

Item 6:

# Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

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# The Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

## INTRODUCTION

- The Task Force was established at the First Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, Switzerland, 17-19 January 2007).
- The work of the Task Force has been a core component of all programme areas of work under the Protocol due to its function in facilitating and supporting the implementation of Articles 6 and 7 of the Protocol.
- The Task Force also plays a major role in translating global and regional commitments into national targets and action.
- Furthermore, the Task Force facilitates monitoring of continuous progress

# Major Outcomes of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting under the Programme of Work 2020-2022



# 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting Geneva & Online, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Meeting was organised in hybrid format.
- The Meeting, held in three languages, was very well attended by more than 60 participants.
- The TF exchanged experiences on measures taken in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and health in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, including challenges faced and lessons learned.
- The TF encouraged countries to use the Protocol as an operational tool to strengthen national and local capacities to respond to and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic and to improve prevention and preparedness measures with regards to WASH, in particular by setting and implementing Covid-19 sensitive targets under the Protocol in order to increase resilience against the spread of infectious diseases.



# 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (2020) Contd

- The TF reviewed the progress made by Parties in setting, revising and implementing their targets under Article 6 of the Protocol.
- In this regard, the TF welcomed the progress made by several Parties in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic and it encouraged those Parties, who had not yet set targets to finalise the process as soon as possible.
- The TF took note of the plans to develop a concept for an Electronic Reporting System under the Protocol.
- The TF encouraged countries to harmonise national WASH monitoring with SDG 6 indicators, define advanced WASH service levels for schools and health care facilities and actively engage in the global monitoring efforts.



# 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting Geneva & Online, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

- **Participation**: The TF Meeting was very well attended by 28 countries and several partner IGOs and NGOs.
- The TF reviewed progress by Parties and other States in setting, revising and implementing their targets, in accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol and welcomed the significant progress made by Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Germany, Portugal, the Russian Federation and Spain.
- The TF encouraged the use of the Consultation Process under the Compliance Committee of the Protocol for Parties requiring assistance in setting, revising and/or implementing their targets



# 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting (2021) Contd

- The TF encouraged Protocol Parties and other States to make use of the document: "**Protocol on Water and Health and the Covid-19 pandemic: relevance, lessons learned and future perspectives**" when setting and implementing Covid-19 sensitive targets on water, sanitation, hygiene and health.
- The TF launched the 5<sup>th</sup> Reporting Cycle under the Protocol and took note of the necessary preparations including the Reporting Template and the Guidelines.
- The TF discussed the Future Programme of Work 2023-2025 and it provided insights on thematic priorities.
- The TF agreed to hold its next meeting in Autumn 2023.



# Future Programme of Work 2023-2025

Improving Governance for Water and Health through Setting Targets, Implementing Measures and Reporting

Lead Parties:

Portugal, Romania and Switzerland





## Objectives of Programme Area 1:

- Reinforce the implementation of the core provisions of the Protocol on target setting and reporting under Articles 6 and 7;
- Support related action at national level.

# Future Work in Programme Area 1:

## SUB-AREAS OF WORK

1. Setting targets and implementing measures;
2. Strengthening capacity to monitor progress and reporting;
3. Improving governance on water and health at the national level.

# 1. Setting Targets and Implementing Measures

- a) Organise up to two Meetings of the Task Force;
- b) Organise up to three National and/or Subregional Workshops to support target setting and implementation;
- c) Develop a publication on financial and economic aspects of target setting and target implementation.

## 2. Strengthen Capacity to Monitor Progress and Reporting

- a) Based on the publication «***Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation***», promote the strengthening of synergies at the regional and global levels with processes related to the relevant SDGs.

- b) Facilitate reporting by Parties and other States, in accordance with Article 7 and support data analysis at the regional level through the full deployment of an Online Reporting System for the Sixth Reporting Cycle under the Protocol.
- c) Guide the Secretariat in preparing the Regional Implementation Report oriented towards communicating the findings and showcasing the progress made and achievements at the regional level based on national summary reports.

### 3. Improving Governance on Water and Health at the National Level

Assist Parties and other States in setting targets, establishing action plans and implementing measures to achieve them, by providing, upon demand and subject to the availability of resources, tailor-made support through relevant processes and projects:

- «EU4Environment – Water Resources and Environmental Data» for the Eastern Partnership
- Other projects, including: “Improving water, sanitation, hygiene and health through the implementation of the programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health” with beneficiary countries in Central Asia; the United Nations Development Account Projects, etc.
- WHO Biennial Collaborative Agreements and Country Cooperation Strategies



# Thank you for your attention!

