Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation

Translating the human rights into practice

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1. Progress made since 2022

Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, 5-7 July 2023)

Objective:

• to showcase the tools and guidance developed under the Protocol to inspire and support countries in realizing the human rights to water and sanitation

Outcome:

• Increased awareness of the tools and guidance developed under Programme Area 6 and the revision process of the Equitable Access Score-card
1. Progress made since 2022

Revision of the Equitable Access Score-card

• Following the Regional Workshop on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (Geneva, 13-14 June 2022), Parties, non-Parties and civil society organizations initiated the revision of the Score-card

• Following the Regional Workshop and several revision rounds, the joint-secretariat uploaded the first draft on the Protocol webpage

• Pilot assessments in Montenegro and Albania to feed into the further revision of the Score-card

Objective:

• To reflect the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic by assessing the ability to secure the provision of WASH services in emergency situations and other key equity-related issues
1. Progress made since 2022

Self-assessments and piloting in Montenegro and Albania

- National workshop on the findings of the equitable access to water and sanitation self-assessment in Montenegro (16 May 2023)

- Inception workshop on equitable access to water and sanitation in Albania (30 October 2023)

- National workshop on the findings of the equitable access to water and sanitation self-assessment in Albania (27 March 2024)
Revision process of the Equitable Access Score-card

- **2011-2013**: Development of the Score-card
- **2013-2019**: Applied in 12 countries
- **June 2022**: Regional Workshop
- **August 2022**: Revision rounds
- **2023-2024**: Piloting in Montenegro & Albania
- **December 2024**: Launch at Regional Workshop

- **2013**
  - Score-card published
- **2020**
  - COVID-19 pandemic
- **July 2022**
  - Literature review and first draft
- **September 2022**
  - Publishing draft revised Score-card
- **28-29 May 2024**
  - Revision at Expert Group Meeting
## 2. Upcoming meetings under PA6

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| Seventh meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (online, 28-29 May 2024) | • To exchange experiences and lessons learned applying/piloting the (draft) Equitable Access Score-card to identify limitations and other dimensions to be included in the tool  
  • To initiate the finalization of the revision of the tool to be launched published towards the end of 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Regional Workshop on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (Budapest, December 2024) | • To support countries in efforts to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation  
  • To share experiences, measures and plans for EU and candidate countries on how to translate the new obligations arising from the EU Drinking Water Directive recast and how the tools under the Protocol facilitate implementation |
Thank you!

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