


Outcome of the subregional workshop for Nordic and Baltic states 7–8 November 2012

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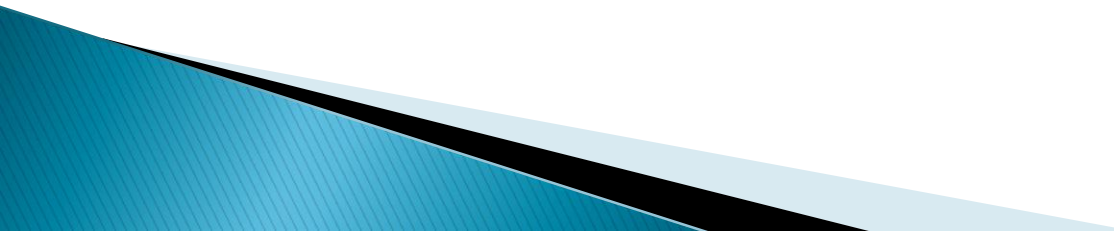
“Drinking water and sanitation in a Nordic and Baltic perspective – common challenges and collaboration”

- ▶ Held on 7 and 8 November 2012 in Oslo, Norway.
 - ▶ Organized by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services, in cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers, UNECE and WHO.
 - ▶ Twenty eight experts from the following countries: Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden.
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Purpose

- ▶ To map common challenges in the area of drinking water and sanitation
 - ▶ To discuss the role of UNECE/WHO–Europe Protocol on Water and Health in addressing these challenges;
 - ▶ Inform about the Project Facilitation Mechanism potential in establishing coordinated and better targeted aid and assistance policy in the water and sanitation sector;
 - ▶ Explore possibilities for closer cooperation between Nordic and Baltic countries in the area of drinking water and sanitation as well as in the area of water management, both at national and transboundary levels.
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Some challenges identified

- ▶ A significant number of small scale water supply systems,
 - ▶ Complex distribution of responsibilities among multiple authorities,
 - ▶ Need for capacity–building and lack of financing.
 - ▶ Climate change as a factor that will put more pressure on the sewage systems in future.
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Some conclusions

- ▶ The Protocol was found useful in identifying problems, setting priorities and reviewing the progress achieved.
- ▶ The Protocol and the EU legislation are complementary to each other – the Protocol could help in implementing EU directives and assess the progress.
- ▶ Lead countries would start work on the creation of a Nordic/Baltic Network on sanitation and drinking-water
- ▶ The Nordic ministerial Council should be approached to advocate for support of the Network
- ▶ Sweden will host a meeting where a possible final decision on the establishment of the network could be taken. Such a meeting was tentatively scheduled for October–November 2013.



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Tank containing sewage- and drinking water pipes
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