



Improving Governance for Water and Health Through Setting Targets, Implementing Measures and Reporting

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Protocol on Water and Health



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Programme Area 1: Improving Governance for Water and Health Through Setting Targets, Implementing Measures and Reporting (new structure)

Responsible bodies: Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting and the Joint Secretariat

Lead Parties: Portugal, Romania and Switzerland

1. Support to setting targets and implementing measures
2. Strengthening capacity to monitor progress and reporting
3. Improving governance on water and health at the national level through target setting support:
 - Capacity building projects (financed by individual donors, UNDA, etc.)
 - NPDs under “EU4Environment – Water Resources and Environmental Data”
 - Biennial Collaborative Agreements and Country Cooperation Strategies (WHO/Europe)

13th Meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting (Geneva, 14th November 2023): Key Outcomes

- The Task Force Meeting was held back-to-back with the Strategic Roundtable on Increasing Resilience to Climate Change in the Water and Sanitation Sector. Therefore, it had a specific focus on increasing resilience to climate change.
- Participants discussed how the identified strategic priorities could be reflected in target-setting under the Protocol and welcomed the fact that countries such as Albania, Belarus, Montenegro, Norway, Portugal and Romania had set climate-sensitive targets (e.g. on wastewater treatment and reuse, analysing climate impact on drinking water quality, etc.)
- Participants also discussed how the Protocol's mandatory target setting and reporting mechanisms can serve as an effective tool for mainstreaming adaptation to climate change – **for future consideration by the Task Force in 2024-2025 and beyond.**

Progress and plans for future work (based on POW)

Activity	Timeline	Status
Task Force 13 th Meeting	Geneva, 14 November 2023	Completed
Support to target setting through projects and other programmes	Ongoing	To be complemented by the Secretariat
Subregional Workshop on Target Setting and Accession for Mediterranean Countries, with a focus on climate change	Lisbon, 4-5 June 2024	To be introduced by Portugal
Task Force 14 th Meeting and launch of the 6 th Reporting Cycle (November 2024-April 2025)	Geneva, 18-19 November 2024	
Development and launch of New Online Reporting System	November-December 2024	
Collection and analysis of summary reports	April-August 2025	
Publication on the financial and economic aspects of target setting and implementation		Currently no funding available

EU Green Week PARTNER EVENT

Subregional workshop for Mediterranean countries on target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health, with a focus on climate change

Lisbon
4-5 June 2024

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Thank you for your attention!

