

Subregional workshop on supporting accession to the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health

Exchange on benefits of accession and technical work between Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Serbia

Date: 26-27 June 2023

Venue: Institute of Public Health of Serbia, [Str. Dr Subotica 5, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia](#)

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Provisional agenda

Monday, 26 June 2023 (9.30 – 18.00)	
09.30 – 10.00	Registration of the participants and welcome coffee Remote connection & testing
Session 1. Opening session	
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Opening remarks and introduction to the workshop objectives</p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Jelena Jankovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Health, Serbia - Dr. Verica Jovanovic, Acting director, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health - Ministry of the Environmental Protection, Serbia [TBC] - Ms. Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia - Dr. Fabio Scano, WHO Representative in Serbia - Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor on Environment, UNECE <p><i>Introduction by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, manager of the Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE
Session 2: Legal framework and main obligations under the Protocol on Water and Health	
10.30 – 11.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions of the main obligations and benefits of accession to the Protocol • Programme of work for 2023-2025 • Protocol on the Water and Health in Serbia: ratification and implementation <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE - Ms. Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe - Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health
11.10 – 11.15	Q&A Session with the audience

Session 3: Review of the situation and progress with water, sanitation, hygiene and health in the Central Asian States	
11:15 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress and challenges of the country on accession procedure to the Protocol on Water and Health • Update on the progress, needs, priorities and challenges in the area of water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and health • Obligations under the Protocol: target setting and reporting <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Nurzhan Kissabekov, The Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Control of the Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan - Mr. Gul Sharifov, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan (online) - Ms. Olga Mirshina, Committee of Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health, Ministry of Health, Uzbekistan
12.15 – 12.30	Q&A Session with the audience
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
Session 4: Experience and achievements of Serbia as Party to the Protocol	
14.30 – 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol on the Water and Health in Serbia: achievements • Serbian Pathway in Ensuring Equitable Access to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health - Ministry of Environmental Protection [TBC]
15.00 – 15.15	Q&A Session with the audience
Session 5: Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation	
15.15 – 15.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and activities supported by the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation – and identification of priority needs <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE
15.25 – 15.30	Q&A Session with the audience

Session 6: Interactive session	
15.30 – 16.30	<p>Plenary session on accession to the Protocol on Water and Health</p> <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE - Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE <p><u>The session will focus on the following questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What specific challenges are faced by your country in achieving progress on the accession to the Protocol? ➤ What are the main obstacles that need to be overcome to ensure successful finalization of the accession to the Protocol? ➤ What actions has your ministry/institute taken to solve these issues and to further promote accession to the Protocol? ➤ What activities will your country undertake immediately after joining the Protocol? ➤ How can the Protocol secretariat support the accession process and implementation of obligations under the Protocol?
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break
Session 7: Closing	
17.00 -17.30	Results of the interactive session, summary of the workshop, and follow-up on the next steps
17.30 – 18.00	<p><i>Closing remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health - Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE - Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE - Ms. Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe

Tuesday, 27 June 2023 (08.30 – 12.00)

Session 8: Site visit to the treatment unit “Makis”

8.30	Meeting at the Institute of Public Health of Serbia
8.30 – 9.00	Travel time to the “Makis” treatment unit
9.00 – 11.00	Tour organized by the Serbian government
11.00 – 11.30	Travel time back to Belgrade