

Outcomes of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 16-18 November 2022)

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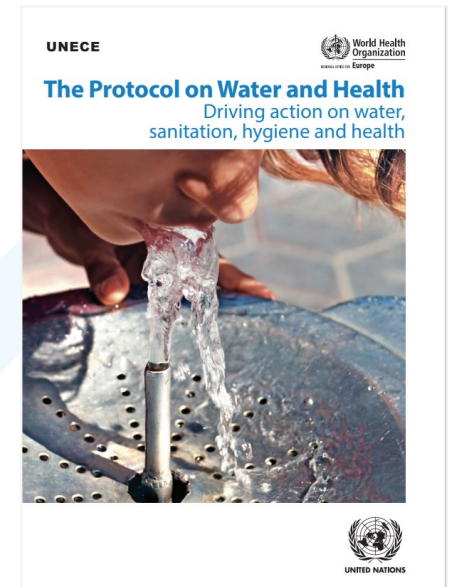
- **Broad and high-level participation:** 300 participants from over 45 countries, over 20 ministers, state secretaries and ambassadors
- MOP elected Hungary as its Chair, new members of the [Bureau](#) and [Compliance Committee](#) also elected

High-level session

- Focused on **strengthening resilience** of WASH and health services in times of climate change and pandemics – Protocol as a framework for integrated response to crises
- **Conclusions** brought forward by Hungary, as MOP Chair, to the 2023 UN Water Conference

Countries' progress towards accession

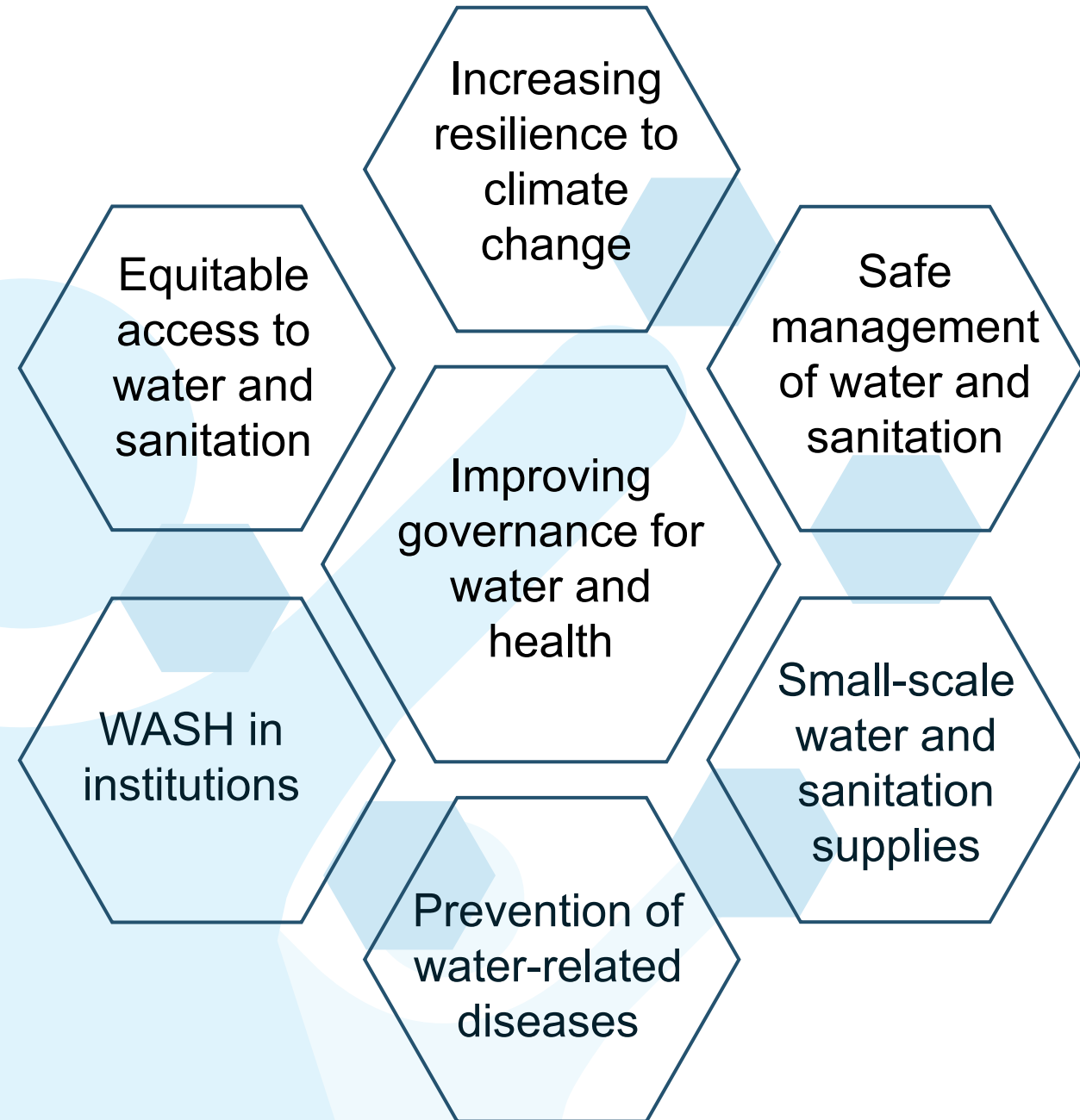
- Montenegro acceded to the Protocol in 2019 – **27th Party**
- **Four countries in the process of accession** (Italy, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Uzbekistan)
- UN Secretary General stressing the **call for accession** in his message to the MOP – all countries of the pan-European region to ratify the Protocol and strive for full implementation



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Future work

- [Programme of work for 2023-2025](#) adopted
- Two projects on equitable access to water and sanitation, climate change and food-water-energy nexus currently ongoing
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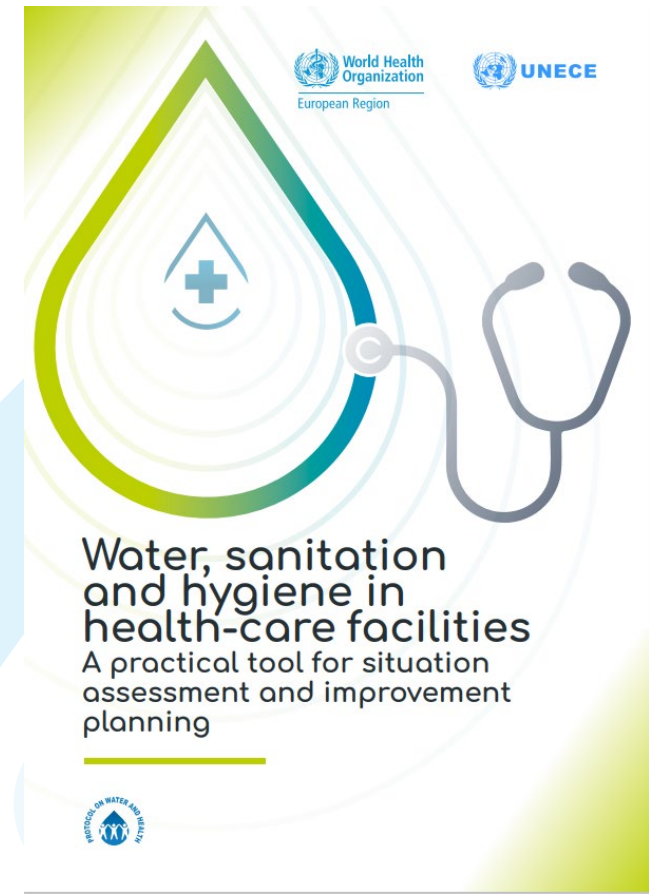
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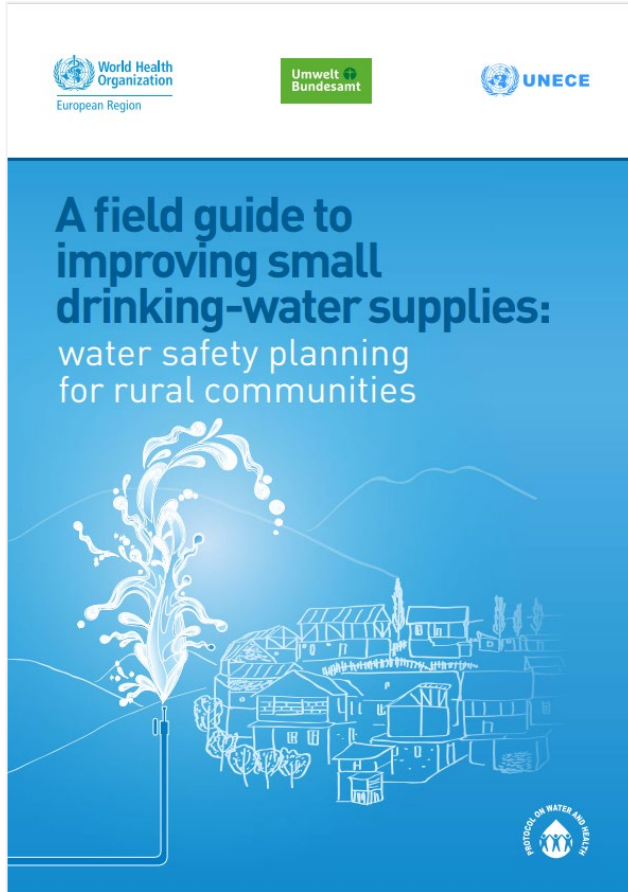
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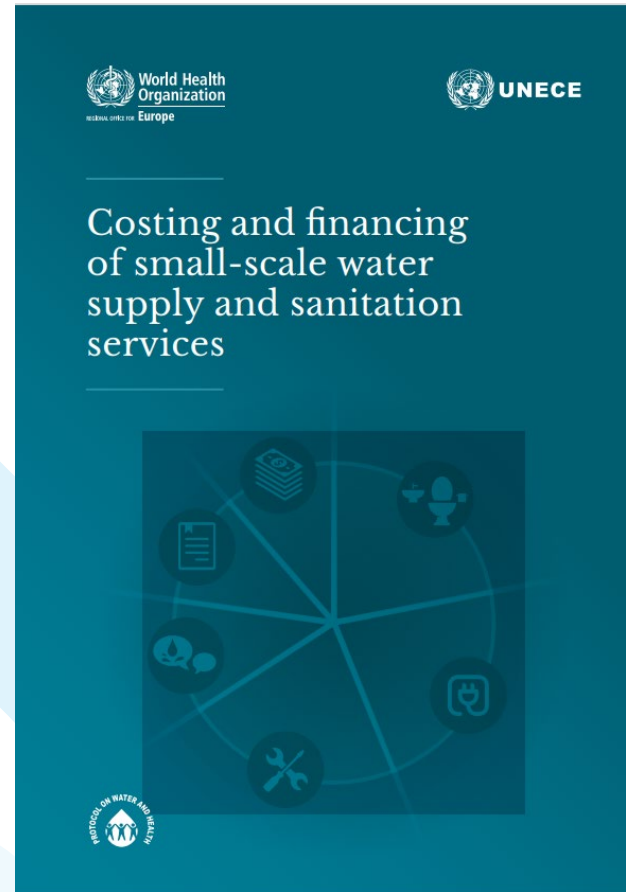
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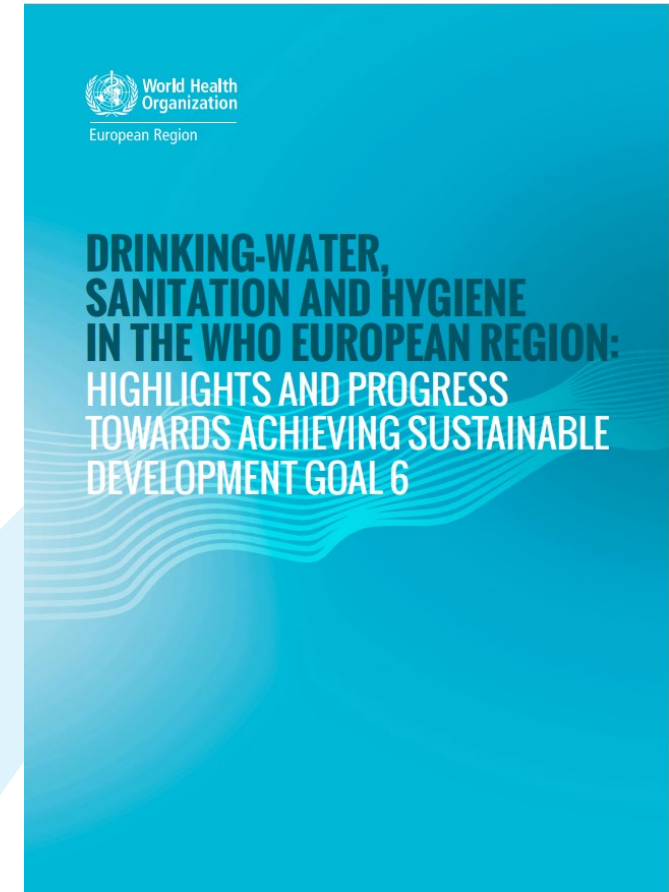
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Cooperation between the Protocol and the Water Convention

Increasing resilience to climate change

- Jointly organized Global Workshop on building climate resilience through improving water management and sanitation at national and transboundary levels (29-31 March 2021)
- Possible joint events to be organized in future triennium – thematic focus on water and disaster risk reduction, water scarcity, financing climate adaptation

Cooperation under the framework of National Policy Dialogues

- NPDs carried out in 2021-2022 with the aim of strengthening water governance and integrated water resource management in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. To continue in future triennium

Exchange of experience between Protocol Compliance Committee and Convention Implementation Committee

NB: Strategic discussion at the Protocol's Bureau meeting in May 2023. Global relevance of PWH, increasing interest from European Commission, need to build partnerships. **Vision for the Protocol and its future development under preparation**

Upcoming events in 2023-2024 – international events and meetings under the Protocol

- 7th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, Hungary, 5-7 July 2023)
- Strategic workshop on climate change under the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 13-14 November 2023)
- Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting – thematic focus on climate (Geneva, 14 November (p.m.) 2023)
- Expert group meeting on equitable access to water and sanitation (Paris, March 2024, details tbc)
- Compliance Committee meeting (Geneva, 5-6 March 2024)
- Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 16-17 April 2024)
- Workshop on climate change and target setting in Mediterranean countries (Lisbon, June 2024, details tbc)
- Regional workshop on equitable access to water and sanitation (Budapest, September 2024, details tbc)
- Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (Geneva, 4-5 November 2024)

The background of the slide is a photograph of a water pump in a dry, arid landscape. The pump is a blue, cylindrical structure with a vertical pipe extending upwards. It is situated in a sandy, brownish-yellow environment with sparse, dry vegetation. The pump is mounted on a concrete base. The overall scene suggests a water scarcity or drought condition.

Thank you for your attention!

- More information on the Protocol is available [here](#)
- You can contact the Protocol's secretariat at:
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