

Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation Experience in Hungary

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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACHIEVING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER
AND SANITATION: FROM ASSESSMENT TO ACTION

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Background and objectives of the equitable access assessment

- * Importance of the Protocol in Hungary
 - Hungary has been part of the Protocol process since the very beginning
 - Co-leader of the PA5 Equitable access to water and sanitation WG
- * Equitable access in Hungary
 - Piped, centralized water supply: 95 % - general assumption: practically everyone
 - Piped, centralized sewage collection: 72 %
 - JMP figures: 100 % improved
 - But what is behind the numbers?

Process: Applying the Equitable Access Score-card



- * Lead organization: National Public Health Center
- * Special support by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
- * Partners:
 - Ministry of Human Capacities (health, social)
 - Ministry of Interior (water supply and environment)
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority
 - Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
 - Hungarian Central Statistical Office
 - Office of the Chief Medical Officer
 - NGOs: Water Suppliers Association, Red Cross, GWP Hungary, Oltalom Charity Society, Hungarian Scientific Society of Rural Health

Process: Applying the Equitable Access Score-card

* Time frame

Item	Date
Translation of the scorecard	Summer of 2014
Initiative workshop	October 2014
2nd Workshop	December 2014
3rd Workshop (by Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights)	May 2015
Completing of Score-card	May 2015 -
Closing workshop Discussing of Final Document about Score-card	February 2016
Finalizing and explanation of Score-card Translation to English	Presently
Report for the stakeholders	Presently

Outcomes of the assessment: main findings

	Process	Equitable access situation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Supporting by Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights – Human Rights ❖ Collection of affected organizations ❖ Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Adequate supplied rate - generally ❖ Affordability – government considerably reduced all living costs including water prices ❖ Protected consumers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Difficult interministerial communication – very fragmented scope ❖ Lack of data e.g.: excluded customers, individual water supplying ❖ Inactive governmental and non-governmental organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unregulated individual water supplying ❖ Water and sanitation availability, quality and quantity for the vulnerable and marginalized groups (people living in extreme poverty) ❖ No social tariffs

Communication of the outcomes – presently in process

- * Reports:
 - Reports for the stakeholders
 - Report to the UNECE
- * Press release
- * Practical use of Score-card results:
 - Defined priorities and targets by the Score-card taking into consideration the development of Hungarian Drinking Water Strategy
 - Data collection: excluded customers, individual water supplying