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# Target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health, including with climate focus

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# Target setting and reporting under the Protocol (arts. 6 and 7)

Parties to the Protocol and other countries set, monitor and regularly review national/local **intersectoral targets** on water, sanitation, hygiene and health

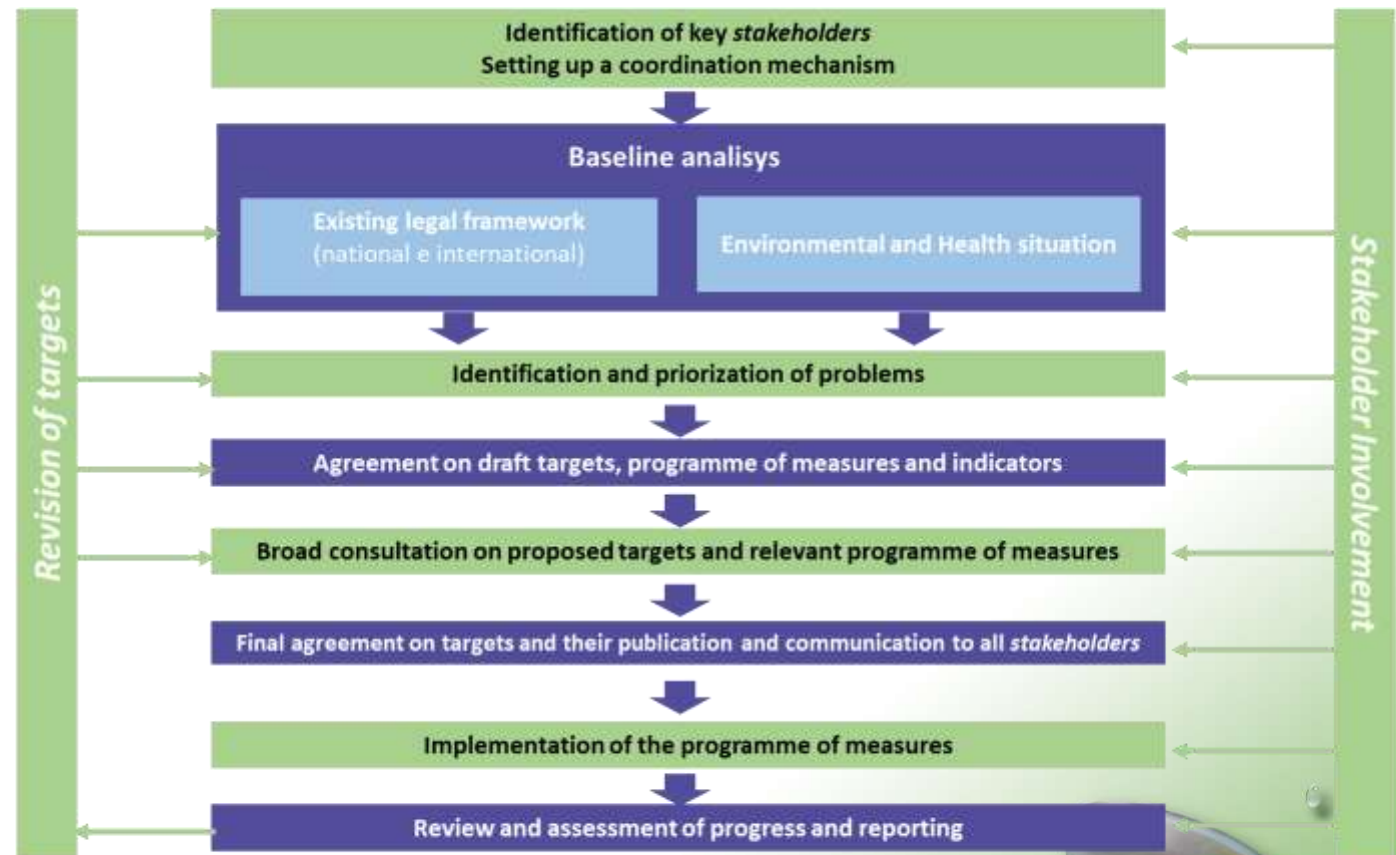
Targets are developed following an in-depth baseline analysis and through a **participatory target setting process**, bringing together environment and health sectors

Countries **report on progress** every three years to Meeting of the Parties through **submission of national summary reports**. Compliance Committee provides assistance and support to countries

Protocol reporting provides a **data hub**, with harmonized information on water, sanitation, hygiene and health  
**Electronic tool for reporting** available in 2025



# Setting targets at national level



(Adapted from: Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting, UNECE 2010)

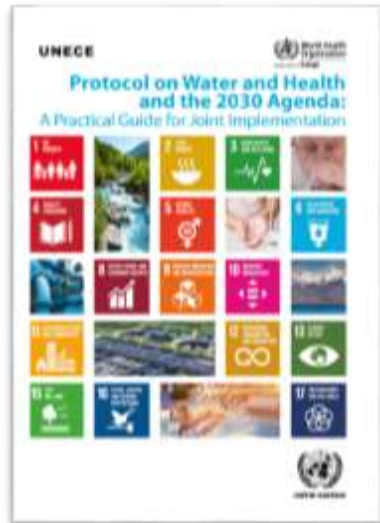


# Setting targets to support achievement of the SDGs



## Coherence of approaches between Protocol and 2030 Agenda:

- Address the whole water and sanitation cycle
- Focus on intersectoriality
- Focus on inequalities
- Define ultimate objectives and countries set their own targets
- Follow-up and review of progress



# Linkages to 2030 Agenda and the SDGs



# Target setting - tools developed by the Protocol

- Providing step-by-step guidance to Protocol Parties and other States on how to identify, establish and operationalize the links between the Protocol and the 2030 Agenda

- [Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation](#)



- Strengthening capacity to set targets and report on progress under the Protocol

- [Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting](#)
- [Collection of good practices and lessons learned on target setting and reporting under the Protocol on Water and Health](#)
- [Guide to Public Participation under the Protocol on Water and Health](#)



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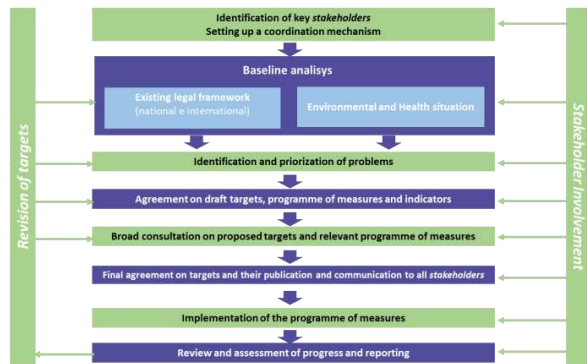
# Progress in revising and implementing targets under the Protocol in Portugal

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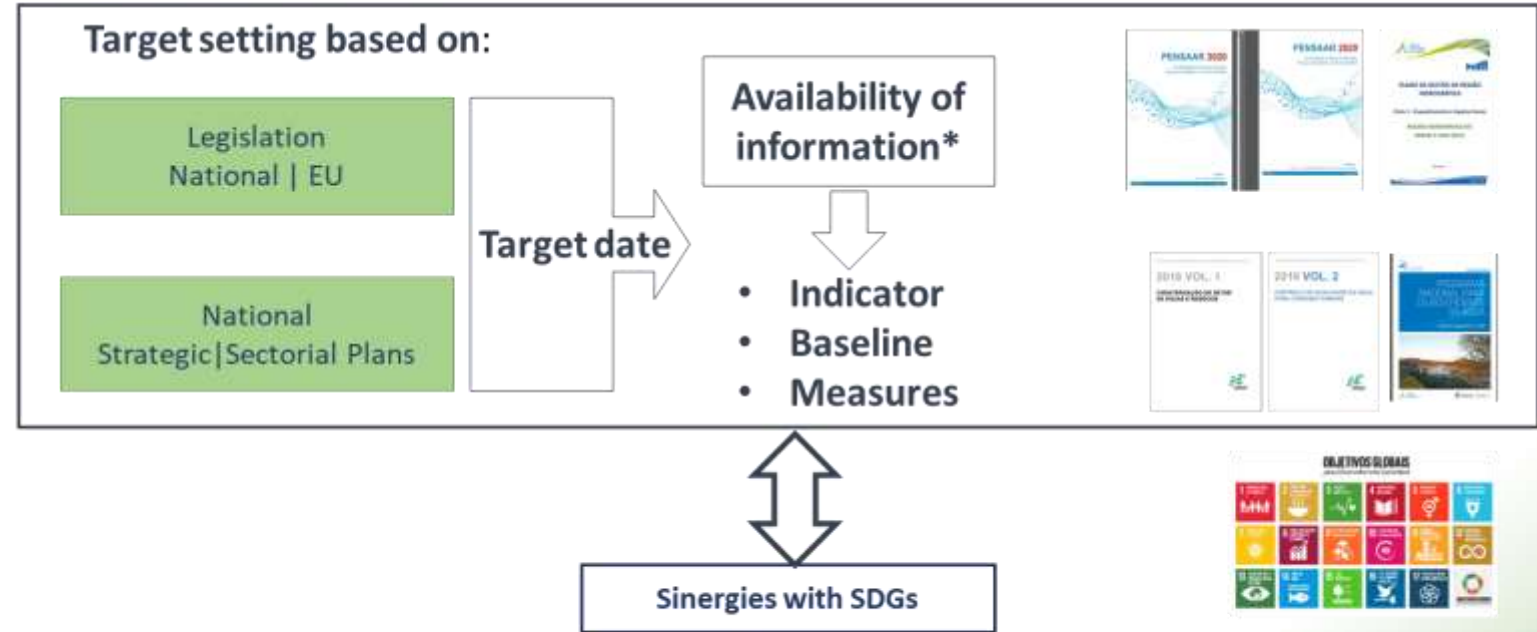
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# Target setting and implementation



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\* PENSAR 2020 – "A new strategy for the water supply and sanitation"; PGRH - National River Basin Management Plans; PNUEA - National Program for the efficient use of Water; RASARP – Annual report for the water, sanitation and waste services

- Disclosure of the national annual monitoring report of targets
- Protocol periodic reporting cycle
- New legal frameworks and policies



Revision of targets and indicators

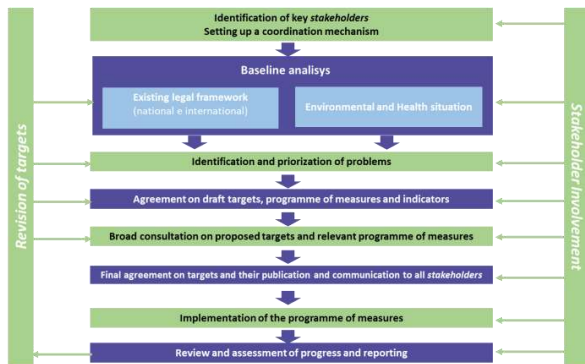




# Revision of targets and emerging topics



- New Strategic Plan for Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Management - PENSAARP 2030
- New generation of ERSAR service quality indicators - 4<sup>th</sup> generation
- Legal provisions resulting from new European directives on the quality of drinking water and wastewater
- Growing challenges in a scenario of water scarcity and resilience (water losses/efficiency, reclaimed water, aquifer recharge, desalination)



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# Revision of targets – next steps

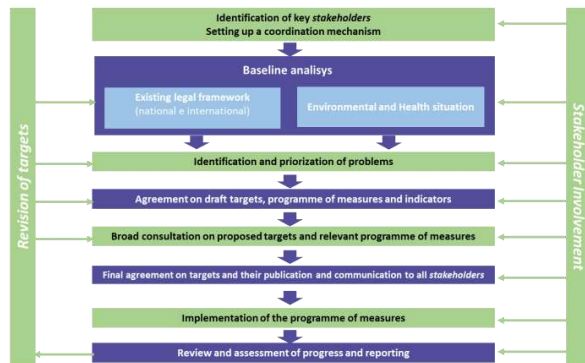


## Related climate adaptation revised targets include:

- Targets on water reuse,
- Targets on water efficiency,
- Targets energy efficiency

## Implementation of revised targets in line with:

- Compliance with national strategic plans (PENSAARP 2030, RBMP, PNUEA, ...)
- European legal requirements (DWD, UWWD,...)
- Achieving the SDGs



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# Target setting / revision - Benefits

**Countries can use the Protocol platforms and mechanisms to**

Establish **intersectoral targets** on water, sanitation, hygiene and health and in translating the commitments of the 2030 Agenda and of the Budapest Declaration on Environment and Health into concrete **national targets** and **action**.



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# Climate-sensitive Targets set under the Protocol Water and Health in Romania

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# New Climate-sensitive Platform in RO

- Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests coordinates the **RO-ADAPT Platform** - national platform for adapting to climate change, an innovative tool for the foundation of national policies and strategy regarding climate change, as well as sectoral strategies in the Adaptation to Climate Change action direction.
- The platform offers a virtual working environment with access to a database updated in real time with climatic and non-climatic data and a collection of studies on the categories of products and services specific to the different sectors addressed, including climate indicators specific to each sector that can be used for the improvement of ecosystem services and the selection and ranking of adaptation measures.



**RO-ADAPT** provides specialized information and data in the field of environmental protection and key sectors identified as vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including:

- **Water resources;**
- **Population, public health and air quality.**



# NIPH *RESANMED* – Climate health module

National Institute of Public Health owns and manages (starting from 2017) the National Register of Health Risks in Relation to Environmental Factors - *RESANMED*, which is

- a tool for assessing the impact of environmental factors on the health of the population,
- a resource for awareness, information and education of the population
- and a support for decision-makers involved in risk management or assessment of environmental determinants of health.

**Climate Change Module** – whose purpose is to update and use of the existing database on diseases associated with climate change (esp. exposure to extreme events or heat/ cold waves) and the adoption of public health policies and measures aimed at vulnerable areas and population groups.



# Climate-sensitive Targets set under PoWH in RO

- Adapted the targets and indicators according to the new Climat-sensitive Platform - **RO-ADAPT**;
- Revised target and set up climate sensitive target - in full process;
- Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, Ministry of Health, and stakeholders involved: National Administration "Romanian Waters", Romanian Water Associations, National Administration of Meteorology;
- Allin targets with the **National Action Plan** for the implementation of NSSD 2030.





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