

# Equitable Access: What's next?

**Ensuring Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation in the upcoming  
2023-2025 Programme of Work**

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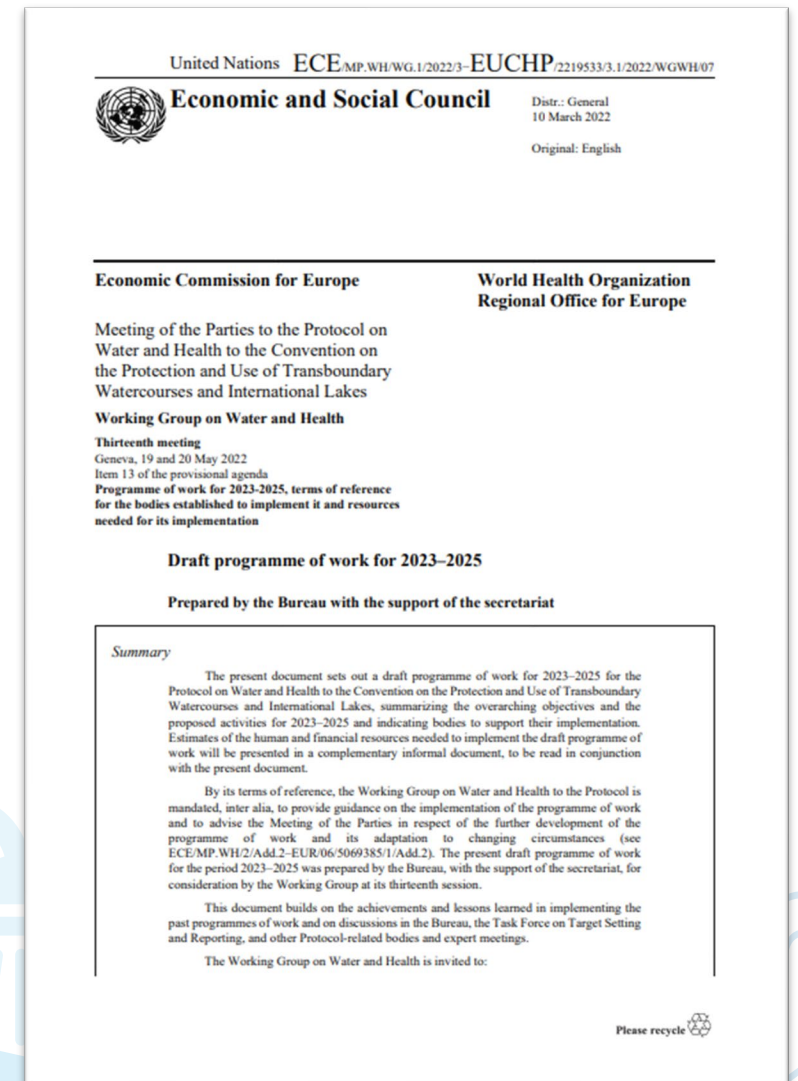
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# The Programme of Work



The programme of work lists the activities that will be covered in a period of three years

- Draft programme of work for 2023-2025 presented at the Working Group meeting in May 2022
- Adapted at the sixth Meeting of the Parties in November 2022.



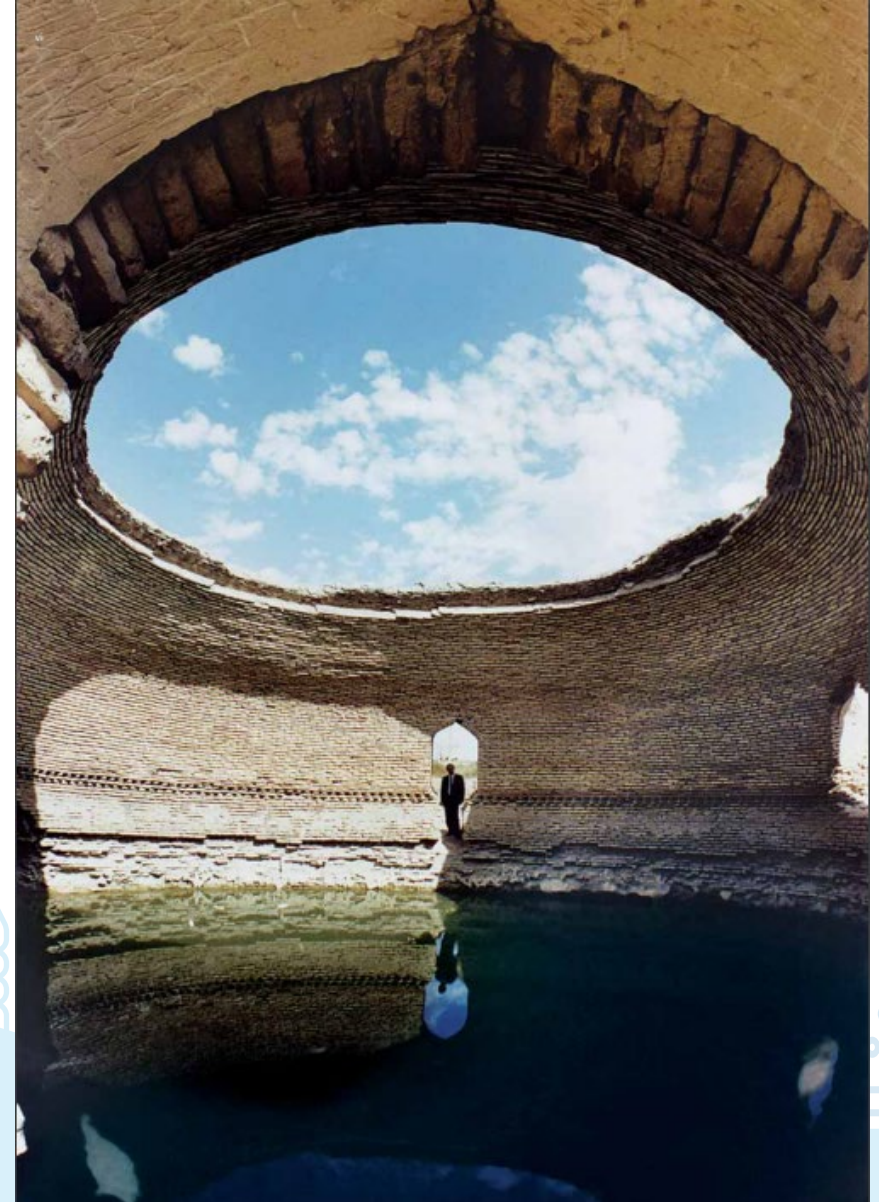
# The technical areas of the Programme of Work

- **Programme Area 1:** Improving governance for water and health through setting targets, implementing measures and reporting
- **Programme Area 2:** Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases
- **Programme Area 3:** Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings and public places
- **Programme Area 4:** Small-scale water supply and sanitation
- **Programme Area 5:** Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems
- **Programme Area 6:** Equitable Access to water and sanitation: translating into practice the human rights to water and sanitation
- **Programme Area 7:** Increasing resilience to climate change



# Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation in the 2023-2025 Programme of Work

- Lead parties: France and Hungary
- Objectives:
  - to **support the implementation of the Protocol's requirement to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation for all members of the population**, particularly those suffering a disadvantage or social exclusion, as emphasized in Article 5 (I)
  - to **support countries in addressing equity aspects in policymaking processes** related to the provision of water and sanitation services and in identifying and implementing solutions to ensure equitable access.



# 1. Support assessments of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation

Work will be undertaken to:

- (a) ***Revise the Equitable Access Score-card*** to complement the tool with a specific focus on COVID-19 and other potential pandemics
- (b) ***Support up to four self-assessments*** on the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation in countries using the Equitable Access Score-card

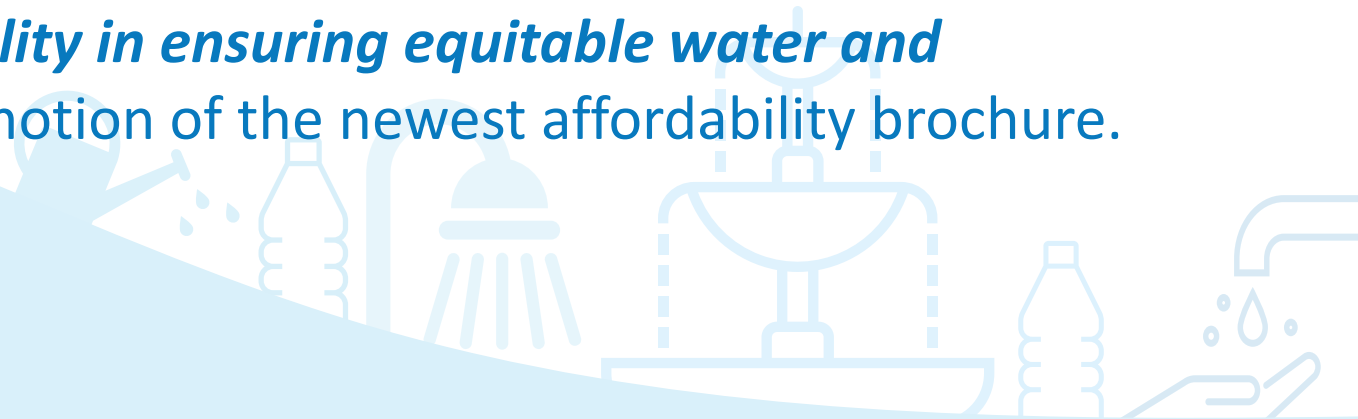


## 2. Foster the adoption and implementation of measures to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation



Work will be undertaken to:

- (a) ***Support the development of equitable access action plans*** and/or related policy recommendations in up to two countries;
- (b) ***Organize up to two meetings of the Expert Group*** on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation to facilitate the exchange of experiences;
- (c) ***Promote the importance of affordability in ensuring equitable water and sanitation*** services, including the promotion of the newest affordability brochure.



### 3. Promote awareness on equitable access to water and sanitation, as well as synergies with relevant global and regional processes, policies and instruments

Work will be undertaken to:

- (a) ***Promote the use of the Protocol tools*** on equitable access to meet and implement obligations arising from the relevant European Union directives on water and sanitation.
- (b) ***Promote the strengthening of efforts on equitable access to sanitation***, including in the context of the ongoing revision of the EU UWWTD.
- (c) ***Promote political awareness on existing inequities*** in regional and international events



# Results of the survey in relation to the activities in the 2023-2025 programme of work

## Overall pattern:

- Preparation of publications/guidance documents received less attention compared to capacity-building activities

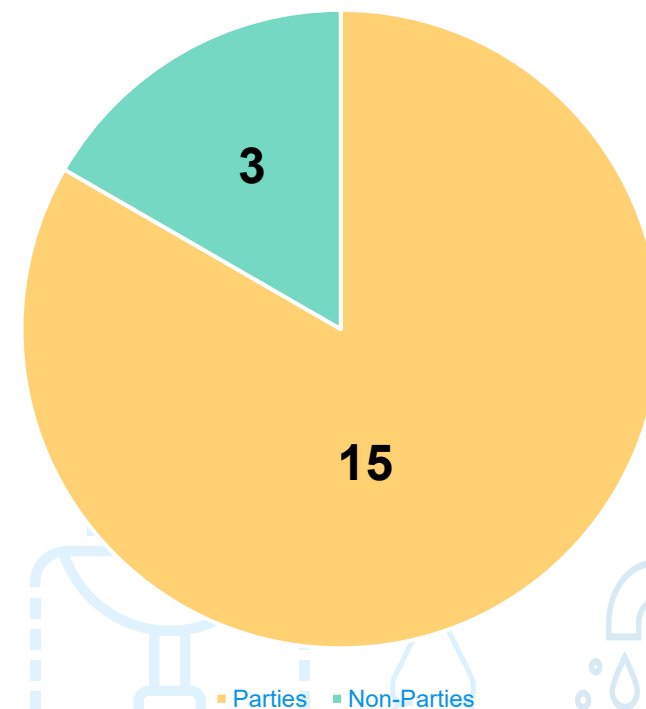
## Highest attention received (13 responses)

- *Item (a) under PA7*: Exchange experiences and promote good practices at the regional and subregional levels

## Lowest attention received (2 responses)

- *Item (c) under PA6.3*: Promote political awareness on existing equities in the context of access to water and sanitation

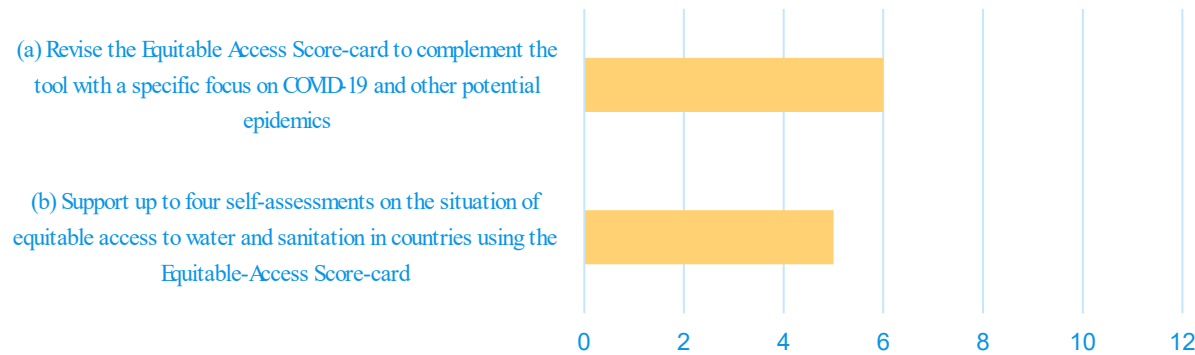
Responses received



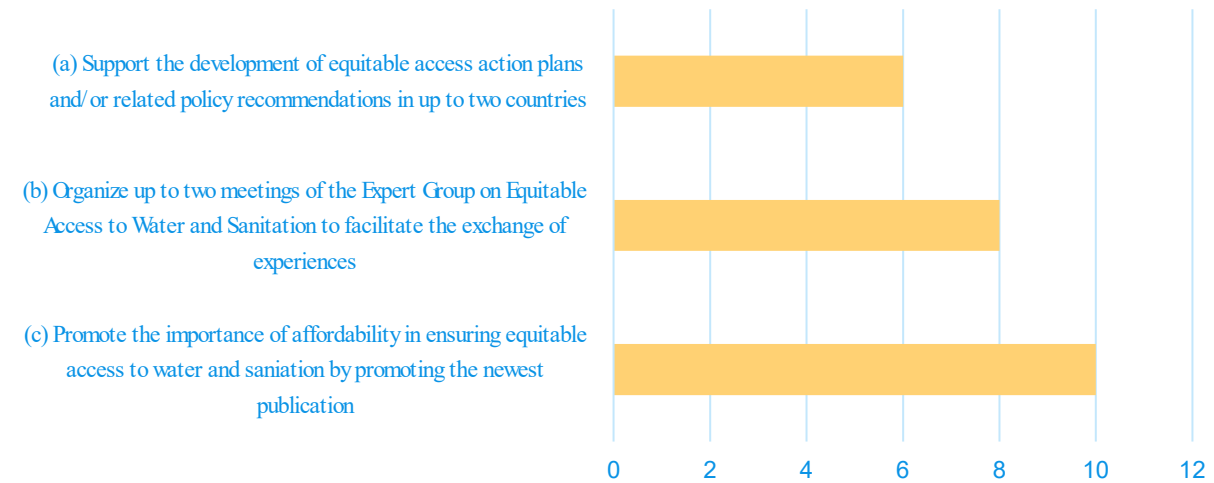


# Survey Results – Programme Area 6

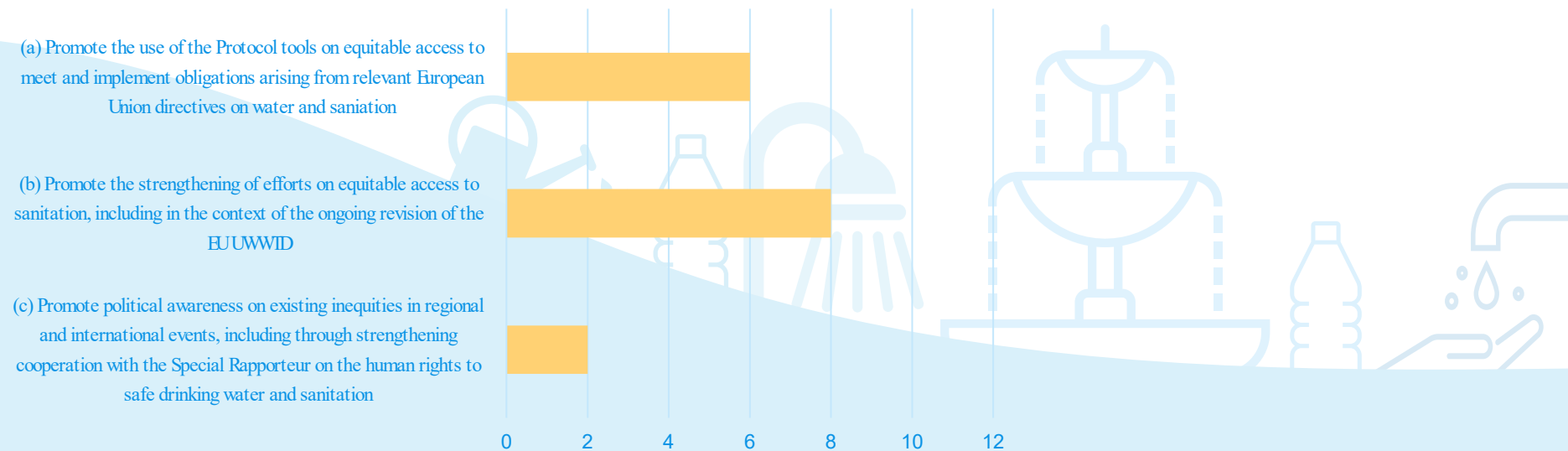
## 6.1 Support assessments of the situation on equitable access to water and sanitation



## 6.2 Foster the adoption and implementation of measures to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation



## 6.3 Promote awareness on equitable access to water and sanitation



# Thank you!

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