

## SERBIA

### REPORTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL

#### Targets and target dates related to article 6 (2)

- a) The quality of drinking water supplied

The national standards for drinking water quality are defined in the Rule for drinking water quality published in 1998. The standards for microbiological agents and chemical parameters in drinking water met the standards present in Directive EU 83/98 and Guidelines for drinking water quality WHO published in 1993

Now is ongoing process of harmonization national standards with new Guidelines for drinking water quality published 2004. In 2007, we will publish the rule for recreational water.

- b) The reduction of the scale of outbreaks and incidence of water related diseases

In the period 1996-2005, the number of 48 waterborne outbreaks was registered in Serbia. In the lasted five years period the number of outbreaks decreased. The most frequent causes in outbreaks was Hepatitis virosa A, Shigella sonnei, E. coli, and the most frequent water related disease in the same period was Bacterial diarrhoea, Hepatitis virosa A and Shigellosis.

The incidence of selected water related diseases, in the period 1996-2005, decreased. Referring to the number of outbreaks we make progress.

- c) Access to improved Drinking water and Sanitation

In Serbia there are two ongoing investigations: Health Survey – 2006 and MICS – 2006. The official data will be available in March 2007. We will prepare comparative analyses of years 2000-2006 both for Health Survey in Serbia and MICS, and see the improvement of access to drinking water, water quality and sanitation.

As a general statement in Serbia we have problems with chemical contamination of drinking water (As, Mn, Fe, Uric Acid, Nitrate and Nitrite).

Our proposals for the work programme 2007-2009 related to the implementation of Protocol Water and Health are:

- Article 6 (2) targets:
  - Establish and publish national and local targets during the 2007 as a required by the Protocol
- a. Improve the access to safe drinking water;
- b. Improve access to safe water and water sources in rural areas and settlements where live marginalized population groups.
- c. Improve sanitation
- d. Reduce water related diseases and outbreaks.

We hope that the process of Convention and Protocol ratification will be finished in 2007.