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**New momentum to make safe water and sanitation a reality for all:  
How to scale up globally practical tools and know-how gained under  
the Protocol on Water and Health?**

**22 March, 14.00-15.15, room 9, UN HQ**

Co-organized by Hungary, Germany, Portugal, Women for Water Partnership, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

**Background and objectives**

The world needs accelerated action and practical solutions and tools to achieve the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda and make universal access to clean water and safe sanitation a reality for all. We need to build on successes and scale up, building on workable tools to close the persisting gaps.

The event aims at presenting the practical tools developed under the Protocol on Water and Health available to governments, local authorities and communities that had proven effective in supporting progress towards reaching SDG 6 and building safe and climate-resilient water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services fit for the future.

**Provisional programme**

***Moderators***

*Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE, and Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO/Europe*

**Opening remarks and setting the scene**

14.00-14.05 Ms. Judit Bidló, Deputy State Secretary for Professional Healthcare Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary

14.05-14.10 H.E. Ms. Olga Algayerova, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UNECE Executive Secretary

14.10-14.15 Ms. Maria P. Neira, Assistant Director-General a.i., World Health Organization

### **Practical tools on water, sanitation, hygiene and health**

14.15-14.22 Protocol on Water and Health as a framework to advance WASH in health-care facilities

*Ms. Marta Vargha, Chair of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health, National Public Health Centre, Hungary*

14.22-14.32 Water Safety Planning: risk-based management tools and approaches

*Mr. Stefan Tidow, State Secretary for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany, with a video story and complementary remarks by Mr. Oliver Schmoll, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

14.32-14.42 Equitable access self-assessment methodology

*Mr. Benoît Sevcik, Health and Social Affairs Advisor to the French Embassy in Washington and Ms. Emma Anakhasyan, Women for Water Partnership*

14.42-14.52 Setting national targets on water and sanitation affordability in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

*Mr. Hugo Pires, Secretary of State for the Environment, Portugal, with complementary remarks by Ms. Helena Costa, the Water and Waste Services Regulation Authority*

14.52-14.55 Benefits of accession to the Protocol on Water and Health

*Mr. Nurkan Sadvakassov, Chairman, Committee of Sanitary and Epidemiological Control, Kazakhstan*

### **Moderated discussion**

14.55-15.15 Discussion moderated by UNECE and WHO/Europe