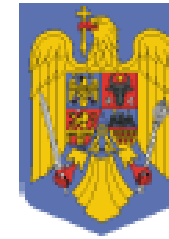




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# **Workshop on Water and Health**

## **Bucharest, Romania**

### **14-16 May 2008**

# Workshop Objectives:

- **Ensure capacity building through active participation**
- Facilitate exchange of experiences, within the EECCA region, on aspects connected with the application and implementation of national policies/strategies and plans on water and health
- Identify effective ways of cooperation between the water, environment and health sectors, and explore current examples of networks, cooperation, processes and partnerships in the EECCA region
- Identify gaps and opportunities in the region to develop and implement concrete projects and activities towards improving public health by increasing access to water and sanitation services
- Explore and discuss related aspects – including “the right to water” – and its potential support to provisions and objectives under the Protocol on Water & Health
- Promote the ratification and implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in the EECCA region

# Workshop Structure:

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**Special Session:** Towards a regional programme on applying a human rights-based approach (HRBA) to Water Governance: challenges and opportunities

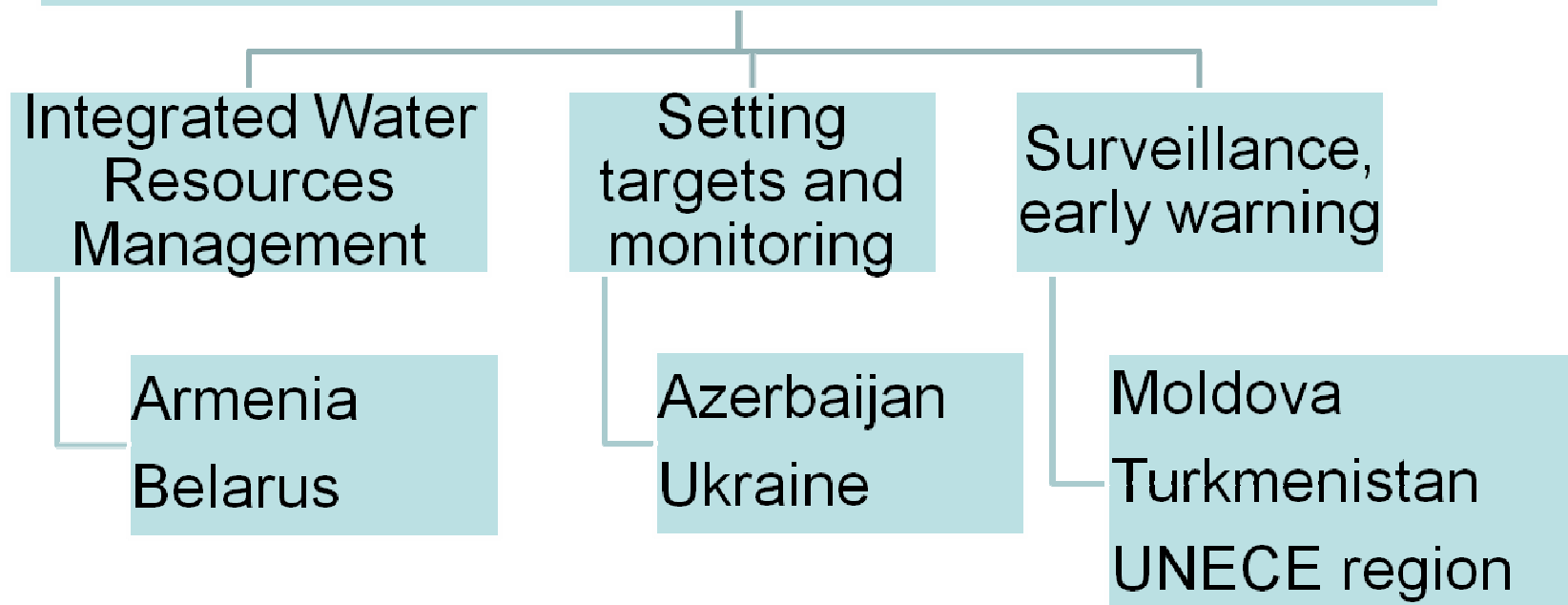
**Session I:** Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health

**Session II:** Economic and financial issues related to the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health

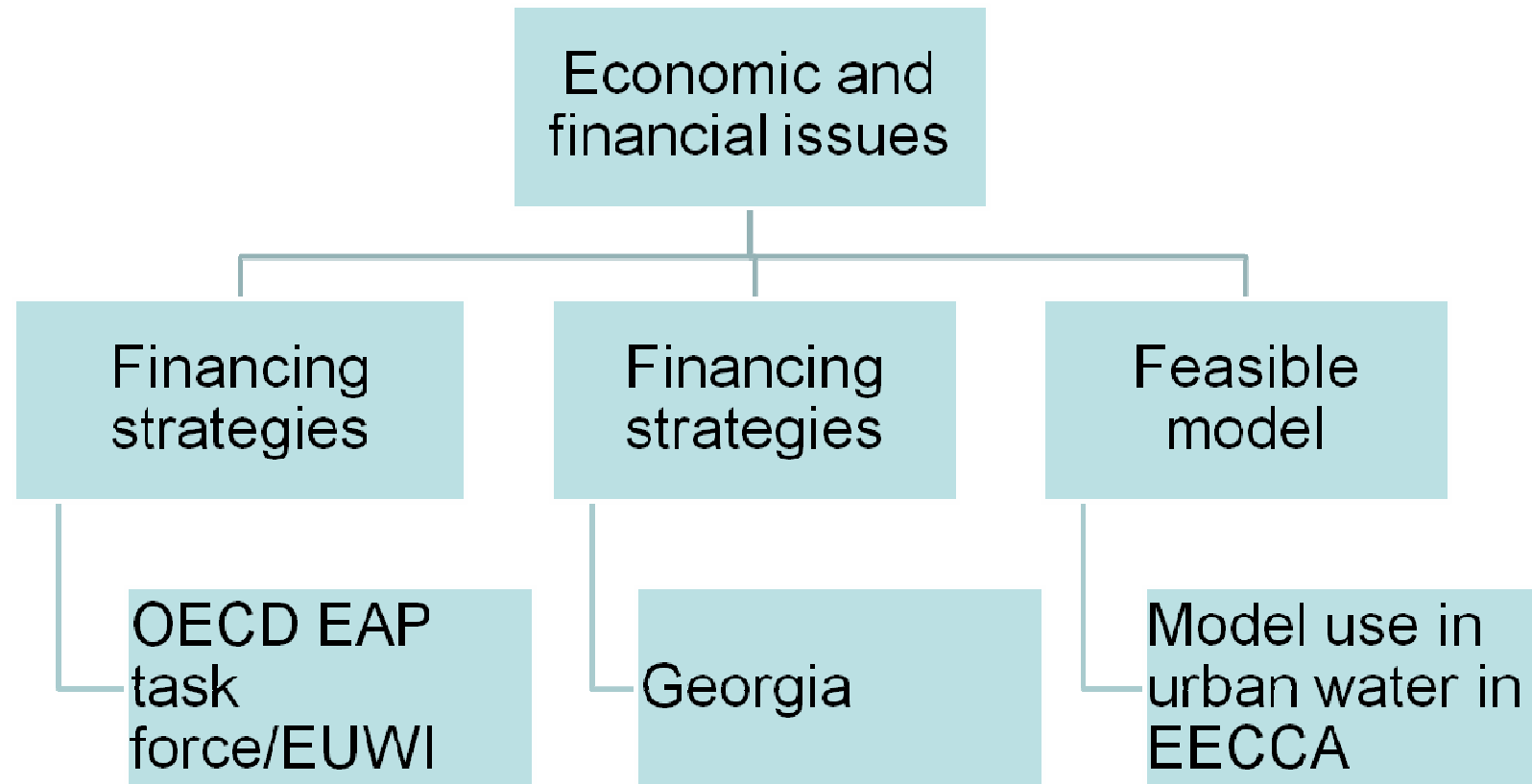
**Session III:** Coordination mechanisms on water and health and public participation

# Session I: Implementation of the Protocol

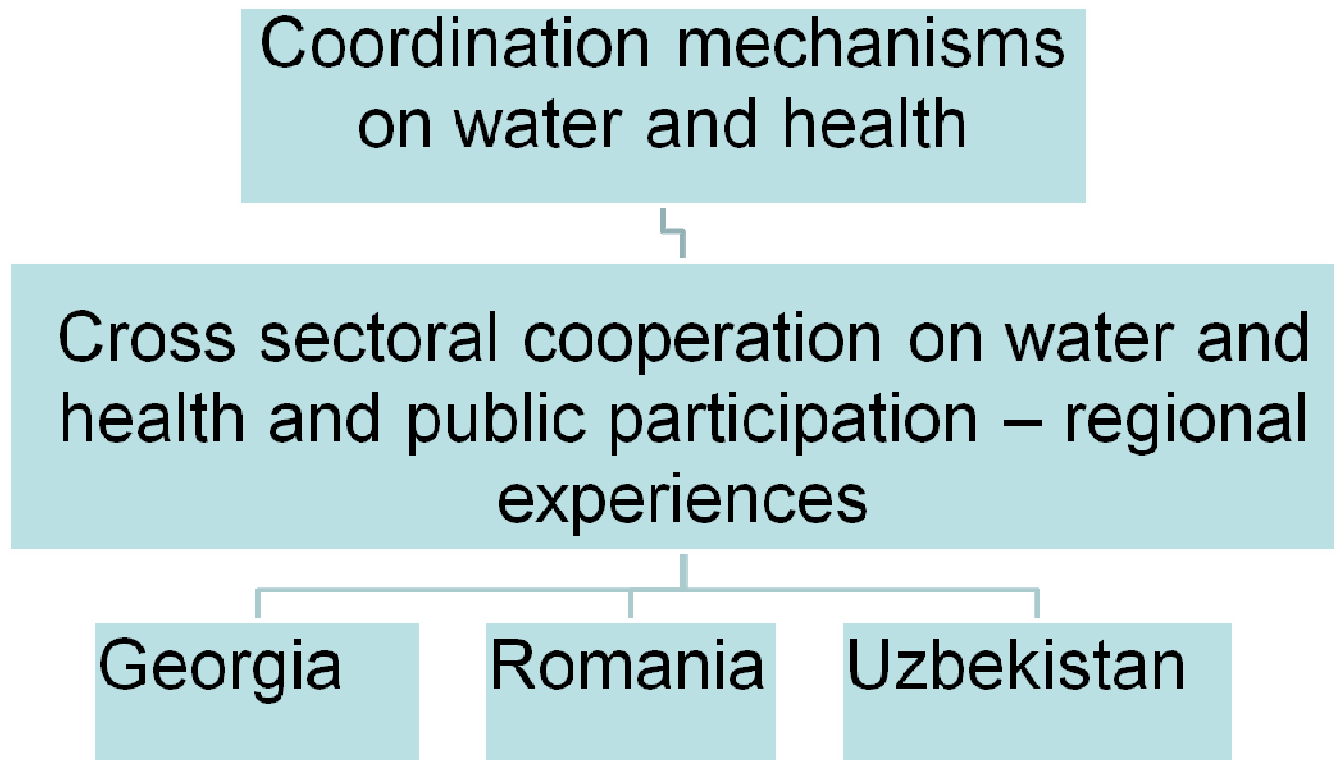
## Implementation of the Protocol: Experiences from Kazakhstan, Hungary and Italy



# Session II: Economic and financial issues related to the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health



# Session III: Coordination mechanisms on water and health and public participation



# Concluding remarks:

*(based on workshop recommendations)*

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## Necessity for:

- National roadmaps to set targets/targets dates and monitoring systems
- Clear rules/legal framework and mandates for public participation
- Involvement of Ministry of Finance
- Frameworks for cooperation and integration
- Strengthened capacity to avoid/respond to outbreaks and diffusion of epidemics
- Education/raising awareness campaigns
- International assistance and funding
- Political will to ratify and implement the Protocol

# Workshop outcomes:

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- Exchanged experiences on development of strategies for the implementation of the Protocol, among authorities representing environment/water/health
- Strengthened coordination and communication between environment, water and health authorities
- Heightened awareness that increased and/or improved cross-sectoral cooperation in implementing the Protocol is needed at all levels
- Improved dialogue among participants from/with various regions/countries backgrounds, sectors



# Workshop outcomes:

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- Good basis and strengthened synergies among the international community for further cooperation on water & health issues,
- Final report (background document +questionnaire replies +case studies + set of recommendations) under preparation
- All presentations, background documentation are available at [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)