

National Targets of the Czech Republic under the Protocol on Water and Health

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Setting and updating national targets

- For the first time the Czech Republic set targets under article 6.2 of the Protocol in **2008**.
A working group composed of representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Environment took part in their preparation.
- In **2013**, the targets were revised in accordance with the national priorities.
- In **2019**, existing targets from 2013 were evaluated and an updated version proposed - Czech Government approved new targets in 2020.

Update national targets (2019-2020)

- The updating of objectives consists in alignment with the requirements of the amended legislation of the Czech Republic and the EU.
- At the same time, the draft objectives were supplemented by references to the Sustainable Development Objectives (SDGs) set for 2015–2030 (specifically in the objectives 3 – Good health and well-being and 6 – Clean water and sanitation) and the indicators proposed by the Strategic Framework Czech Republic 2030
- The new targets reflect the latest developments in the areas of water, sanitation and health

Fulfillment of targets in data

- 3 targets (5, 11, 18) are fulfilled continuously and it is not necessary to change them
- 4 targets have been deleted – they have either been met or their fulfillment is included in another target
- 2 targets (2, 17) were replaced by new ones, more specifically focused on the given issue

Fulfillment of targets in data

- For 7 targets (1, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15) a new wording was proposed, including a new date of fulfillment. For 1 target the change concerns only the new wording. For 4 objectives only the date of fulfillment was changed
- Current state after the update – 19 targets

Completed targets (target no. 2)

- „Re-issue or update awareness materials about wells“
(Ministry of Health)
- The target will be met in 2020 within the solution of the project „Effective support of health of people at risk of poverty and social exclusion“ and new national health web portal

Achieved targets (target no. 12)

- „Meet the requirements of The Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC for protection of fish“
(Ministry of Environ., Ministry of Agriculture)
- The task is related to the implementation of river basin district plans, ie. it is included in target no. 11. The original EC directive on the quality of waters used for fish production has been replaced by a Framework directive, which has broader requirements.

Achieved targets (target no. 14)

- „Draw up and issue a handbook of manmade bathing waters good operational practice“
(Ministry of Health, NIPH)
- Operational requirements for water quality in swimming pools are set out in Decree of the Ministry of Health No. 238/2011 Coll., Which was last amended in 2014 and contains the main principles of good practice

Achieved targets (target no. 14)

Other documents in the Czech language supporting the target:

- European standards:
 - a) EN 15288-1 Swimming pools - Part 1: Safety requirements for construction
 - b) EN 15288-2 Swimming pools - Part 2: Safety requirements for operation
- 2nd edition of the Czech technical standard TNV 940220-1 (Safety of swimming pools and swimming pools - Part 1: Measures for the safety of users / visitors), 2015

Achieved targets (target no. 14)

- However, the publication of the above-mentioned sub-documents can be considered as a replacement for the planned handbook, as it would now mostly be duplicated with these more obligatory regulatory or normative documents

Achieved targets (target no. 18)

- „Create an information system regarding the ecological and chemical status of waters according to the Eus Water Framework Directive and ensure public access to the result“
(Ministry of Environment)
- The goal was met. The information system for the assessment of the ecological and chemical status of water under the EU WFD has been set up and the necessary data are available to the public at www.heis.vuv.cz.

New national targets (2019)

Target no. 2:

- **„To carry out a risk assessment of the domestic distribution systems of priority buildings in accordance with revised Directive 98/83/EC for the presence of lead in drinking water and to determine corrective measures.“**

The stipulated goal is contained in SDG No. 3

- MoH, Ministry of Regional Development, Regional public health authority
- By 2028
- Approval of operation rules for indoor water mains (plumbing) at priority buildings

New national targets (2019)

Target no. 17:

- **„Process and approve risk assessments (Water Safety Plans) for the public drinking water supply system (as part of the operation rules).“**

The stipulated goal is contained in SDG No. 6

- MoH, RPHA
- 31 December 2024
- Approval of operation rules including WSP

Achievements

- Over the years, the quality of surface and drinking water has been improved, notably through compliance with Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption, Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy, Council Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment etc.
- Cooperation under the Protocol has contributed to improving communication between the MoH, MoA and MoE



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