Where do we stand with water and sanitation in the pan-European Region?

Progress, gaps and opportunities

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The have nots

15 Million

2.5 Million

29 Million

140 Thousand

2,700 Annual WASH-related diarrhoeal deaths

Source: WHO & UNICEF 2021

Source: Prüss-Ustün 2019
The reality of people

Photos: Oliver Schmoll
Basic & safely managed sanitation services

Source: WHO & UNICEF 2021
Basic & safely managed drinking-water services

Source: WHO & UNICEF 2021
The urban-rural gap

Percent points difference in access to basic services

Source: WHO & UNICEF 2021
The wealth gap

Source: WHO & UNICEF
Attention to institutions and public spaces

- Quality of care
- Pandemic response
- Maternal & newborn health
- Antimicrobial resistance
The Protocol on Water and Health is a legally-binding agreement with intergovernmental platform aimed at protecting human health and well-being through sustainable water management and by reducing water-related diseases. It obliges signatories to set targets to ensure access to safe drinking-water and sanitation for everyone. It serves as a tool for "translating" international commitments to nationally-relevant targets. It is also an A European knowledge hub and cooperation network on water, sanitation, hygiene and health.

Resources and tools

Equitable access

Rural water supply and sanitation

WASH in schools and health care facilities

Surveillance and monitoring
Finally

- Close the gap in access to basic services
- Flatten out inequalities
- Boost from “basic” to “safe” services meeting health-based WHO Guidelines
- Make water and sanitation services climate-resilient
- Make all health care facilities WASH-fit
- Scale-up a “culture of hand hygiene” in all settings
Thank you

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