

# Item 6

## Overview of the fifth reporting cycle

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# Background

- In accordance with **Article 7** of the Protocol, every three years Parties need to prepare national reports on the national situation relating to water, sanitation, hygiene and health. Other States are also invited to report
- Reports are prepared in accordance with **guidelines and a template** adopted by the Meeting of the Parties
- **Five reporting cycles conducted so far – 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022**

# Objectives of reporting

- **Assess progress** – self-assessment by Parties and other States and assessment of overall trends by the MOP
- **Exchange experience**, share lessons learned and **identify the main challenges**/obstacles in implementing the Protocol → inform the Protocol's programme of work
- Reinforce **inter-sectoral cooperation** and commitment in implementing the Protocol at national level
- Gather **harmonized information** on water, sanitation, hygiene and health in the pan-European region

# Procedural aspects of the 5<sup>th</sup> reporting cycle

- All 27 Parties to the Protocol submitted summary reports
- 8 other states submitted reports on a voluntary basis

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Armenia

Georgia

Israel

Italy

Malta

Republic of San Marino

Slovenia

Uzbekistan

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- All reports are available [online](#) and translated into ENG, as needed

# Highlights from the regional report – core provisions

- Parties mostly set targets addressing drinking water quality, access to drinking water and sanitation, water supply (including risk-based approaches) and quality of waters used as sources of drinking water
- Many countries considering climate change in the context of their targets and other issues of relevance for Protocol work (e.g. equity and environmental surveillance of wastewater)
- Most Parties, as well as other reporting States, have surveillance and early warning systems in place, but a few lack contingency plans to respond to waterborne outbreaks and incidents

# Highlights from the regional report – thematic areas of work

- 17 Parties assessed situation of WASH in schools and 15 assessed WASH in health-care facilities
- 13 Parties carried out equity assessments and several targets set on equitable access to water and sanitation
- 16 Parties reported having in place a national policy or regulation for risk-based management of drinking water supply, for 6 the situation is in progress
- 19 Parties reported use of decentralized water and sanitation systems, with a few specifically discussing regulation, surveillance and the expansion of such systems in rural areas
- 17 countries highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on the WASH sector and relevant measures taken (e.g. highlighting importance of hand hygiene)

# Online reporting system

- Development of an online reporting system started
- Objectives:
  - Improve reporting process for Parties and other States
  - Facilitate analysis of national summary reports
  - Improve data visualization
- Pilot exercise completed in 2022, participation from Hungary and Serbia
- Full ORS to be available for the 6<sup>th</sup> reporting cycle in 2024

## Protocol on Water and Health

### Template for reporting:

[Introduction](#)

[Guidelines](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

[Part 1 - General aspects](#)

[Part 2 - Targets and target dates set and assessment of progress](#)

[Part 3 - Common indicators](#)

[Part 4 - Water-related disease surveillance and response systems](#)

[Part 5 - Progress achieved in implementing other articles of the Protocol](#)

[Part 6 - Thematic part linked to priority areas of work under the Protocol](#)

[Part 7 - Information on the person submitting the report](#)



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## Fifth reporting exercise under the Protocol on Water and Health

According to article 6 of the Protocol, Parties shall set targets and target dates within two years of becoming a Party. Article 7 requires Parties to collect and evaluate data on their progress vis-à-vis achievement of the targets and on indicators designed to show how that progress has contributed towards preventing, controlling or reducing water-related disease. The objectives of the triennial summary reports are:

- To assess progress (self-assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties);
- To exchange experience and share lessons learned;
- To illustrate successes, as well as possible challenges/obstacles, in implementing the Protocol, with a view to informing activities under the Protocol's programme of work;
- Gather harmonized information on water, sanitation and health in the pan-European region.

### Questionnaire Information

Default Language: English  
Available Languages: English  
Year of creation: 2022

Questionnaire displayed in: English

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### Submission Guidance

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