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# Update on the work on equitable access to water supply and sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health & beyond

National stakeholder consultation meeting on the Protocol on Water and Health and equitable access to water supply and sanitation  
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# Equitable access activities under the Protocol - Update

## 5th meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water & Sanitation (June 2018)

11 countries exchanged experiences on:

- lessons learnt from applying the Equitable Access Score-card and defining Equitable Access Action Plans
- actions taken to improve the equity of access to water and sanitation services

Armenia: a successful example of continuous progress towards achieving equitable access

- Increasing visibility of the need to ensure equitable access in global, regional and national agendas: act now!
- Protocol's tools and framework facilitate concrete improvements through policies, measures and targeted actions addressing equity gaps
- Need to further work on issue of financing equitable access to water and sanitation and legal support



# New publication under development on



*“Capitalizing findings and lessons learnt from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health”*

## **Objectives:**

- To inspire additional countries to improve the equity of access to water and sanitation.
- To contribute to the international effort to meeting targets 6.1 and 6.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To consolidate lessons learned and impact of the work carried out in countries of the pan-European region under the Protocol to improve equitable access since 2010 (11 countries)

**Publication will be available and presented at the MOP 5**

# Progress in countries and future activities

- **Progress in countries:**

- Bulgaria: Score-card assessment finalized
- Serbia : action plan to improve equitable access at national and local levels finalized
- Several countries made progress in addressing equity gaps through legal reforms (ex: Hungary), tariff measures (ex: Portugal), target setting (ex: Serbia), policies and concrete actions (ex: former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

- **New countries** willing to improve equitable access to water and sanitation:

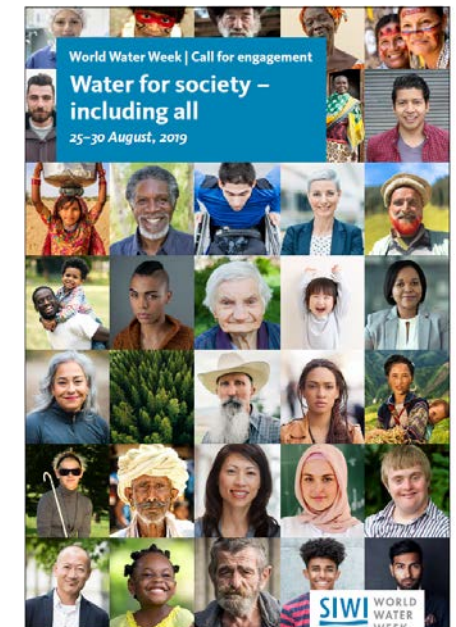
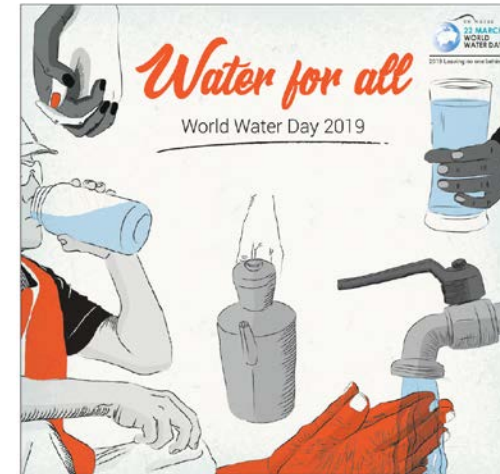
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Romania

- **Future programme of work 2020-2020:**

→ Continue to assist countries in **addressing equity aspects in policymaking processes** related to the provision of water and sanitation services and facilitate the **implementation of solutions to ensure equitable access** in the pan-European region (e.g. provide legal support to countries )

# 2019: an important year for promoting equitable access to water and sanitation

- World Water Day  
Leaving no one behind  
22 March 2019
- UN High-Level Political Forum 2019  
Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality  
July 2019
- Stockholm World Water Week  
Water for society, including all  
25-30 August 2019





# Thank you!

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.unece.org/env/water.html](http://www.unece.org/env/water.html)

[https://www.unece.org/env/water/pwh\\_work/equitable\\_access.html](https://www.unece.org/env/water/pwh_work/equitable_access.html)

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