

# Revising our targets in Norway

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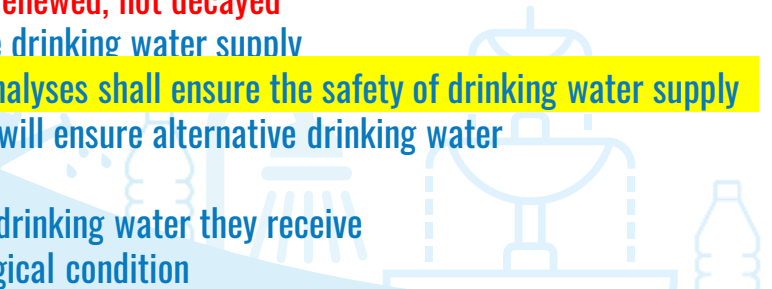


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# 1. Progress made since 2022

- First targets set in 2014, new targets set in January 2024.
  - Process started with an evaluation of existing targets
  - Some targets were reached and no longer relevant, others were modified because of experience made and other developments.
  - The UNECEs Guidelines on the setting of targets was used in the preparation of the new targets.
  - Focus on making progress easier to measure through indicators
  - A joint implementation plan set (Min of Health, Min of Environment)
  - A permanent “core group” at ministerial level established.
  - Stakeholder involvement: Norwegian Water and The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
  - Process showed greater understanding for the need to set targets than in 2014.
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## 2. Our new 25 targets (down from 50)

- 1 No one should get sick from drinking water
  - 2 Drinking water should not have microbiological abnormalities
  - 3 Drinking water should not have chemical and sensory abnormalities
  - 4 All water bodies with drinking water withdrawals must be protected from contamination
  - 5 Municipal social planning shall ensure that residents have safe drinking water, and drinking water considerations shall be taken into account in land-use planning
  - 6 The municipalities must have comprehensive plans and measures that see water, sewerage and land use in context
  - 7 Drinking water supplies must have water treatment adapted to variations in water quality
  - 8 Leakage of drinking water should be reduced
  - 9 The drinking water distribution system should be renewed, not decayed
  - 10 There should be no unforeseen interruptions in the drinking water supply
  - 11 The municipalities' overall risk and vulnerability analyses shall ensure the safety of drinking water supply
  - 12 The municipality's emergency preparedness plans will ensure alternative drinking water supplies for all, if necessary through cooperation
  - 13 The population will receive information about the drinking water they receive
  - 14 Water bodies must be in good chemical and ecological condition
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### 3. Our new 25 targets (cont.)

- 15 No one should get sick from swimming in pool facilities outdoors or indoors as a result of the water quality
  - 16 Improve access to public toilets
  - 17 No sewage system shall discharge untreated wastewater
  - 18 The population in urban settlements shall be connected to the public sewage system
  - 19 Larger agglomerations must have sewage systems that at least meet the EU's requirements for secondary treatment
  - 20 Municipal wastewater must have chemical and/or biological treatment
  - 21 **Wastewater treatment capacity to follow population growth**
  - 22 The sewer network should be renewed, not decayed
  - 23 Emissions from overflow will be reduced
  - 24 **Wastewater and stormwater must be separated**
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# 4. Action plan (example)

Action number	Dead-line	Effort	Responsible	Relevant Norw. goal	Relevant target areas (Protocol)
<b>Main measure 1 – Targeted efforts related to priorities and resources</b>					
M1-1	2026	Develop action plans for water and wastewater in close dialogue with the municipalities (to establish a prioritisation mechanism).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Climate/ Norwegian Environment Agency</li> <li>• Ministry of Health/ Norwegian Food Safety Authority</li> <li>• Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development</li> </ul>	All	All
M1-2	2025	Develop a new reporting solution from waterworks owners as a basis for effective and targeted public control and implementation of measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Health/ Norwegian Food Safety Authority</li> </ul>	G1, G2, G3	A, B

# Thank you for your attention!

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