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and Use of Transboundary
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STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the UNECE-WHO Regional Office for Europe Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention).
2. The Protocol on Water and Health was adopted for signature on 17 June 1999 and entered into force on 4 August 2005. As of 15 October 2019, 36 countries have signed the Protocol and 26 States are Parties.
3. While there has been no new ratification, accession, acceptance or approval since 2013, many countries in the pan-European region are in the process of becoming Parties to the Protocol. In particular, in August 2019 the government of Montenegro approved a law on ratification and the country is currently finalizing the ratification process.

Annex

Status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health as of 15 October 2019

Country	<i>Protocol on Water and Health</i> Signature	<i>Protocol on Water and Health</i> Ratification/Accession, Acceptance/Approval	<i>Water Convention¹</i> Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/ Approval
Albania	17 Jun 1999	8 Mar 2002	5 Jan 1994
Andorra			
Armenia	17 Jun 1999		
Austria			25 July 1996
Azerbaijan		9 Jan 2003	3 Aug 2000
Belarus		22 Apr 2009	29 May 2003
Belgium	17 Jun 1999	29 Jun 2004	8 Nov 2000
Bosnia and Herzegovina		13 Oct 2011	3 Dec 2009
Bulgaria	17 Jun 1999		28 Oct 2003
Canada			
Croatia	17 Jun 1999	28 Jul 2006	8 Jul 1996
Cyprus	17 Jun 1999		
Czech Republic	17 Jun 1999	15 Nov 2001	12 Jun 2000
Denmark	17 Jun 1999		28 May 1997
Estonia	17 Jun 1999	9 Sep 2003	16 Jun 1995
European Union			14 Sep 1995
Finland	17 Jun 1999	3 Mar 2005	21 Feb 1996
France	17 Jun 1999	6 May 2005	30 Jun 1998
Georgia	17 Jun 1999		
Germany	17 Jun 1999	15 Jan 2007	30 Jan 1995
Greece	17 Jun 1999		6 Sep 1996
Hungary	17 Jun 1999	7 Dec 2001	2 Sep 1994
Iceland	17 Jun 1999		
Ireland			
Israel			
Italy	17 Jun 1999		23 May 1996
Kazakhstan			11 Jan 2001
Kyrgyzstan			
Latvia	17 Jun 1999	24 Nov 2004	10 Dec 1996
Liechtenstein			19 Nov 1997
Lithuania	17 Jun 1999	17 Mar 2004	28 Apr 2000
Luxembourg	17 Jun 1999	4 Oct 2001	7 Jun 1994
Malta	17 Jun 1999		
Monaco	17 Jun 1999		
Montenegro			23 Jun 2014
Netherlands	17 Jun 1999	25 Jun 2009	14 Mar 1995
North Macedonia			28 July 2015
Norway	17 Jun 1999	6 Jan 2004	1 Apr 1993

¹ In addition to UNECE membership, following the global opening of the Water Convention to all United Nations Member States, Chad and Senegal became Parties to the Convention on 22 February 2018 and 31 August 2018 respectively.

Poland	17 Jun 1999		15 Mar 2000
Portugal	17 Jun 1999	6 Sep 2006	9 Dec 1994
Republic of Moldova	10 Mar 2000	16 Sep 2005	4 Jan 1994
Romania	17 Jun 1999	5 Jan 2001	31 May 1995
Russian Federation	17 Jun 1999	31 Dec 1999	2 Nov 1993
San Marino			
Serbia		16 April 2013	27 Aug 2010
Slovakia	17 Jun 1999	2 Oct 2001	7 Jul 1999
Slovenia	17 Jun 1999		13 Apr 1999
Spain	17 Jun 1999	24 Sep 2009	16 Feb 2000
Sweden	17 Jun 1999		5 Aug 1993
Switzerland	17 Jun 1999	27 Oct 2006	23 May 1995
Tajikistan			
Turkey			
Turkmenistan			29 Aug 2012
Ukraine	17 Jun 1999	26 Sep 2003	8 Oct 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	17 Jun 1999		
United States of America			
Uzbekistan			4 Sep 2007

Map. Status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health

