



The Equitable Access Score-card: the past, present and ways forward

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Protocol programme of work (and synergies with SDGs)



Improving governance for water and health											
Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases											
Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings											
Small-scale water supply and sanitation											
Safe management of water supply and sanitation systems											
Equitable access to water and sanitation											
Increasing resilience to climate change											
Raising awareness on the Protocol and facilitating accession											
Compliance procedure											

What is the Equitable Access Score-card?

Analytical tool to **establish a baseline, track progress** and prompt discussions *to support the implementation of policies and practices* to guarantee equitable access to water and sanitation for all.

The Score-Card aims to assess i) the governance framework existing to achieve equitable access and ii) the existence of public policies to:



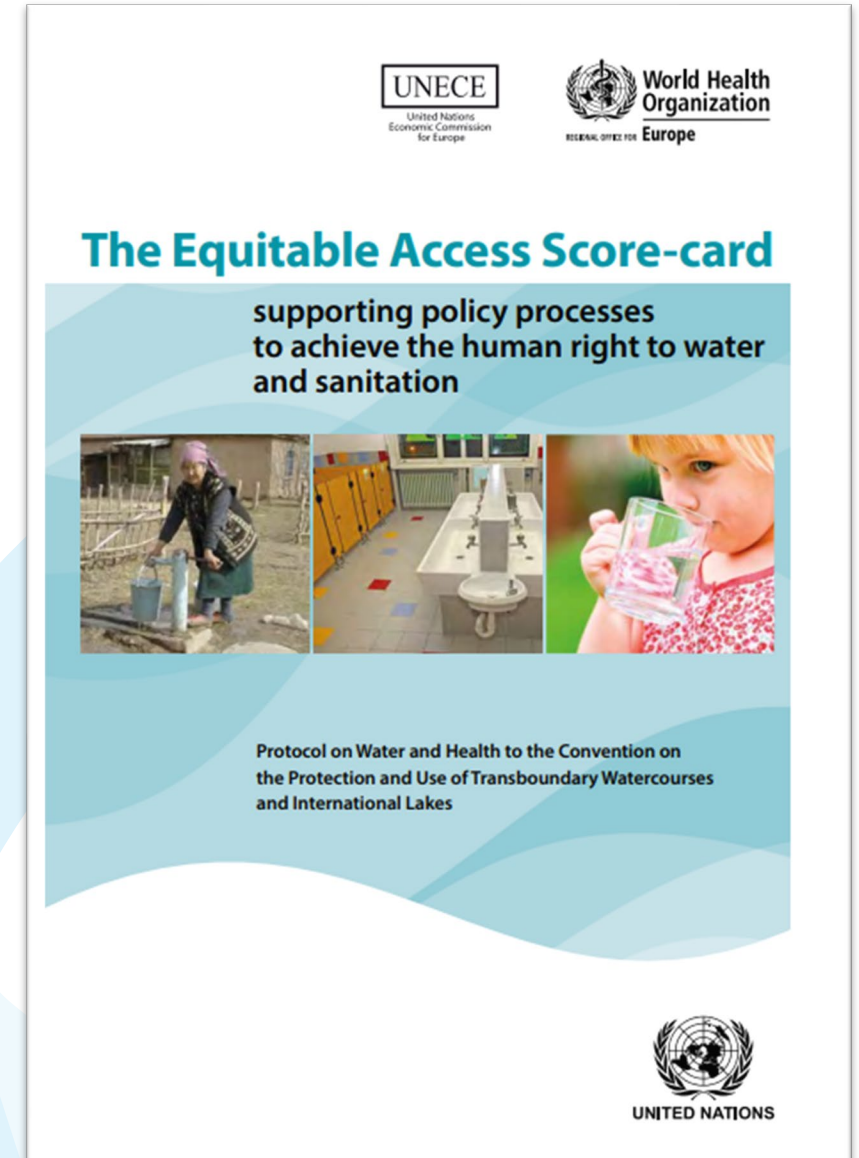
Reduce geographical disparities



Address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups



Ensure affordability in access to water and sanitation



How is the Score-card structured?

SECTION	AREA OF ACTION
Steering governance frameworks to deliver equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation	1.1 Strategic framework for achieving equitable access
	1.2 Sector financial policies
	1.3 Rights and duties of users and right-holders
Reducing geographical disparities	2.1 Public policies to reduce access disparities between geographical areas
	2.2 Public policies to reduce price disparities between geographical areas
	2.3 Geographical allocation of external support
Keeping water and sanitation affordable for all	4.1 Public policies to ensure affordability
	4.2 Tariff measures
	4.3 Social protection measures

SECTION	AREA OF ACTION
Ensuring access for vulnerable and marginalized groups	3.1 Public policies to address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups
	3.2 Persons with special physical needs
	3.3 Users of health facilities
	3.4 Users of educational facilities
	3.5 Users of retirement homes
	3.6 Prisoners
	3.7 Refugees living in refugee camps and centres
	3.8 Homeless people
	3.9 Travellers and nomadic communities
	3.10 Persons living in housing without water and sanitation
	3.11 Persons without access to safe drinking water and sanitation in their workplaces

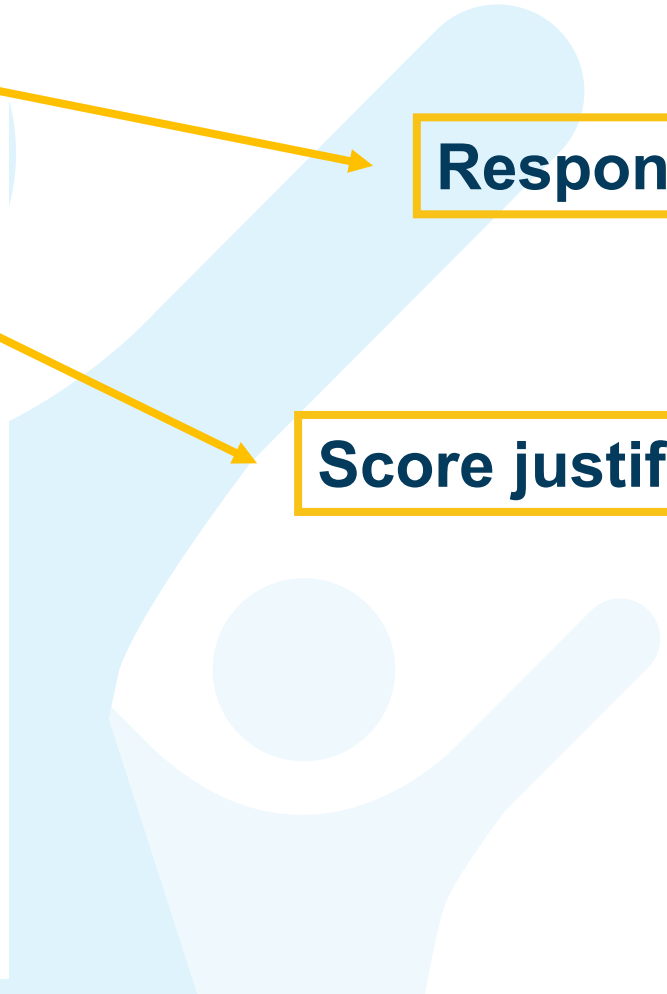
How does the Score-card work?

AREA 3.9 TRAVELLERS AND NOMADIC COMMUNITIES				
<p>Rationale. A number of people lack access to water and sanitation services not because their locality is not served or because they cannot afford them, but because they have no fixed dwelling to be connected to the water and sanitation networks. They include travellers and nomadic communities. Travellers and nomadic communities have to rely on public facilities. (The challenge of settlements of ethnic minorities is considered under area 3.10).</p>				
	YES	TO A LARGE EXTENT	TO A LIMITED EXTENT	NO
3.9.1 There is data on levels of access to safe drinking water and sanitation by travellers and nomadic communities				
<p>Score justification: (explain briefly and/or give examples that justify the answer)</p> <p>Means of verification used: (e.g. official documents, multi-stakeholder consultation, expert opinion)</p> <p>Reliability of the response: (high, medium, or low)</p>				
3.9.2 There is a public policy to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation by travellers and nomadic communities				
<p>Score justification: (explain briefly and/or give examples that justify the answer)</p> <p>Means of verification used: (e.g. official documents, multi-stakeholder consultation, expert opinion)</p> <p>Reliability of the response: (high, medium, or low)</p>				
3.9.3 There is specific public funding to support access to water and sanitation by travellers and nomadic communities				
<p>Score justification: (explain briefly and/or give examples that justify the answer)</p> <p>Means of verification used: (e.g. official documents, multi-stakeholder consultation, expert opinion)</p> <p>Reliability of the response: (high, medium, or low)</p>				
<p>Please calculate the score for Area 3.9 Add the points obtained (Yes = 3, To a large extent = 2, To a limited extent = 1, No = 0)</p> <p>Divide the number of total points by 3</p>				
<p>Please estimate the average reliability of the responses for this area (please mark one option)</p> <p>High Medium Low</p>				

Qualitative question

Response

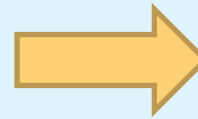
Score justification



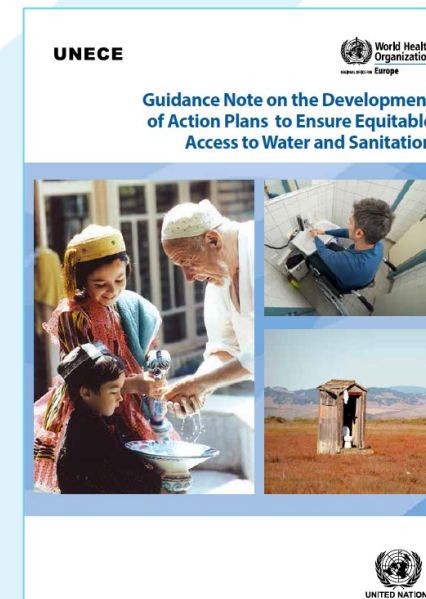
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The **summary sheet** in the end can help to identify the Areas of Action where the country (or region) is lagging behind, as well as areas where the information is particularly unreliable.

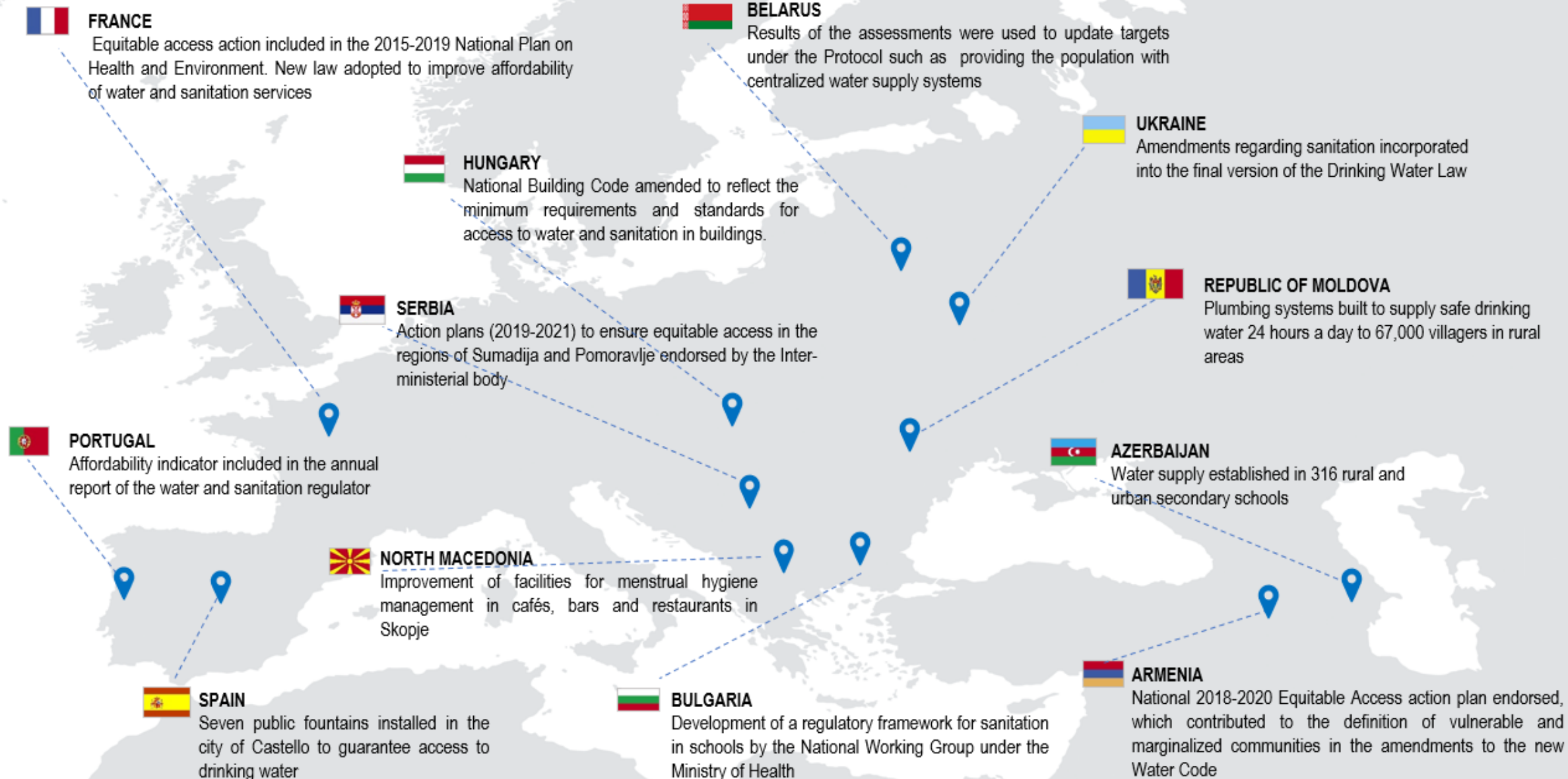


Identification of follow-up action

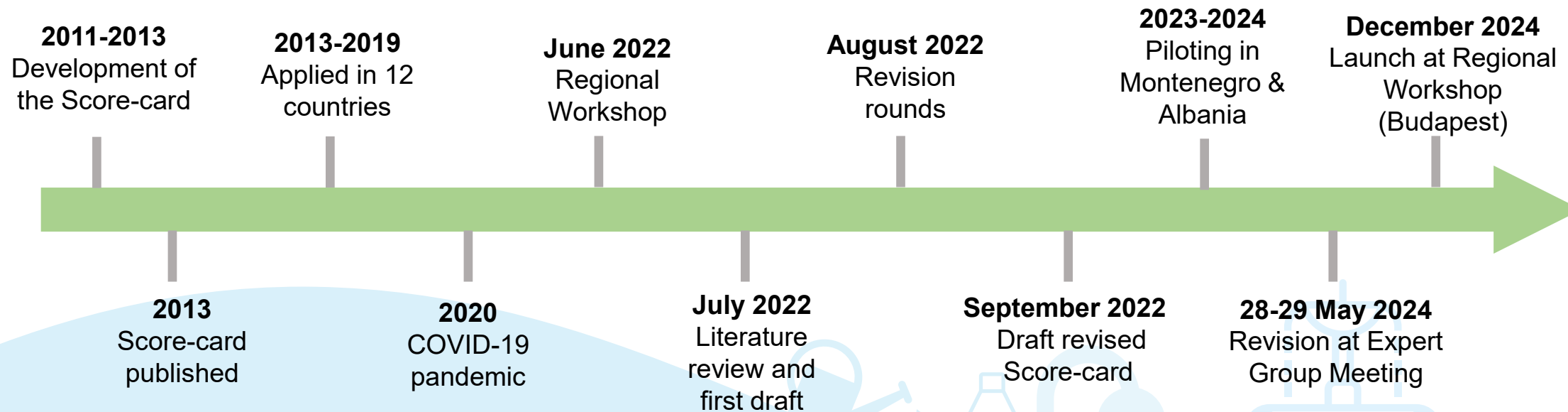


Improving equitable access to water and sanitation in the pan-European region

Selected measures taken to address gaps identified through equitable access self-assessments carried out in 2011-2022



Revision process of the Equitable Access Score-card



Thank you for your attention

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