

Overview of the objectives and programme of the workshop

Regional workshop on SDG indicator 6.5.2 for the Pan-European region

Preparation for the second cycle of reporting

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Rationale for the workshop

- Approaching next reporting cycle in 2020
- Series of **thematic consultations and sub-regional workshops to build capacity in monitoring progress and reporting on SDG 6.5.2**, within the framework of the UN-Water Integrated monitoring initiative for SDG 6.
- Workshops are requested by governing bodies of UNECE and UNESCO-IHP
 - Decision VIII/1 of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Nur-Sultan, 10-12 October 2018)
 - UNESCO 23rd Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (Paris, 11-15 June 2018)

Main objectives of the workshop

- Increasing the **usefulness of national data** in informing decision/policy making processes related to transboundary water cooperation at national, basin or aquifer, regional and global levels.
- Introduce **the revised and recently developed guidance materials**, including the revised reporting template for the second cycle on SDG indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention, the revised step-by-step methodology for calculation of indicator 6.5.2 and the draft Guide to reporting under the Convention and as a contribution to SDG Indicator 6.5.2;
- **Exchange good practices and lessons learned from riparian countries** which coordinated their answers concerning their shared waters and the implementation of their agreements in view of harmonizing their reports in the first reporting cycle;

Main objectives of the workshop

- **Identify synergies between reporting on SDG indicator 6.5.2, the Water Convention and SDG indicator 6.5.1**, which measures the degree of integrated water resources management implementation (IWRM) at all levels, including at a transboundary level;
- **Reflect and discuss on how the first exercise can serve as a basis for reporting in the next cycle**, including its usefulness in informing decision/policy-making processes related to transboundary water cooperation at all levels;
- Discuss **gaps and discrepancies in the data provided in the national reports** that may arise when the information is analysed at agreement, river or lake basin and aquifer levels and what this means for the use of reports and country data on SDG 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention;
- Increase the rate of responses and the quality of reports in the second reporting cycle.

Programme of the workshop

- **Session 1** Introduction (10:00–10:30)
- **Session 2** Setting the scene - the results of the reporting on SDG Indicator 6.5.2 and Water Convention and lessons learned (10:30–11:30)
- **Session 3** Coordination and compatibility of results: exchange of experiences on the reporting process among riparian countries (11:30–13:00)
 - Panel discussion
- **Session 4** Making the most of the reporting exercise at national, basin, regional and global levels (15:00 – 16:45)
 - Group discussions
- **Session 5** Towards the next reporting cycle (16:45 – 17:45)
- **Session 6** Closure of the meeting (17:45–18:00)