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Activities of relevance under the WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Areas of particular WHO involvement



- Surveillance and early warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities
- Water-borne communicable diseases
- Small-scale water supplies
- Climate change and water
- Project facilitation mechanism
- Equitable access
- Capacity-building in Member States

WHO country support activities



Activity	2012-2013	2014-2015
Capacity building for development and implementation of Water Safety Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National trainings/workshops • Resource materials • Pilot projects 	5 countries GEO, KGZ, TJK, TKM and UKR	5 countries KAZ, KGZ, TJK, UKR and UZB
Strengthen national and global monitoring programmes (JMP*, GLAAS**)	10 countries AZE, BLR, GEO, KAZ, KGZ, LTU, MDA, SRB, TJK and UKR	4-6 countries tbc
WASH promotion in schools and soil-transmitted helminths	3 countries GEO, MDA and ROM	1 country MDA

* WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring programme for Water Supply and Sanitation

** UN-Water Global Assessment and Analysis of Sanitation and Drinking-Water

WHP and the European Environment and Health Process (EHP)



- Water and Health Protocol as an important tool for the implementation of commitments from Ministerial conferences, along with other MEAs
- Example of good governance for health
- High priority area in public health
- Unfinished business in the WHO European Region

EHP Policy context

Health

Environment

European Environment and Health Process

Health2020

International Health Regulations

Prevention of NCDs

WHO RC

Multilateral Environmental agreements

UNECE CEP

Rio +20

Environment for Europe

Health 2020



- There will be no further gains in health and wellbeing in the WHO European Region unless we:
 - Address underlying social and environmental determinants of health
 - Tackle inequalities and human rights
 - Work across sectors and make health everyone's business
 - Establish and implement good governance for health nationally and internationally
 - Create resilient communities and safe environments
 - Strengthen public health services

Recommendations of the EEH Ministerial Board



1. Convergence of health and environmental agendas;
2. “to walk the talk”, lead by example (e.g. environmentally friendly health services and healthy environmental policies);
3. To formulate a coherent framework of common principles, values and approaches for all-government action on health and environment;
4. Development of a flexible portfolio of action, including:
 - “unfinished” EH agenda for local and sub-regional action; and
 - Regional and global priorities for international collaboration, additional HIA and new tools for complex, multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary problems

EHP targets and objectives since Parma ministerial conference (2010)



- Regional Priority Goal 1 improving health through improved access to safe water and sanitation
- Parma commitment: “to strive to provide each child with access to safe water and sanitation in homes, child care centres, kindergartens, schools, health care institutions and public recreational water settings by 2020.”



Thank you!

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