

# IV - Improving governance for water and health

## Setting targets and implementing measures

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Task Force Meeting

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- \* 24 countries and several organisations present
- \* Challenges: monitoring SDG 6 and linkages with Protocol reporting
- \* Preparation of the 4th Reporting Cycle

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## The agenda

- \* Progress in setting targets
  - \* Excellent initiative of the Compliant Comitee
- \* Practical guide for joint implementation
  - \* Potential for optimisation
- \* Public awareness, public participation
  - \* Low level of awareness about Protocol

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Definition of priorities during group work:

- \* Safe supply of drinking water
- \* Access to safe sanitation services
- \* Access for rural communities
- \* Combating water-related diseases
- \* Waste water treatment
- \* WASH in schools and health-care facilities
- \* Integrated water resource management
- \* Transboundary cooperation,
- \* climate change

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Advantage of the Protocol for SDGs implementation

- \* Planning and accountability framework
- \* Integrated approach (water – sanitation – health)
- \* Concrete tools

...and legally binding instrument

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- \* For example: description of a particular achievement or success story, 2 workshops on..., Task Force meeting, 4 pilot projects implemented

## 2. 2019 Fourth reporting cycle under the Protocol on Water and Health

- \* 1. The fourth report 2019 is in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health:
  - review and assessment of progress
  
- \* 2. Experiences of the 2010, 2013 and 2016 Reporting Cycle is important (the third reporting -2016 under the Protocol on Water and Health was in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol on Water and Health:
  - targets and targets dates;
  - “The Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting”,  
has been a support for the entire cycle of elaboration of the Reporting cycle
  
- \* 3. The targets were set at the national level - but local and even international targets are important and remained a challenge;

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- \* 4. Link between the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals-maybe the Protocol to be in the National Strategy for the Sustainable Development;
- \* 5. The final text of the Practical Guide for Joint Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda is now available on the Working Group website:

<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50188>

(the printed version in three languages will be available in mid-July 2019)

- \* 6. *the Protocol on Water and Health - the main instrument to implement the SDG6 and the data collected under the Protocol in the process of preparation of the 2018 Voluntary National Review;*

### 3. Plans for future work in this area

#### Setting targets and implementing measures

- \* Promoting dissemination of new/revised targets set by countries, in particularly those that have synergies with the SDGs
- \* Promoting the use of public participation and its tools on the target setting/revision process
- \* Organizing a workshop at regional level on the target setting and implementation in support of the 2030 Agenda

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#### Strengthening reporting capacity

- \* Supporting the development of an electronic reporting tool
- \* Organization of the Task Force on global monitoring instruments (to establish linkages with WHO/UNICEF JMP, GLAAS and GEMI)
- \* Guiding the secretariat in the preparation of the regional implementation report oriented towards communicating the findings and showcasing the progress made at the regional level. The regional implementation report will also reflect on the process of setting and revising targets in different countries.

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#### Fostering synergies with the 2030 Agenda and the Ostrava Declaration on Environment and Health

- \* Promoting the guide "*Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: a practical guide for joint implementation*"
- \* Supporting the processes related to the SDGs at the national level by encouraging contributions to the Voluntary National Reports, and by providing input to the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region and the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- \* Promoting the Protocol as an effective instrument in implementing and tracking progress on water, sanitation and health related commitments of the Ostrava Declaration.

Questions ?