

## **Advice provided by the Compliance Committee to Albania within the Consultation process ECE/MP.WH/CC/CONS/1**

### **Adopted by the Compliance Committee on 11 January 2016**

In preparation for the Consultation Process, the Committee has carefully analysed the summary report submitted by Albania in October 2014 within the second reporting cycle. Based on this analysis, the Committee has identified a number of areas related to the Protocol's implementation that were subsequently discussed at the consultation with Albania on 20 October 2015.

Having considered the presentation made by Albania as well as the outcomes of the discussion between country representatives and Committee members, the Committee wishes to provide its advice as follows:

- With regard to the institutional framework for the implementation of the Protocol, the Committee recommends that a mechanism is established for ensuring intersectoral coordination between the authorities responsible for environment, agriculture, rural development, water, health, transport and infrastructure in order to allow joint coordinated action with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's provisions as well as a regular exchange on its implementation;
- With regard to the Albanian national summary report to be submitted within the third reporting cycle under the Protocol, the Committee recommends to include data and information on progress and achievement of the targets set under the Albanian National Strategy of Water Supply and Sewerage for 2011–2017, including new targets set, revised targets, challenges encountered as well as the lessons learned and practical examples of their implementation;
- With regard to the preparation process for the national summary report in accordance with the Protocol, the Committee recommends to:
  - Involve all relevant stakeholders in the collection and evaluation of data as well as the preparation and use of the national summary report, including national and local authorities, non-governmental and other civil society organizations, local communities, media, etc.
  - Ensure that the process of preparation of the national summary report is consistent, clear and transparent through using existing platforms for stakeholders' involvement and public participation such as the National Water Council, river basin councils and Aarhus centres.
  - In the national summary report, provide detailed information on the stakeholders involved in its preparation.
  - Comply with the format and timeframe for preparation as well as the deadline for submission of the national summary report.

The Committee makes itself available to respond to any questions raised in relation to the present advice and stands ready to provide further advice, as needed. The Committee members may also, if considered beneficial for the internal country processes and provided funds are available, pay a country visit to hold further discussions with country authorities.