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I. UNECE trust fund

A. Balance on 30 November 2020 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

1. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the UNECE Trust Fund on 30 November 2020 was US\$ 812,406.

B. Contributions from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Belgium	December 2020	19,403	Unearmarked
Belgium	December 2020	4,779	Unearmarked
Finland	December 2020	4,779	Unearmarked
France	December 2020	119,474	Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation
Germany	December 2020	35,842	Implementing bodies: Working Group on Water and Health meeting, Programme area 1: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting
Netherlands	December 2020	47,790	Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
Norway	December 2020	30,000	Unearmarked
Serbia	December 2020	4,779	Unearmarked
Belgium	January 2021	3,066	Unearmarked
Luxembourg	February 2021	7,282	Unearmarked
Belgium	May 2021	4,843	Unearmarked
Estonia	May 2021	1,211	Unearmarked
Switzerland	May 2021	54,885	Programme area 1: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting
Belgium	July 2021	11,026	Unearmarked
Hungary	October 2021	8,000	Unearmarked
Serbia	October 2021	5,814	Unearmarked
Finland	November 2021	5,734	Unearmarked
Netherlands	November 2021	45,872	Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
Finland	December 2021	4,505	Unearmarked
France	December 2021	68,807	Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation
Germany	December 2021	50,676	Implementing bodies: Working Group on Water and Health meeting, Programme area 9: Compliance Committee meeting
Norway	December 2021	30,000	Unearmarked
Total		568,567	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

C. Provisional Expenditures from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)¹

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a + b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol (approximate)</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Bodies of the Protocol	108,559	0	108,559
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures	26,962	0	26,962
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	0	0	0
Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene	0	0	0
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supplies and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems	0	0	0
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	46,438	52,000	98,438
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	0	20,000	20,000
Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level	0	0	0
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	0	0	0
Total cost of activities	181,959	0	181,959
Total costs for staff	323,088	0	323,088
Programme support costs (13%)	65,656	0	65,656
Grand total	570,703	72000	642,703

2. Where objectives coincided, the National Policy Dialogues under the European Union Water Initiative provided significant financial support to promote the work under the Protocol until July 2021, including co-funding of staff, consultancies, travel and meeting logistics costs, in particular with regard to the target setting and revision processes in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, with funding from the European Union (EUWI+ Programme). Furthermore, UNECE staff working on the National Policy Dialogues programme contributed a share of their time to implementing in-country assistance activities.

3. UNECE also used resources from the United Nations regular budget to support the work under the Protocol, including for staff salaries (0.3 of a regular budget post at P-4 level) and travel and conference costs, including interpretation, editing and translation of official documents and publications for meetings.

4. The United Nations Development Account has financed a consultancy under programme area 7 “Increasing resilience to climate change.

5. UNECE staff supporting the Protocol were also co-funded by the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) for some joint activities and activities related to the joint promotion of the Protocol and the Water Convention. In addition, the Water Convention fully financed the Global workshop on building climate resilience through improving water management and sanitation at national and transboundary levels organized jointly under the Convention and the Protocol with partners on 29 -31 March 2021.

¹ These expenditures are provisional since as of May 2022, the UNECE accounts are not yet closed by the UN headquarter in New York.

D. Balance on 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of funds on 30 November 2020	812,406
Contributions received by UNECE from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021	+568,567
Provisional expenditures by UNECE from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021	-570,703
Approximate balance of funds in UNECE trust fund on 31 December 2021	810,270

Note: The balance at the end of the year has to be sufficient to allow the setting aside of funds to cover staff costs and other expected expenditures for the activities in the following year plus the programme support costs and an operating reserve.

II. WHO Regional Office for Europe voluntary fund

A. Balance on 30 November 2020

6. The approximate balance of funds earmarked for the Protocol on Water and Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund on 30 November 2020 was US\$ 271,145.

B. Contributions from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Source of funding</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Amount^a</i>	<i>Earmarking</i>
Norway	December 2020	40,000	Unearmarked
Hungary	March 2021	10,886	Unearmarked
Finland	August 2021	23,781	Unearmarked
Czechia	September 2021	23,267	Unearmarked
Netherlands	November 2021	60,891	Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems
Norway	December 2021	40,000	Unearmarked
Estonia	December 2021	1,663	Reimbursement of costs
Total		200,488	

^a The exchange rate from the currency of the contribution into United States Dollars is calculated on the date of the transfer of funds.

C. Expenditures from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Programme of work area</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a+b</i>
	<i>Expenditure of funds earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Expenditure of funds not earmarked for the Protocol</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
Implementing bodies of the Protocol	3,040	81	3,121
Programme area 1: Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures	0	0	0
Programme area 2: Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases	14,094	65,194	79,289
Programme area 3: Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene	13,617	89,790	103,407
Programme area 4: Small-scale water supplies and sanitation	278	0	278
Programme area 5: Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems	30,433	20,921	51,354
Programme area 6: Equitable access to water and sanitation	0	0	0
Programme area 7: Increasing resilience to climate change	2,592	253	2,846
Programme area 8: Assistance to support implementation at the national level	0	0	0
Programme area 9: Compliance procedure	0	0	0
Total cost for activities	64,056	176,239	240,295
Total costs for staff (pro rata estimate)	0	325,437	325,437
Programme support costs (13%)	8,327	65,218	73,545
Grand total	72,383	566,894	639,277

7. In addition to funds earmarked for the Protocol activities, the WHO Regional Office for Europe mobilized funds from other sources to ensure continuity of and support to implementation of the programme of work for 2020-2022. In the reporting period, other sources included voluntary funds from Germany, funds from WHO headquarters and WHO assessed contributions to cover activities, staff salaries and travel.

D. Balance on 31 December 2021 (in United States Dollars, rounded)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Approximate balance of earmarked funds on 30 November 2020	271,145
Contributions received by WHO/Europe from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021	+200,488
Expenditures by WHO/Europe from 1 December 2020 to 31 December 2021	-72,383
Approximate balance of earmarked funds in WHO/Europe voluntary fund on 31 December 2021	399,250

III. Direct and in-kind contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work

8. The present section summarizes direct and in-kind contributions by Parties to the activities in the Protocol's programme of work. It is difficult for the joint secretariat to become aware and keep track of all contributions, especially Protocol-related activities at the national level. Therefore, the list below should not be considered comprehensive and exhaustive.

9. The following contributions were provided in the reporting period:

(a) Germany provided direct financial contributions to implementation of activities under programme area 4: Small-scale water supplies and sanitation;

(b) In-kind contributions to programme areas 1 to 5, including staff time, were provided by the WHO Collaborating Centre at the University of Surrey (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); the German Environment Agency and the University of Bonn (Germany); and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Netherlands).