

Making Water and Sanitation Affordable for All

Good practices in the pan-European region

Concept, Process, and Outline

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About the document

Origin

- New phase in the work of the Expert Group (first publication focusing only on one of the three dimensions of Equitable Access)
- Mandated by the Protocol parties as part of the PoW 2020-22

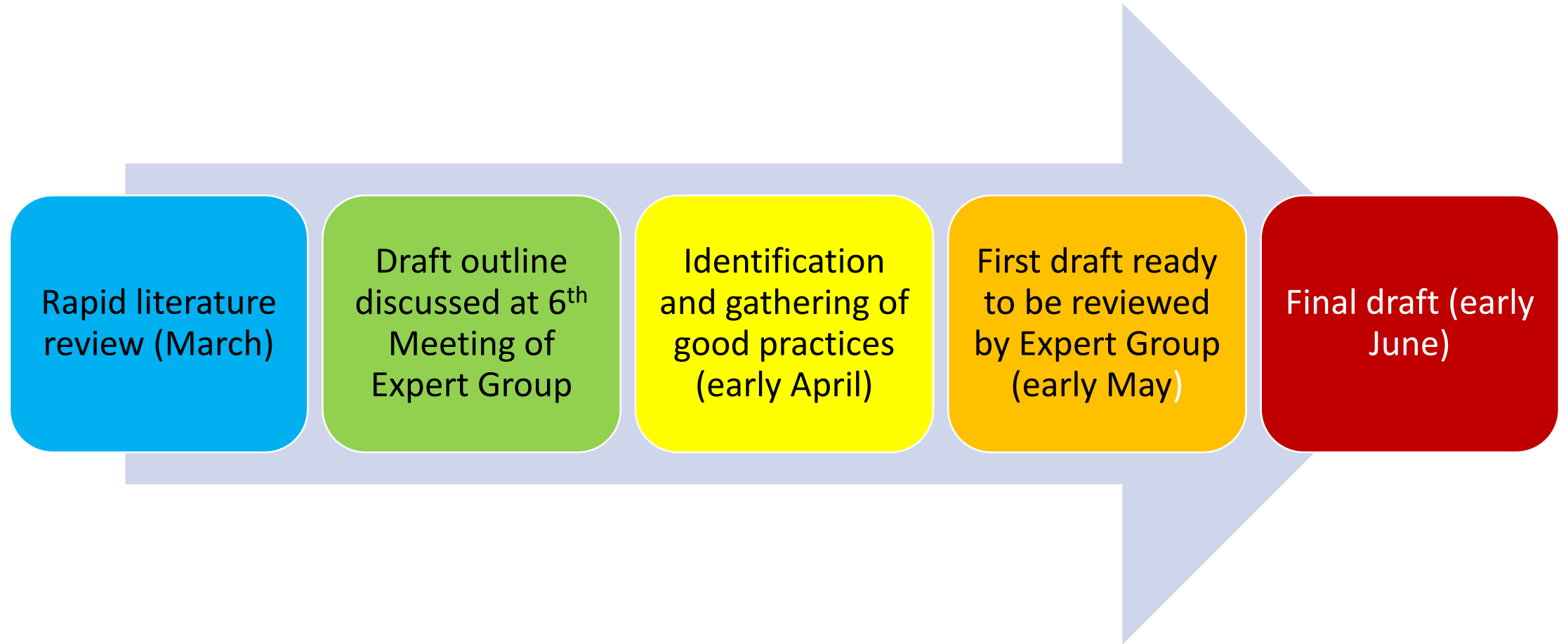
Objectives

- To raise the profile of affordability issues among policymakers
- To enhance the understanding of how affordability concerns can be addressed
- To inspire and promote further action on ensuring affordability

Target audience

- Ministries responsible for water and sanitation services, social protection, and finance
- Water regulatory authorities, local authorities (municipalities), service providers

Developing the document



Structure of the document

Executive summary (2 pages)

1. About this document (1 page)
2. Why does affordability matter? (1 page)
3. What is affordability? (1 page)
4. What policy options are available to ensure affordability? (2 pages)
5. Good practices in adopting strategic approaches (2 pages)
6. Good practices in implementing tariff measures (4 pages)
7. Good practices in implementing social protection measures (4 pages)
8. How can affordability measures be financed? (1 page)
9. What to do now? (1 page)

Intro sections

Why does affordability matter?

- SDG-6 targets
- Human right to water and sanitation
- Equitable Access dimensions
- Sector trends (increase cost of provision, tariff reforms,...)
- Box on EU DWD

What is affordability?

- Human rights perspective
- Comparison of WASH expenditure to household income
- Average vs poorest households
- Box on measuring and monitoring

What policy options are available?

- Make the case for strategic approach vs ad hoc measures
- Roles of different stakeholders
- Tariff measures
- Social protection measures
- Table on strengths and weaknesses

Good practices sections

Adopting strategic approaches

- Affordability as a policy objective
- Long-term strategy, carefully considered options
- Stakeholder engagement
- Examples – from call for contributions and bilateral follow up

Implementing tariff measures

- Progressive tariffs
- Social tariffs
- Progress since good practices featured in *No One Left Behind*
- Examples – from call for contributions and bilateral follow-up

Implementing social protection measures

- Preventative
- Curative
- Progress since good practices featured in *No One Left Behind*
- Examples – from call for contributions and bilateral follow-up

Concluding sections

How can affordability be financed?

- Reflecting on the cost of affordability measures
- Applying the 3Ts to affordability financing
- Examples – from call for contributions and bilateral follow up

What do to now?

- Conclusions regarding the affordability challenge
- Conclusions regarding the emergence of good practices
- Recommendations for governments
- Recommendations for other stakeholders

Your views

Q1. Are the objectives, length and structure of the document appropriate?

Q2. What are some of the key messages that should be highlighted in the document?

Q3. What are some good examples that could be featured in the document?