions, led by Minister of Environment - OEWG

GD No. 741/2011

Viceprime-minister, Minister of
Environment Grațiela Leocadia Gavrilescu,
the Secretariat of IC: Sustainable
Development Unit, Ministry of Environment

- ✓ Develop the SDGs Matrix
- ✓ Implementation of Environmental
  Dimension of Sustainable
  Development (SDGs/Agenda 2030,
  United Nations Environment Assembly –
  UNEA/ UNEP)

Department of Sustainable
Development
Government of Romania

GD No. 313/2017

Prime Minister's Office, State Councilor László Borbély

- ✓ Review/Update of NSDS (2008) with SDGs/Agenda 2030
- ✓ Implementation of SDGs at national level

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### Challenges, lessons learned and Recommendations preparing NVR on SDG 6

- Recommendation to use the Reporting under PoW
- Still a challenge to involve stakeholder with knowledges in field and determinate

\*Thank you for your attention!