

Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation

Experience in Serbia

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In November 2016, Serbia confirmed its interest to carry out a self-assessment of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation

In March 2017, at a meeting of the Joint Body, it was decided:

- The institution/organization that will lead the project, as an equal partner in the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health will be the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection – MAEP;
- The Project will be implemented in two phases:
 - phase 1: Assessment the equity of access to water and sanitation services, using the Score-card
 - phase 2: Definition of an equitable access action plan.

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The implementation partner of the Ministry of Environmental Protection – MEP for the 1st phase (Score Card analysis) will be REDASP - Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje, and assessment will be performed on the two districts, with a total of 13 local self governments:

- Sumadijski (7 local self governments)
- Pomoravski (6 local self governments)

Time frame for implementation of the phase 1 of the project is 6 months.

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Objectives of the project

- *Conduct a self-assessment of the situation of equitable access to water and sanitation*
- Achieve a better understanding of the situation and challenges of equitable access to water and sanitation
- Identify relevant stakeholders to contribute to improvement of equitable access to water and sanitation and raise awareness on equitable access
- Develop a comprehensive overview of existing policy measures to address inequities in access to water and sanitation, and identify information and policy gaps to ensure equitable access to water and sanitation

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Implementation of the project

1. *Create a country core team to lead the equitable access self-assessment exercise*

Project Implementation Team will consist of Three Thematic Teams with four members (each responsible for one chapter):

- Coordinator,
- Thematic Expert,
- Support Team Expert.

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Launching workshop

On 27. 07. 2017. the initial workshop was held with participation of:

- 12 national stakeholders (Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Health, Institute for Public Health of Serbia, Serbian Agency for Environmental Protection, the Ombudsman)
- 17 representatives of 10 local self-governments and the Head of Sumadija District
- 6 CSO and 3 Media representatives

International experts

- UNECE
- Macedonia
- Ukraine
- Armenia
- Hungary



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NEXT STEPS

Time frame for implementation of the project

Activity	Deadline for realization
Guidance for communication and data collection	01. 10. 2017.
Completed Score Card, and the first draft of the Report	01. 12. 2017.
Second Workshop	05-06. 12. 2017.
Final Report	15. 12. 2017.

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Challenges

- * Methodology for scoring and qualitative assessment of reliability
- * Availability of data on vulnerable and marginalized groups
- * Deadlines for realization of planned activities

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