

Key actions to progress on water and health issues and promote equitable access in FRANCE

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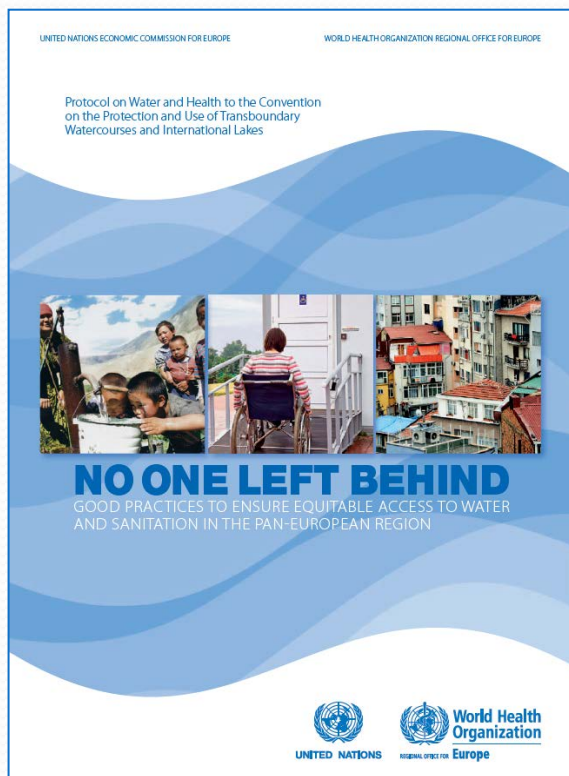
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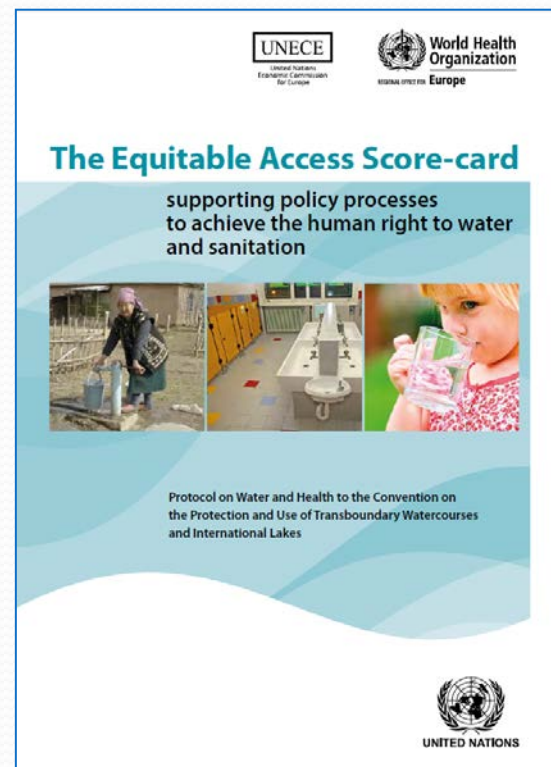


Approaching the equitable access challenge

Document on good practices and self-evaluation tool to ensure an equitable access to water and sanitation in the pan-European region as a first milestone



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I – 2nd National Plan on Household Sanitation 2015-2019

Official presentation of the National Plan on Household Sanitation
8 October 2014 by the Ministry for Social Affairs and Health and the
Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development

- Household sanitation is the mode of treatment of domestic wastewater for non-connected households to public sewerage
 - Nearly 20% of the French population is directly concerned
 - Several thousands of public services on household sanitation
 - This sanitation process is particularly prevalent in sparsely populated areas.
 - The sewerage is a challenge for health and the environment and generates significant installation costs for individuals
- French Authorities have taken legislative and regulatory provisions to frame this technique.



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The main areas of intervention concern the following topics :

- Improving the operation of the facilities and their reliability (design, maintenance, control)
- Facilitating the implementation of these devices in a logic of sustainable development
- Developing a public understanding of issues related to the impact of these facilities on the environment and public health
- Taking into account the financial difficulties related to the cost of these facilities for the population
→ Ecological loan to zero rate, combined with features of tax credits





II – 3rd National Plan on Health and Environment 2015-2019

Official presentation of the National Plan on Health and Environment,
12 November 2014 by the Minister for Social Affairs and Health and the
Minister for Ecology and Sustainable Development

- Affirmation of the government's desire to reduce as much as possible and more effectively the impact of environmental factors
- Central tool of the French policies against diseases due to the environment
- Structuration around four broad categories of issues :
 - Priority health issues
 - Challenges of knowledge of exposures and their effects
 - Challenges for environmental health research
 - Priority to local action, information, communication, and training



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It provides in part 2 on the challenges of knowledge of exposure, effects and intervention levers several actions in the area of safety of water :

- Action 32 : monitor emerging priority substances in aquatic environments and abstraction of water intended for human consumption (perchlorates, bisphenol A and substances of the family of nitrosamines, parabens and phthalates)
- Action 43: analyze the incidence of legionellosis disparities in the territory (west-east gradient particular example of the factor 10 between the regions Brittany and Alsace in 2013) and identification of levers
- Action 53: develop a new plan on "micropollutants" in water (including the issue of drug residues)
- Action 55: promote the establishment of safety plans for drinking water supply
- Action 56: implement catchment protection used for drinking water supply against accidental pollution and diffuse pollution (nitrates and pesticides)
- Action 58 : participate in the European work on the definition of criteria for the REUSE of treated waste water



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- Promote at a regional level the tools of the Protocol on Water and Health in the context of the political commitment of ensuring equitable access and their use by communities and their delegated services for water and sanitation

- Define and implement specific action plans in Regional Health and Environment Plan : an instruction will be addressed in 2015 to regional health agencies

- promote the implementation of evaluation exercises at regional or local level
- promote awareness of decision makers and operators to issues of equity in access to safe drinking water and sanitation

- This theme will especially be taken into account in the ultramarine regions



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- Applying the Equitable access score-card is a demanding exercise but :
 - it facilitates a broader understanding of the dimensions of equitable access and of the Human Right to water and sanitation
 - it helps to identify the existing initiatives as well as gaps
 - it brings many stakeholders together to discuss the issue of equitable access, inter-sectoral by nature : water, health, social protection, economy

-To advance further on the matter taking into account the territorial network, it is planned to work with the French network of the WHO Healthy Cities

Thank you for your attention