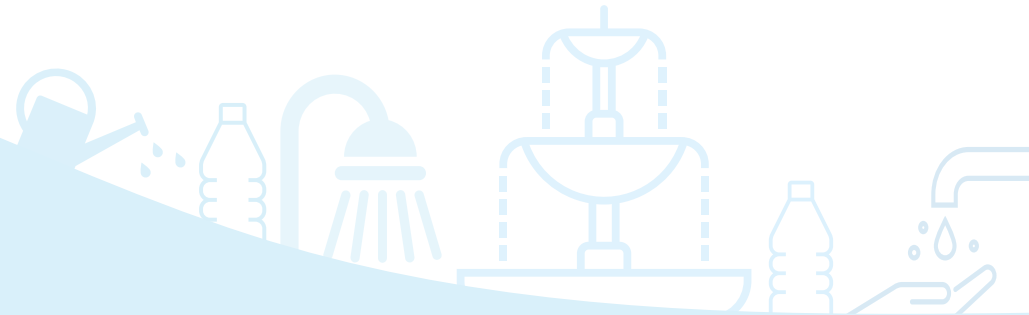


Item 16. Financial resources to support the implementation of the Protocol



Draft proposal for targets aimed at ensuring financial sustainability of the work under the Protocol on Water and Health

MOP-1 Decision on financial arrangements to support implementation of the Protocol stated that:

“the need for stable and predictable sources of funding and a fair sharing of the burden, transparency and accountability should be the guiding principles of any financial arrangements established under the Protocol”

As of now:

- No mandatory contribution scheme in place for the Protocol
- Programme of work implementation mostly rely on voluntary contributions

This condition poses some challenges related to:

- **effective implementation of the programme of work** (e.g. for the 2020-2022 PoW, less than 40% of the budget estimated necessary and approved by the Meeting of the Parties could be mobilized by Parties' contributions)
- **sustainability of secretariat staff** (e.g. only a small share of 1 staff time in UNECE is covered by regular budget, 3 staff are funded from extrabudgetary resources)

Therefore, following the mandate given by the 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties, the Protocol's Bureau discussed possible options and considered that it was useful to introduce a system of drivers to address above challenges

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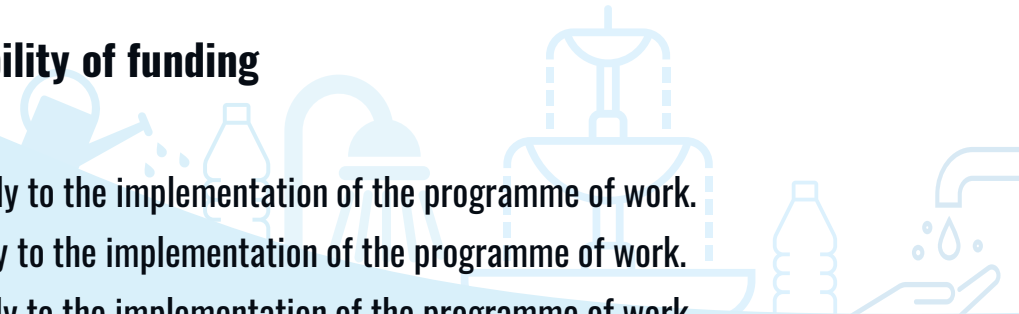
Objective 1: Achieve a fairer share of the burden of financing the implementation of the programme of work

Proposed targets:

- By 2028, at least 75 per cent of all Parties finance the programme of work.
- By 2031, at least 85 per cent of all Parties finance the programme of work.
- By 2034, 100 per cent of all Parties finance the programme of work.

Objective 2: Improve reliability and predictability of funding

Proposed targets:

- By 2028, 60 per cent of all Parties contribute regularly to the implementation of the programme of work.
 - By 2031, 75 per cent of all Parties contribute regularly to the implementation of the programme of work.
 - By 2034, 90 per cent of all Parties contribute regularly to the implementation of the programme of work.
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Objective 3: Ensure full mobilization of financial resources in an equitable manner

Proposed targets:

- By 2028, 30 per cent of all Parties contribute to the programme of work according to the UN scale of assessment or more.
- By 2031, 40 per cent of all Parties contribute to the programme of work according to the UN scale of assessment or more.
- By 2034, 50 per cent of all Parties contribute to the programme of work according to the UN scale of assessment or more.

Objective 4: Support a balanced implementation of all programme areas and simplify donors' requirements to increase efficiency

Proposed targets:

- By 2028, 60 per cent of all contributions are unearmarked.
- By 2031, 70 per cent of all contributions are unearmarked.
- By 2034, 80 per cent of all contributions are unearmarked.

