

# Draft publication

The Human Rights to Water and sanitation in practice:  
Findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to  
water and sanitation in the pan-European region under the Protocol on  
Water and Health


## Item 10 - Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation

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# Process of development of the publication

MOP4 (2016): Decision to share lessons learned & promote good practices from equitable access work (assessments, action plans and measures)



4th meeting Expert Group on Equitable Access (2017): Framing the scope and content of the publication



10<sup>th</sup> meeting WGHW (2017): Review of the draft outline prepared by the Expert Group



5<sup>th</sup> meeting Expert Group on Equitable Access (2018): 1<sup>st</sup> draft prepared and discussed by countries



11<sup>th</sup> meeting WGHW (2019): Presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for comments and finalization by MOP 5 (November 2019)

# Objectives of the publication

- To inspire additional countries to improve the equity of access to water and sanitation.
- To contribute to the international effort to meeting targets 6.1 and 6.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To consolidate the lessons learned and impact of the work carried out in countries of the pan-European region under the Protocol in the area of equitable access to water and sanitation since 2010.

# Structure of the draft publication

## **Executive summary**

### **Section 1-** Equitable access to water and sanitation

Human rights to water and sanitation, Protocol on water and health, SDGs, Equitable access to water and sanitation

### **Section 2 -** Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation

Methodology, findings, recommendations for organizing a self-assessment

### **Section 3 -**Planning and implementing actions to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation

Planning methodology, examples of actions taken, experiences with the development of actions plans, recommendations for planning actions

### **Section 4 -** Financing actions to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation

Issues around financing, financing approaches, recommendations

### **Section 5 -** Annexes (short country profiles)

# Highlights- Findings from equitable access self-assessments

- **Awareness** of the challenges faced in ensuring equitable access is **uneven**
- **No complete and accurate picture of the current situation** (lack of information and need for a wide range of expertise)
- Need for a **more integrated approach** to tackle **equity gaps** (lack of unique and comprehensive strategy for equitable access)
- Assessment can **help identify** unrevealed **challenges**

# Highlights - Actions to improve equitable access to water and sanitation

- **Actions** can target the broad governance framework as well as specific dimensions of equitable access through:
  - Awareness-raising efforts
  - Integration of equitable access concerns into national strategies and plans
  - Legal and policy reforms
  - Infrastructure investments
  - Lobbying for financial resources
- Developing an **equitable access action plan** can help **target** technical and financial **resources** to implement the proposed actions

# Highlights - Financing the improvement of equitable access

- Opportunity to develop a **strategic approach** to financing equitable access to water and sanitation
- Importance to consider all aspects of equitable access when developing framework for financing access to WatSan
- Need to **clarify responsibilities for funding** solutions; local authorities can play major role.
- In some countries, opportunity to **influence external support** to contribute more to water and sanitation investment budget

## Next steps:



**By 10 May 2019**

Send comments on the draft publication: main content and countries fiches (annexes)

**19-21 November - MOP 5**

Finalized publication



**2018-2019 initiatives  
to promote the work  
on equitable access  
to water and  
sanitation under the  
Protocol**



# Contribution to the World Water Development Report 2019

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## Input in the Regional chapter for the Europe & North America region:

→ How the Protocol is a driving progress in reducing inequities in access to water and sanitation

→ Specific examples of experience of France, North Macedonia and Armenia in improving equitable access to water and sanitation



Side event invitation  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



# Side event at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region

Reducing inequalities in access to water and sanitation

(21 March 2019)

- Presentation of the Protocol from the Chair of the Compliance Committee
- Experiences shared from:
  - North Macedonia
  - Serbia
  - Armenia

## REDUCING INEQUALITIES

IN ACCESS TO CLEAN AND SAFE WATER

Geneva International Conference Center  
March 21 13:00–14:30 PM



UNECE

Supported by:

Federal Ministry  
for the Environment, Nature Conservation  
and Nuclear Safety



Women in Development Skikoder

UADEMICA



based on a decision of the German Bundestag

# Events at 2019 Stockholm World Water Week

## Mobilising local government champions to implement human rights to WASH

25 August 4.00-5.30 pm

- **Objective:**

Exchange on how local and national governments and other stakeholders can find practical ways to ensure access to water and sanitation for all.

- **Convenors:**

Serbia, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, France, UNECE, WHO-Europe, Making Rights Real consortium

## Comparison of evidence-based, multi-stakeholder approaches for inclusive WASH outcomes

- **Objective:**

Discuss various tools providing a rational evidence-based approach for improved planning and increased water governance in order to increase access to WASH

- **Convenors:**

SIWI, UNECE, GWP, UNICEF

