



FINAL AGENDA

Regional Workshop on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health: *Strengthening regional WASH efforts through Protocol tools*

11 December (09:30-17:30) – 12 December 2024 (09:30-12:30)
D50 Hotel and Event Centre
Budapest, Hungary

Working Languages: English, French, and Russian

11 December 2024	
<u>Chair:</u> Ms. Marta Vargha, Lead Expert, Department of Public Health Laboratories and Methodology, National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary	
09:00-09:30	Welcome coffee and registration
9:30-10:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Orsolya Surján, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary - Ms. Adeline Croyère, Assistant Director for Environment and Food Risk Prevention, Ministry of Health and Access to Care, France - Mr. Ylber Mirta, Head of Department of Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia - Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe - Ms. Nicole Kläsener, Technical Officer, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe <p>Structure of the Regional Workshop on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE



<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Introduction and new developments under Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation</p>	
10:00-11:00	<p>Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ylber Mirta, <i>Head of Department of Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</i> <p>Equitable WASH services in the pan-European region: insights on conditions in households, schools, and health-care facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nicole Kläsener, <i>Technical Officer, joint secretariat of the Protocol on Water and Health, WHO/Europe</i> <p>Achieving equitable access to drinking water: Implemented measures and remaining challenges in EU Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Laura Huber, <i>German Environment Agency, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on Drinking-Water- Hygiene, Germany</i> <p>Preparing for the 2026 UN Water Conference and other global processes: how to coordinate efforts to accelerate progress on SDG targets 6.1 and 6.2?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, <i>Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Water and Sanitation</i> <p>Discussion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Launch of the Equitable Access Score-card 2.0</p>	
11:00-12:30	<p>The Equitable Access Score-card 2.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marie Teyssandier, <i>Sub-Directorate for the Prevention of Environmental and Food-Related Risks, Ministry of Health and Access to Care, France</i> <p>Piloting the draft Equitable Access Score-card 2.0 in Albania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Rovena Metoja, <i>Head of Unit, Directory of Strategic Management, Water Resources Management Agency, Albania</i> <p>Panel discussion: Leveraging the Equitable Access Score-card 2.0 to better assess the WASH landscape</p> <p>Assessing the climate resilience and emergency preparedness of water and sanitation service providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ion Salaru, <i>Head of Department for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, National Agency for Public Health, Republic of Moldova</i>



	<p>Menstrual health, hygiene management, and gender equality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Natasha Dokovska, Programme Director, Journalists for Human Rights, North Macedonia <p>Giving vulnerable and marginalized communities a voice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Dragana Jovanovic, Head of Department Drinking and Bathing Water Quality, Institute of Public Health, Serbia <p>Discussion</p>
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
<p>Session 3</p> <p>Leveraging the Protocol's tools to facilitate the implementation of EU Directives on water and sanitation</p>	
14:00-15:30	<p>Latest updates on the EU Drinking Water and Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Bert Leemans, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission <p>Experience in transposing and implementing Article 16 of the EU Drinking Water Directive recast to achieve equitable access to water and sanitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marie Teyssandier, Deputy Head of the Water Quality Office, Sub-Directorate for the Prevention of Environmental and Food-Related Risks, Ministry of Health and Access to Care, France & Ms. Syla Bouabdellah, Social Affairs and Health Advisor, Interministerial Delegation for Accommodation and Access to Housing, France - Ms. Dijana Djurovic, Director of Centre for Hygiene and Environmental Health, Institute of Public Health, Montenegro - Mr. Gonzalo Marin, Spokesperson, Red Agua Publica, Spain <p>How do the tools under the Protocol facilitate the implementation of Articles under the DWD and UWWTD?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marta Vargha, Lead Expert, Department of Public Health Laboratories and Methodology, National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary - Mr. Robizon Tsiklauri, Acting Head of Environmental Health Department, National Center for Diseases Control and Public Health, Georgia <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	COFFEE BREAK and GROUP PHOTO



16:00-17:30	<p>Group discussions: How can the Protocol framework and tools be effectively applied to respond to global and regional commitments?</p> <p><i>Guidance questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How can the target-setting and reporting mechanism under the Protocol on Water and Health support the implementation of specific articles of the EU Directives?</i> - <i>To what extent can other tools and guidance developed under the different programme strands (e.g. water safety plans) complement implementation efforts?</i> - <i>What other parameters would need to be considered in the development/revision of tools and guidance to better capture emerging trends and thus facilitate the implementation of regional and global commitments?</i> <p>Reporting to plenary, discussion, summary, and conclusion of session outcomes</p>
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12 December 2024

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Session 4

Ensuring Affordability and Financing of Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation to achieve global and regional goals

09:30-10:30	<p>Efforts and resources secured for ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation and implementing Article 16 of the DWD: experience sharing from a French NGO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Manon Gallego, <i>Coordinator of Operations in France, Solidarités International, Coalition Eau</i> - Ms. Manon Fillonneau, <i>European Affairs Officer, Solidarités International</i> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Ensuring the affordability of water and sanitation service provision and the elimination of inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Helena Costa, <i>Water and Service Regulation Authority, Portugal</i> - Mr. Ricard Giné-Garriga, <i>Advisor, Sustainable Services, Water and Sanitation, Stockholm International Water Institute</i> - Ms. Claire Grandadam, <i>Programme Lead – Communications, Water Integrity Network</i> <p>Discussion</p>
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Session 5	
Future work and priorities under Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation	
10:30-11:30	<p>Setting the scene: reflections of this Regional Workshop to feed into the formulation of activities under Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation under the 2026-2028 programme of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Diane Guerrier & Mr. Armin Bigham Ghazani, <i>Environmental Affairs Officers, UNECE</i> <p>Mentimeter interactive exercise: Equitable access priorities and activities to be considered in the 2026-2028 programme of work</p> <p>Discussions and conclusions</p>
Conclusions and outcomes	
11:30-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marta Vargha, <i>Lead Expert, Department of Public Health Laboratories and Methodology, National Centre for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary</i> - Ms. Marie Teyssandier, <i>Deputy Head of the Water Quality Office, Sub-Directorate for the Prevention of Environmental and Food-Related Risks, Ministry of Health and Access to Care, France</i> - Mr. Ylber Mirta, <i>Head of Department of Waters, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</i>

