

# PA1: Improving governance of water and health: Support for setting targets and implementing measures 2017 – 2019: Outcomes of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

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# 1. Why is this work important for the pan-European region?

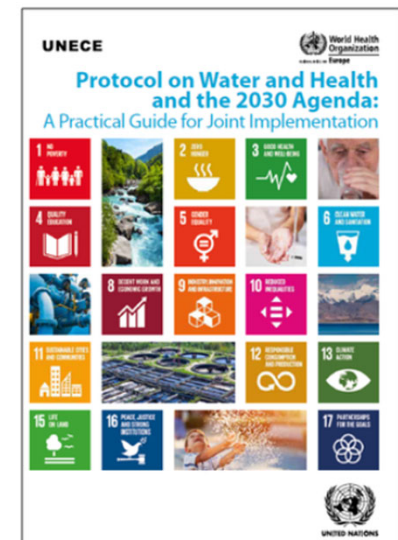
- The Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting is a successful regional platform bringing together Health and Environmental Experts
- The target setting process is an opportunity to give visibility to water and sanitation issues at the national level
- The national reporting under the Protocol is a concrete instrument measuring the implementation of global and regional commitments (SDGs or Ostrava Declaration)



## 2. Major milestones since 2017 and outcomes

- Implementation of Articles 6 and 7 : exchange of experience
- Several States have set their targets
- Workshop dedicated to setting targets to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Drafting group for preparing the recommendation

⇒ **Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda:  
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4<sup>th</sup> reporting cycle and public participation

- all Parties (26) and submitted their summary reports
- 7 non-Parties submitted theirs reports on a voluntary basis
- Information provided by JMP and GLAAS highlights key findings and priorities for improvement

=> **Essentials to find synergies between the different reporting exercises**



### 3. Challenges and lessons learnt for future work

- Intervention of the Compliance Committee was crucial for the respect of the targets setting process
- The revised reporting template gives more importance to emerging issues and take into account Article 8 on “Response systems”
- For the PWH-Focal Points: not easy to be recognized by the national SDG-Teams
- Alignment with SDGs and other policy frameworks can help gather political support



## 4. Suggested future work in this area

- To be based on the draft programme of work for 2020-2022



Thank you for your attention

