

Case study on baseline analysis (Belarus)

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Case summary

- * Belarus ratified the Protocol on Water and Health in 2009 and had to set targets in 2 years (art.6 para.2 of the Protocol)
- * Baseline analysis of water sector had to be undertaken for targets setting
- * 2 responsible Ministries (MoH and MoEnv) were appointed and Interministerial coordination committee was established
- * Intersectoral Coordination Committee was established
- * relevant stakeholders (Ministries, local authorities, scientific institutions, agencies) were involved in baseline analysis
- * Baseline analysis covering most water sector areas (not only coverage and drinking water quality) were undertaken
- * Results of baseline analysis (gaps, possible needs, proposals for actions were identified) became the base for problem area prioritization for short-term and long-term target setting

Why is it a good practice?

- * responsible ministries, local authorities, institutions, agencies, other stakeholders were involved - allows situation and data validation
- * most areas of interest under the Protocol were reviewed
- * analysis was done at different levels: legislation gaps, institutional arrangements and capacity, use of potential of existing programmes (state and local programmes)
- * existing statistical data as well as extra data were collected and analysed taking into account financial considerations

Overcoming challenges

- * What were the main barriers/challenges?
 - * Difficulty to collect data at local level
 - * Not for all potential targets areas systematic statistical data collected and situation analysed or collected and analysed for longer-term periods
 - * Availability of resources for data collection
- * How were they overcome?
 - * Involvement of scientific institutions and local authorities
 - * some data were collected in pilot projects

Success factors and lessons learned

- * Involvement of all possible stakeholders and good intersectoral coordination – is a prerequisite of success
- * Use of existing data and results of baseline analysis done for development of Belarus Country Water Strategy is essential
- * Allows enough time for substantial baseline analysis
- * Financial aspects should be taken into consideration

How to replicate this practice

- * Maintain (promote) good intersectoral cooperation of professionals
- * Organization of thematic meetings of key relevant stakeholders at least 1 per year
- * After gap identification implementation of relevant data collection into state statistical programmes