

Cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health

Findings of the first reporting exercise

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The Protocol on Water and Health

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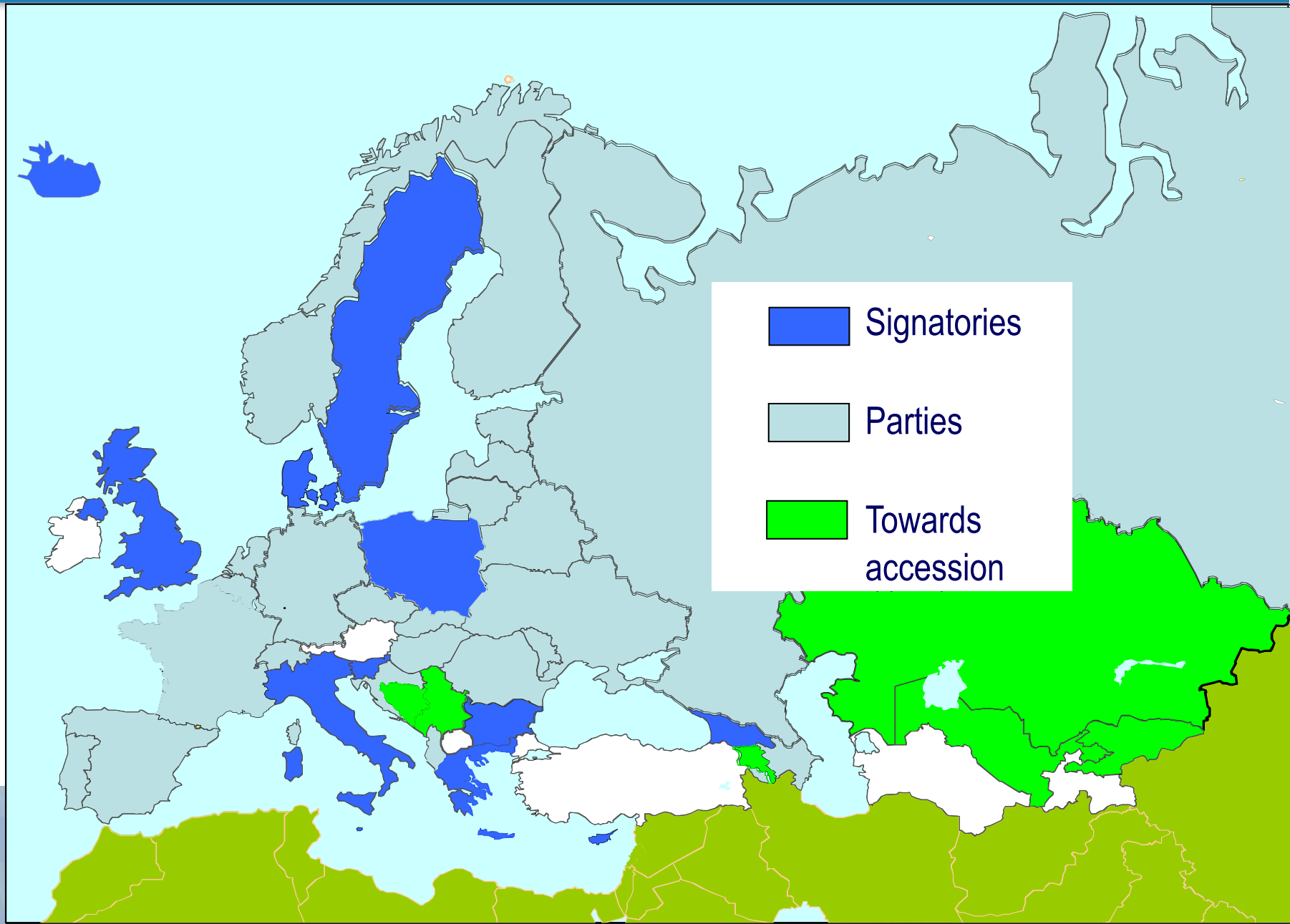
The world's only legal treaty designed to reduce water-related deaths and diseases through improved water management

Status of ratification

Adopted in
1999 by 36
countries

Entered into
force in 2005

Currently
ratified by 24
countries



Scope

**Costal and
estuarine
waters**



**Surface
waters**

**Water
during
abstraction,
transport,
treatment
and supply**



**Wastewater
collection,
transport,
treatment,
discharge,
reuse**

Art 6 and 7:

Targets, measures, review of progress

ESTABLISH TARGETS

Within 2 years of becoming a Party, each Party shall set targets and target dates

- Water supply and sanitation
- Water management
- Health protection

MEASURES

- National coordination mechanism
- Water management plans
- Investments
- Monitoring
- Enforcement
- Capacity building

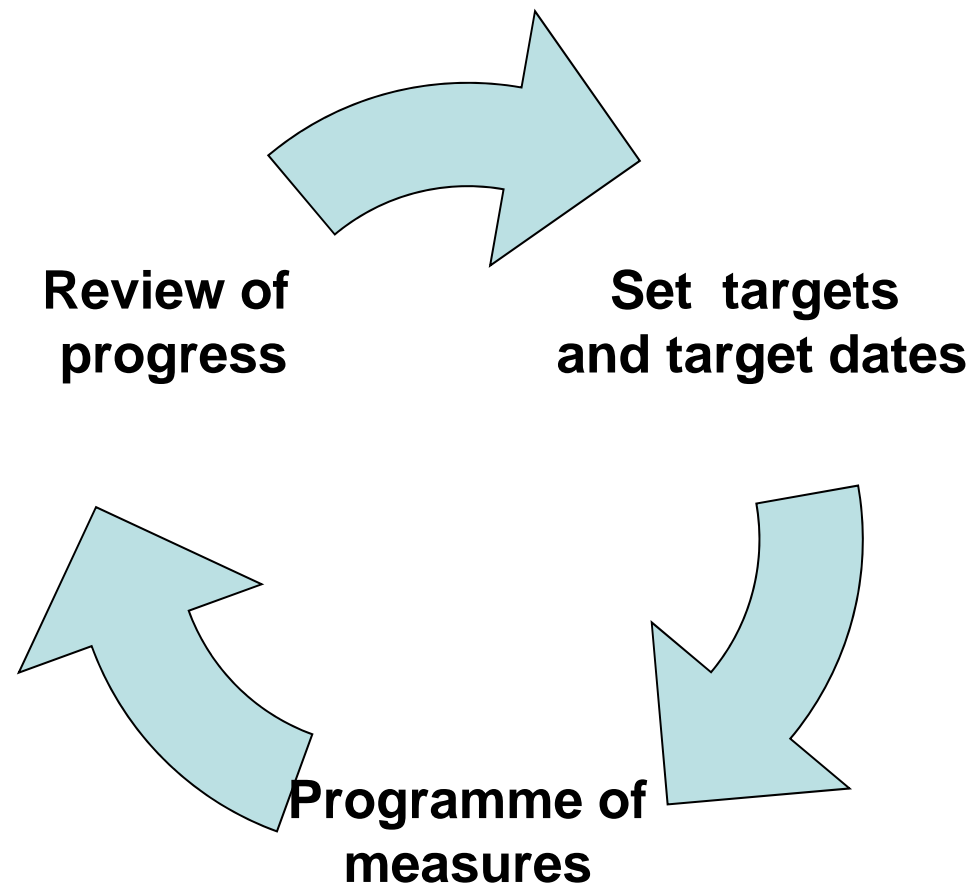
REVIEW PROGRESS

- Collect and evaluate data
- Publish results
- Review progress
- Submit summary report

Target setting areas



Progressive and continuous action



First reporting exercise

- Art.7: Every three years Parties shall evaluate progress towards the targets set and submit a summary report in accordance with guidelines established by the Meeting of the Parties
- First reporting exercise with agreed template and guidelines, deadline 31 March 2010

Reports received

- 25 reports were received overall
- All Parties but 3 reported
- 3 non-Parties also submitted a report
- Only 23 could be analysed for the regional implementation report

Procedural aspects

- Only 10 reports were submitted according to the deadline
- Varied quality of reports; in some cases missing information on targets, measures and progress
- Not all reports were prepared with the objective of informing other Parties
- Big differences between reports which were consulted between ministries and those who were compiled by 1/2 persons

Where we stand in target setting?

- 7 Parties mentioned that they have set their targets but not always possible to derive from reports what are the targets
- 10 Parties indicated that they are in the process
- For EU Parties most targets derive from EU legislation.
- But implementation of Protocol \neq transposition of EU Directives

Common indicators

- Most information provided under this part; not the spirit of the Protocol's reporting
 - Not all Parties could provide data; not comparable; little information on how the data were produced
- => Much data, little information

Targets set and assessment of progress

- Big differences in reports depending on where countries are in setting targets
- Some targets are not measurable
- Information focuses on legal basis, less on measures implemented, achievements and challenges
- Some reports can be of inspiration for other countries

Overall trends in targets set and assessment of progress

- The collection of the necessary data is often a challenge. It reveals a lack of information
- Reports can not be established by one single entity.
- General lateness in setting targets
- Some countries seem to have bypassed the approach of the Protocol and simply compiled existing strategies/law
- No correspondence between common indicators and targets set
- Targets are not set in all areas: weaker in the environmental areas

Next steps

- Promote exchange between Parties and non-Parties in setting targets and reporting
- Address gaps and common challenges, including stronger mainstreaming of environmental issues in the Protocol's implementation