



# WATER AND HEALTH PROTOCOL

Improving governance for water and  
health: support for setting targets and  
implementing measures

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# TARGET SETTING AND SDG6

# THE RATIONALE

## Target setting based on:

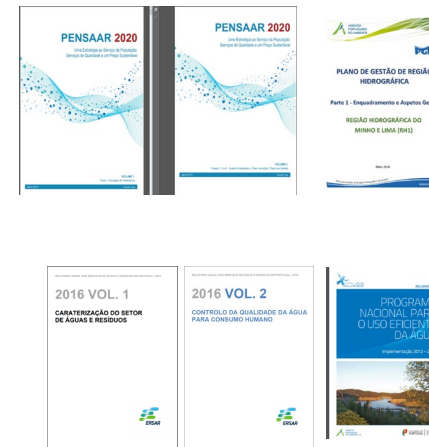
Legislation  
National | EU

National  
Strategic | Sectorial Plans

Target date

Availability of  
information\*

- Indicator
- Baseline
- Measures

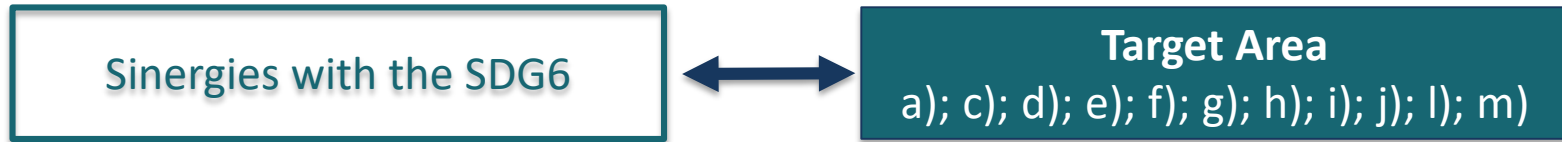


Sinergies with SDGs



\* Pensaar 2020 – "A new strategy for the water supply and sanitation"; PGRH - National River Basin Management Plans; PNUEA - National Programm for the efficient use of Water; RASARP – Annual report for the water, sanitation and waste services

# TARGET SETTING AND THE SDG6



SDG	Target Area
6.1 Equitable and universal access to safe Drinking Water	a); c); d); f); j)
6.2 Adequate and equitable access to Sanitation and Hygiene	d); e); f);
6.3 Reducing pollution , treating Wastewater to improve Water Quality	f); g); h); i); j); l); m)
6.4 Water use and scarcity; 6.5 Water management; 6.6 Ecosystems	j); m)

# TARGET SETTING AND THE SDG6



## SDG GOAL

6.2 "By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations "

## SDG INDICATOR

6.2.1.a: Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services, including a hand-washing facility with soap and water (*proxy data*)

6.2.1.b: Proportion of dwellings served by wastewater drainage (%) by geographical location (NUTS 2013) – **AR01** indicator

## PROTOCOL TARGET

d) "Area of territory or the population sizes or proportions, which should be served by collective systems of sanitation or where sanitation by other means should be improved"

d.1: Increasing the level of service coverage through sewerage networks

## PROTOCOL INDICATOR

% of households located in the utility's intervention area with satisfactory evaluation in ERSAR's indicator **AR01**.

**AR01** – Service coverage through sewerage networks



# CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

# PROTOCOL TARGET SETTING CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

- **Deficient awareness** of the Protocol by stakeholders
- **Lack of high level commitment** to the target setting mechanism
- **Poor communication** between Protocol and SDG implementation bodies/focal points



- Strengthening engagement of high-level decision-makers facilitated the willingness to participate by the actors involved
- Increasing communication between the Protocol working group and the SDG6 implementation body raised awareness of the mutual benefits of both instruments

# SDGs MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



- **Need of coordination** on the collection and reporting information for SDG6 - Several entities responsible for data collection and reporting
- Inexistence of a consolidated monitoring indicator list – Defined indicators for SDGs are not similar to the robust ones used in Portugal
- **Need to align the SDG monitoring calendar with collection and availability of information**
- Need of alignment with other parallel processes and commitments that must be fulfilled by Portugal



# SDGs MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



- For SDG6 the **Ministry of Environment will seek to coordinate and identify the circuit of information**
- **Establishment of an exhaustive monitoring indicator list for the SDGs with definition of the entity responsible for reporting**
- **Definition of a national monitoring calendar**, according to availability of information from the responsible entities for data reporting
- **For parallel processes, monitoring indicators should be aligned or additional indicators should be identified**, along with the calendar and entities responsible for information

# PROTOCOL AND SDGs – ACTIONS



- Creating awareness of the Protocol and its links to the SDG at national level, e.g. National Water Congress
- ERSAR will seek to articulate the Protocol indicators with those already identified for the SDG monitoring purposes
- ERSAR will participate in the report of those indicators under its responsibility



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