

# Future work under Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health



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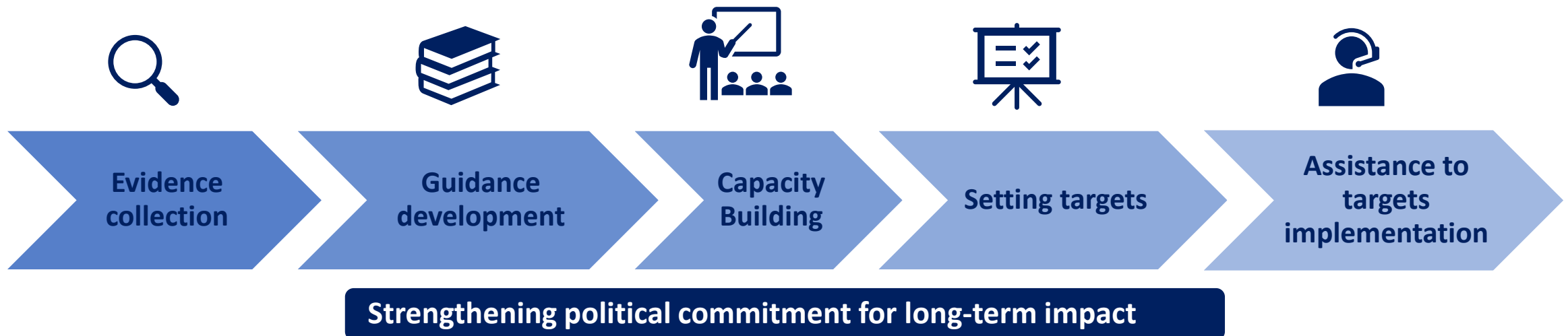
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# Programme of Work (PoW) of the Protocol on Water and Health

- Adopted **every 3 years** by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health since its first session in 2007
- Aims to **support Parties in the implementation of and compliance with the Protocol's provisions**, and to assist other States in acceding to and applying the Protocol.
- **Activities of the PoW address persisting gaps and emerging challenges in the pan-European region and support countries in pursuing their national priorities** in the areas of WASH and health, through different thematic “programme areas”.

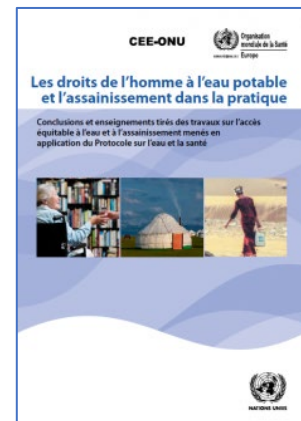
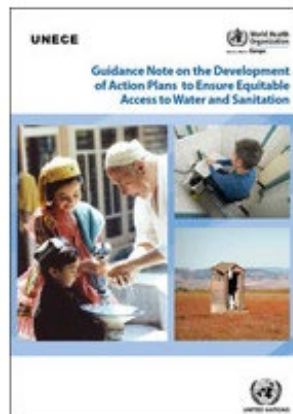
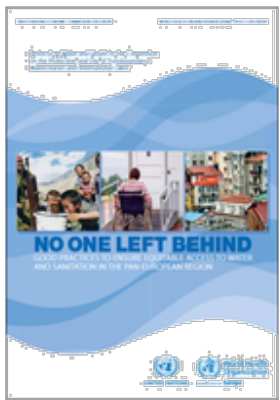
# Past Programme of Work under the Protocol on Water and Health

- So far, 6 Programmes of Work have been adopted and implemented since the Protocol on Water and Health exists (2007-2009; 2011-2013; 2014-2016; 2017-2019; 2020-2022 and the current one 2023-2025);
- Types of support which can be provided by the joint secretariat of the Protocol on Water and Health under the triennial PoW:



# Work on equitable access to water and sanitation in the Programmes of Work over the years:

- Equitable access defined in **article 5** of the Protocol on Water and Health (adopted in 2006) and thematic work **included** in the Protocol on Water and Health PoW for **the first time in 2007** !
- **2010: Adoption of the HRWS** by the UN General Assembly creating an official legal framework and laying the ground to consolidate the PWH's work on Eq. Access
- **2012: First meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation** under the PWH
- Then, **tools and useful guidance developed** - driven by needs and expertise of the Expert Group on Eq. Access:



- In parallel, **14 self-assessment exercises** were carried and actions to address gaps identified!

# Current programme of work 2023-2025

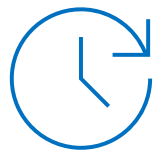
## Programme area 6 on equitable access to water and sanitation

### *Main objectives:*

- Support **assessments** of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation and **revise the Score-Card**
- Foster the **adoption and implementation of measures** to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation
- Promote **awareness on equitable access to water and sanitation**, as well as synergies with relevant global and regional processes, policies and instruments

### *Foreseen for the rest of 2024 and 2025:*

- Finalization of the **updated Equitable Access Score-Card** and the related publication by the end of 2024;
- Organization of a **regional workshop on equitable access to water and sanitation** in Budapest to show the relevance between the Protocol on Water and Health tools and the EU water related directives (December 2024)
- Support countries in **taking actions to address gaps** identified during their self-assessment



## What's next?

In the coming years, we would like that the **intergovernmental platform** provided by the Protocol, the **tools and guiding documents** developed under it and the **technical assistance** provided by the joint secretariat to continue to be **useful** and **relevant** to countries of the pan-European region in helping them to **ensure equitable access to water and sanitation** and therefore **realize progressively the HRWS!**

As such, **YOUR opinion** is important to us in order to better understand:

- Your **needs and priorities**;
- How we can **be complementary** to other existing initiatives ;
- How to further **work in collaboration** with other stakeholders in the region;

# Thank you for your attention!



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