

## Subregional workshop on supporting accession to the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health

*Exchange on benefits of accession and technical work between  
Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Serbia*

**Date:** 26-27 June 2023

**Venue:** Institute of Public Health of Serbia, [Str. Dr Subotica 5, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia](#)

**Link for online connection:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82694789471>

### Provisional agenda

Monday, 26 June 2023 (9.30 – 18.00)	
09.30 – 10.00	Registration of the participants and welcome coffee   Remote connection & testing
Session 1. Opening session	
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Opening remarks and introduction to the workshop objectives</b></p> <p><i>Session moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Jelena Jankovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Health, Serbia</li> <li>- Dr. Verica Jovanovic, Acting Director, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> <li>- Mr. Robert Jakša, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environmental Protection, Serbia</li> <li>- Ms. Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia</li> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor on Environment, UNECE</li> <li>- Dr. Fabio Scano, WHO Representative in Serbia</li> </ul> <p><i>Introduction by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, manager of the Protocol on Water and Health, UNECE</li> </ul>
10.30-10.40	<b>Introductory round table</b>

<b>Session 2: Legal framework and main obligations under the Protocol on Water and Health</b>	
10.40 – 11.20	<p><i>Session moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentations on the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisions of the main obligations and benefits of accession to the Protocol</li> <li>• Programme of work for 2023-2025</li> <li>• Protocol on the Water and Health in Serbia: ratification and implementation</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE</li> <li>- Ms. Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe</li> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> </ul>
11.20 – 11.30	Q&A Session with the audience
<b>Session 3: Review of the situation and progress with water, sanitation, hygiene and health in the Central Asian States</b>	
11:30 – 12:15	<p><i>Session moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentations on the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress and challenges of the country on accession procedure to the Protocol on Water and Health</li> <li>• Update on the progress, needs, priorities and challenges in the area of water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), and health</li> <li>• Obligations under the Protocol: target setting and reporting</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Nurzhan Kissabekov, The Committee for Sanitary and Epidemiological Control of the Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan</li> <li>- Mr. Gul Sharifov, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan (online)</li> <li>- Ms. Olga Mirshina, Committee of Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health, Ministry of Health, Uzbekistan</li> </ul>
12.15 – 12.30	Q&A Session with the audience
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break

<b>Session 4: Experience and achievements of Serbia as Party to the Protocol</b>	
14.30 – 15.00	<p><i>Session moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentations on the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol on the Water and Health in Serbia: achievements</li> <li>• Serbian Pathway in Ensuring Equitable Access to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> <li>- Ms. Jelena Despotović, Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje (REDASP)</li> </ul>
15.00 – 15.15	Q&A Session with the audience
<b>Session 5: Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation</b>	
15.15 – 15.25	<p><i>Session moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects and activities supported by the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation – and identification of priority needs</li> </ul> <p><i>Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</li> </ul>
15.25 – 15.30	Q&A Session with the audience
<b>Session 6: Interactive session</b>	
15.30 – 16.30	<p><b>Plenary session on accession to the Protocol on Water and Health</b></p> <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</li> <li>- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE</li> </ul> <p><u>The session will focus on the following questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What specific challenges are faced by your country in achieving progress on the accession to the Protocol?</li> <li>➤ What are the main obstacles that need to be overcome to ensure successful finalization of the accession to the Protocol?</li> <li>➤ What actions has your ministry/institute taken to solve these issues and to further promote accession to the Protocol?</li> <li>➤ What activities will your country undertake immediately after joining the Protocol?</li> <li>➤ How can the Protocol secretariat support the accession process and implementation of obligations under the Protocol?</li> </ul>

16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break
<b>Session 7: Closing</b>	
17.00 -17.30	<i>Session moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</li> </ul> Results of the interactive session, summary of the workshop, and follow-up on the next steps
17.30 – 18.00	<i>Closing remarks by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Ministry of Health</li> <li>- Ms. Nataliya Nikiforova, UNECE</li> <li>- Ms. Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO/Europe</li> </ul>

**Tuesday, 27 June 2023 (08.30 – 12.00)**
**Session 8: Site visit to the treatment unit “Makis”**

8.30	Meeting at the Institute of Public Health of Serbia
8.30 – 9.00	Travel time to the “Makis” treatment unit
<b>9.00 – 11.00</b>	<b>Tour organized by the Serbian government</b>
11.00 – 11.30	Travel time back to Belgrade