

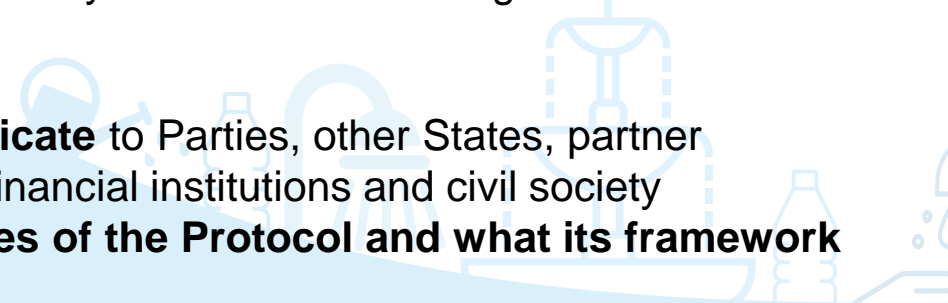
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# Item 9. Long-term vision and strategy for implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health



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# Background

- The vision document **developed by the Bureau of the Protocol** with the support of the joint secretariat
  - Strategy **sets out mid and long-term goals of the Protocol** to support Member States and the global community in addressing current and emerging challenges for the water and sanitation sector.
  - Challenges include the **climate crisis, water-related disease outbreaks, environmental pollution, epidemics such as COVID-19 and other emergencies** until 2040 and beyond, as well as to progressively realize the human rights to water and sanitation
  - The vision document **aims to communicate** to Parties, other States, partner organizations, development agencies, financial institutions and civil society representatives **the vision and priorities of the Protocol and what its framework offers**
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**Working Group on Water and Health**

Fourteenth meeting  
Geneva, 16 and 17 April 2024

**INFORMAL DOCUMENT**

**Draft vision and strategy for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health**

Prepared by the Bureau with the support of the joint secretariat

*Summary*

The present document outlines the draft vision and strategy for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health. The Bureau held strategic discussions on the vision for the Protocol and its future development at its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting (Geneva, 10-11 May 2023) and 30<sup>th</sup> meeting (Geneva, 15 November 2023) and prepared the present document, with the support of the joint secretariat.

The Working Group on Water and Health is invited to provide its comments on the proposed vision for the Protocol and strategy for its implementation and discuss the way forward towards the submission of the document to the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health planned to be held in November 2025, for its review and adoption.

# Preliminary outline

- I. Vision statement of the Protocol on Water and Health
- II. Background and purpose
- III. Strategic goals of the Protocol on Water and Health
- IV. How to achieve the strategic goals
- V. What the Protocol on Water and Health offers
- VI. Summary and conclusions

# Vision statement



The Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE-  
WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health  
has a vision that:

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*The Protocol on Water and Health is a driving force for a world with universal access to water, sanitation, and hygiene, free of waterborne diseases and with a clean and healthy environment for present and future generations*

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# Strategic goals of the Protocol on Water and Health



**Goal 1:** Strengthen water, sanitation, hygiene, health and environmental governance and policies through increased accession to the Protocol and promotion of its tools, including at the global level

**Goal 2:** Protect public and environmental health through efficient water management for the prevention of water-quality incidents and water-related disease outbreaks and epidemics

**Goal 3:** Ensure universal and equitable access to safe water and sanitation services for all in all settings

**Goal 4:** Protect the environment and water resources from source to end users

**Goal 5:** Address climate change impacts and other emerging challenges impacting water, sanitation and hygiene services



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# How to achieve the strategic goals



**Implementation action 1:** Increased accession, capacity and awareness of the Protocol on Water and Health, its framework, and the guidance tools it provides

**Implementation action 2:** Increased coherence with regional and global processes

**Implementation action 3:** Increased partnerships to implement the objectives

**Implementation action 4:** Sustainable and predictable resources for implementation of the Protocol and advancing the WASH agenda

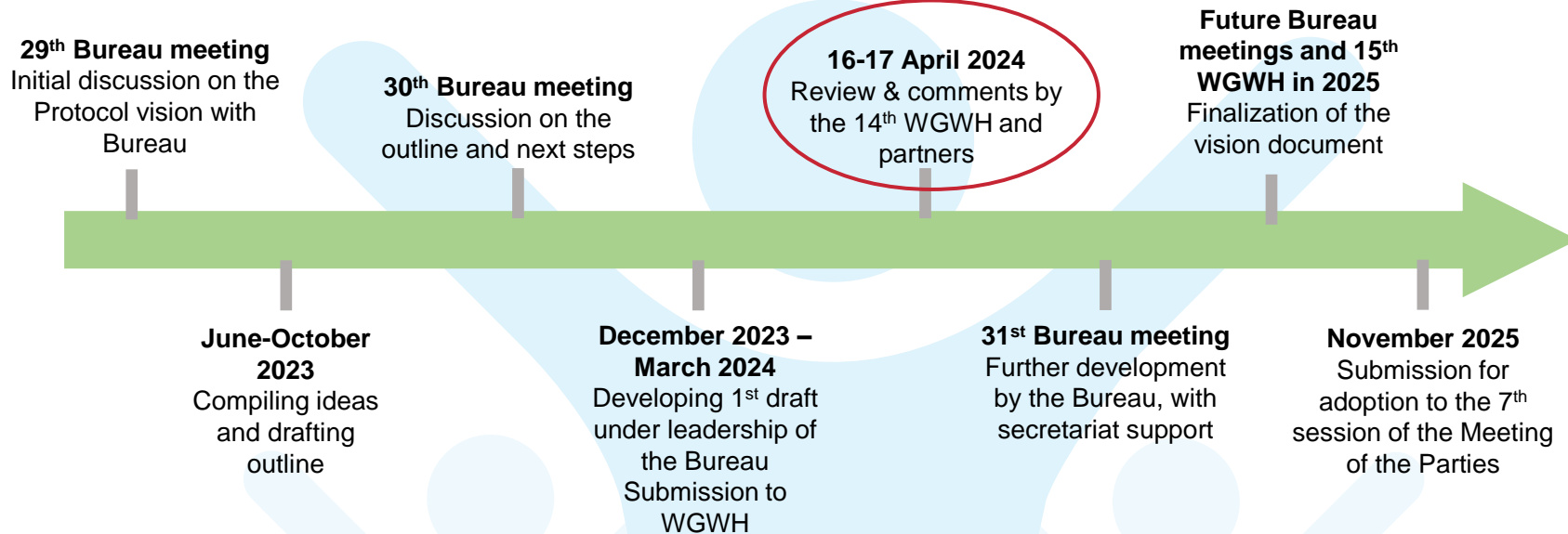


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# Timeline of the Vision development under the Protocol



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