

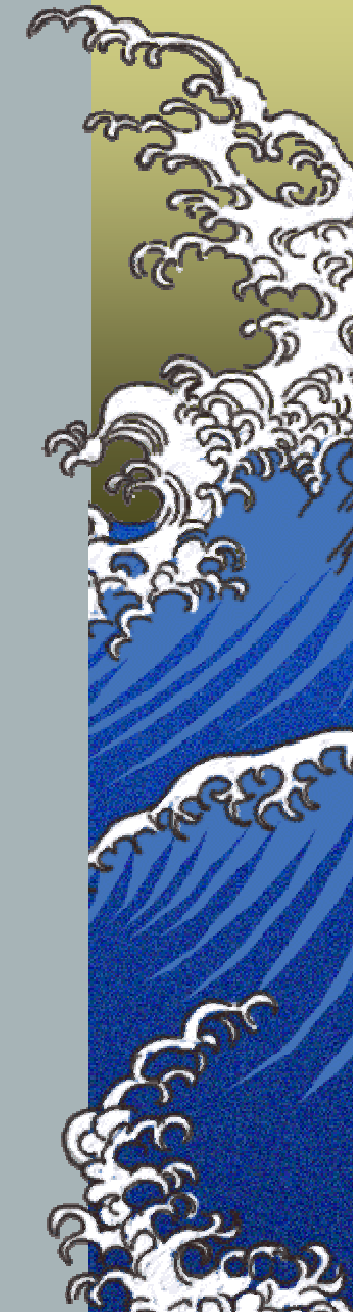


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Contribution to the Fifth Ministerial
Conference on Environment and
Health in 2010



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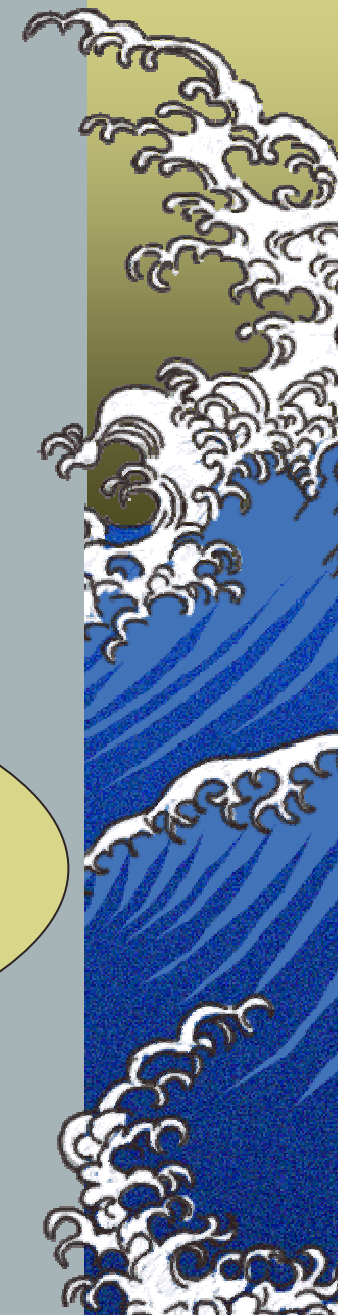


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From Frankfurt to Parma: 20 years of
Environment and Health Ministerial
Conferences (1989-2010)

**To build bridges between the health and
environment policies in dealing with risks
and impacts on human health**

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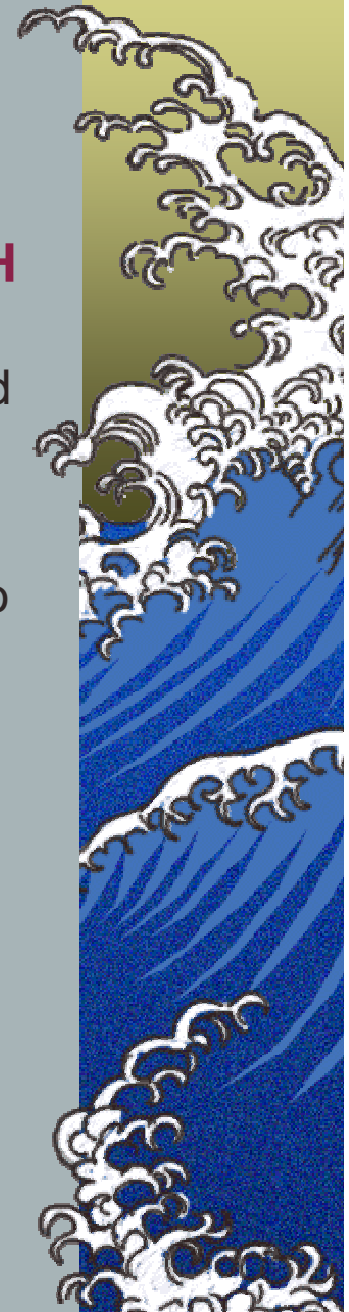


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OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES ON E&H

- ▲ **1989 Frankfurt MC**: adoption of the European Charter on E&H and establishment of the WHO European Center on E&H
- ▲ **1994 Helsinki MC**: adoption of E&H Action Plan for Europe and establishment of European E&H Committee (EEHC)
- ▲ **1999 London MC**: legally binding Protocol on Water and Health (to the Convention on the Protection and Use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes) and European Charter on Transport, Environment and Health
- ▲ **2004 Budapest MC**: endorsement of the Children's E&H Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) and Ministerial Declaration
- ▲ **2010 Parma MC**:**Protocol Day!**

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UPDATE ON CONFERENCE PREPARATION PROCESS and SYNERGIES WITH THE PROTOCOL ACTIVITIES

First High level Preparatory meeting in **Italy**
(Milan, 10-12 March 08)

Second High level Preparatory meeting in **Spain**
(Madrid 22-24 October 08)

Third High level Preparatory meeting in **Germany** (Bonn 27-29 April 09)

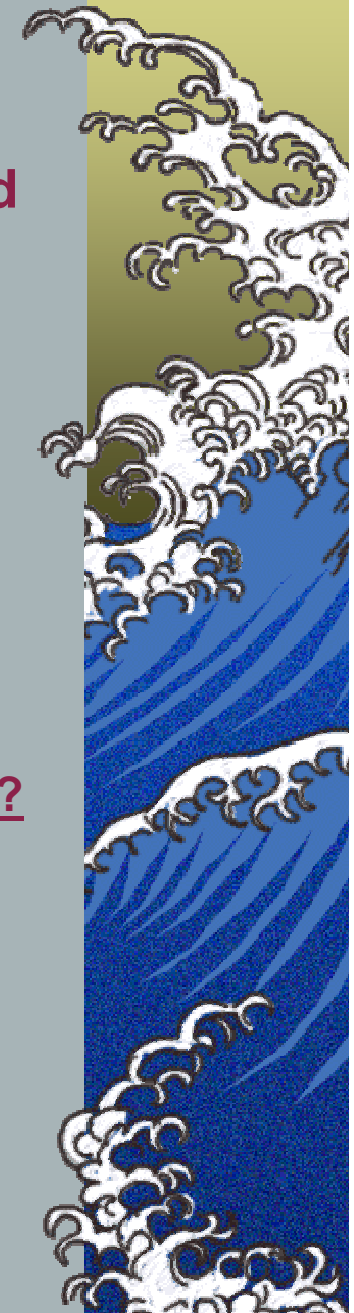
1 Meeting of the Task Force on EWE
(Rome, 21-22 April 2008)

How highlight Protocol activities in the E&H Conference process?

Last EEHC MEETING on Conference Preparation
(Parma 14-15 October 2009)

Achievements....

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Concrete results

- ▶ Conference Preliminary Program (pre-event on the Protocol included)
- ▶ Conference Documentations (protocol doc on RPG1 included)
- ▶ Main contents of the Draft Ministerial Declaration (explicit mention to the protocol and future commitments related to the RPG1 included)

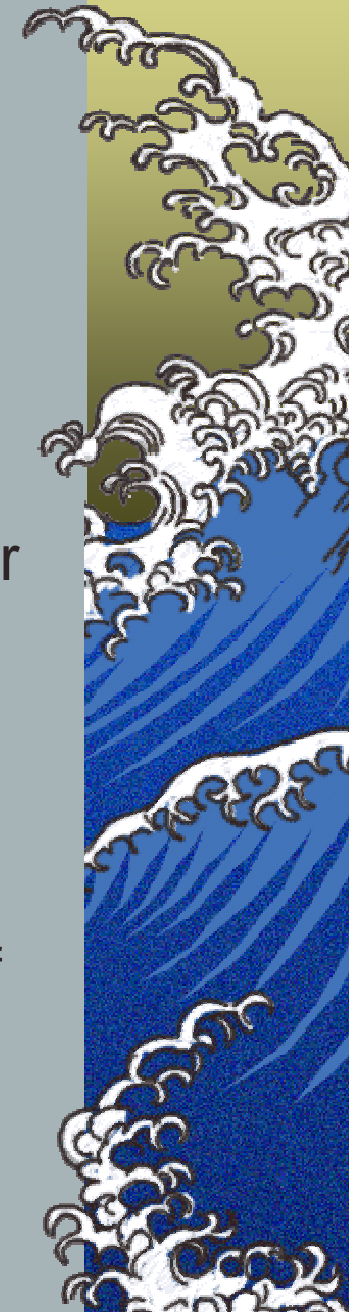
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- ▶ Pre-event on protocol water and health at the 2010 Conference
 - ▶ Tenth Anniversary of the Protocol's Adoption
 - ▶ The outcomes of the activities carried out under the Protocol
 - ▶ Future synergies (e.g. CC adaptation)
- ▶ Explicit mention in the Draft Ministerial declaration
 - ▶ Chapter commitment to act: **Regional Priority Goal 1** of CEHAPE

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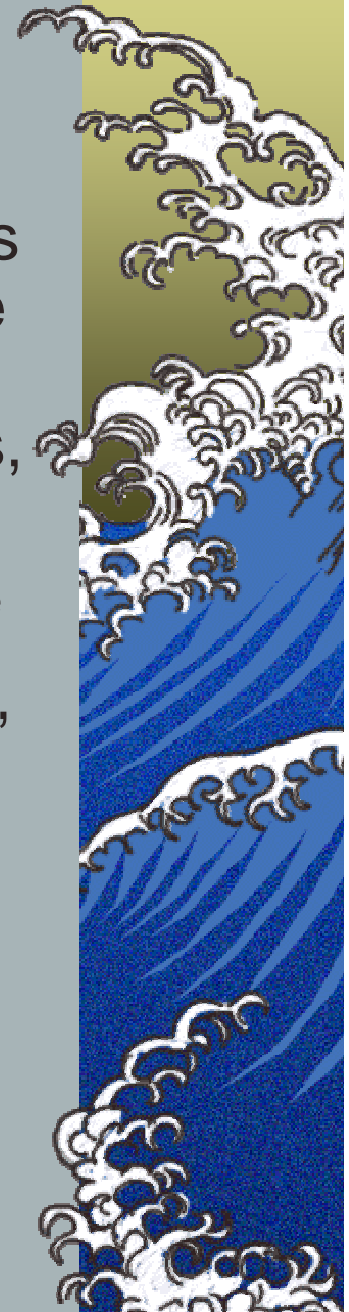
The draft Ministerial Declaration: Commitment to act

“We will take advantage of the approach and provisions of the Protocol on Water and Health as a rationale and progressive tool to develop integrated policies on water and health with clear targets and objectives, working in partnership with all concerned sectors”

“We will ensure that health surveillance systems are developed and able to respond to the **impacts of extreme weather events on water and sanitation**”

We will strive to provide **each child** with **access to safe water and sanitation** and revitalize hygiene practices at homes, day-care centers, schools, health care institutions and in public recreational water settings **by 2015**”

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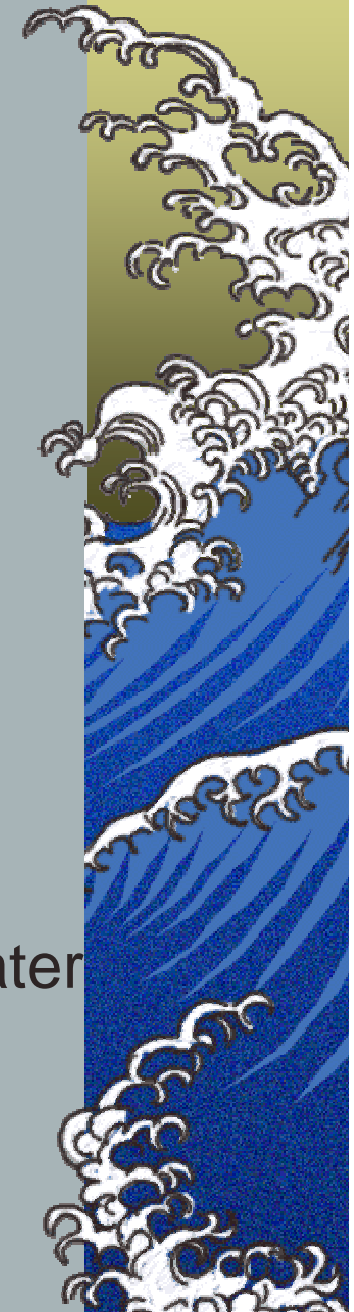


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Technical synergies

- ▶ Background document on main water and health related diseases in the Region
- ▶ Links to Regional Priority Goal 1: Access to safe water and basic sanitation for all children in the European region under climate change and variability challenge
- ▶ Main messages related to climate change and water and health

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Thanks for your kind attention

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