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Introduction

Guidelines for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health

Background and objectives

1. In accordance with article 6 of the Protocol on Water and Health, Parties are required to set targets and target dates within two years after ratification. The Meeting of the Parties evaluates progress in implementing the Protocol on the basis of summary reports in accordance with article 7, paragraph 6. The objectives of these triennial summary reports are:

- (a) To assess progress by means of self-assessment by the Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties;
- (b) To exchange experience and share lessons learned;
- (c) To illustrate successes resulting from the implementation of the Protocol;
- (d) To identify challenges in implementing the Protocol, with a view to informing activities under the Protocol's programme of work.

2. The summary reports do not aim to compare the situations in different Parties.

3. In accordance with article 7, paragraph 1 (b), the summary reports contain information on common indicators intended to show how far progress has contributed towards preventing, controlling and reducing water-related disease and to improving the water, sanitation and health situation in the region.

4. The aims of these guidelines are as follows:

- (a) To assist Parties in meeting their commitments under article 7 of the Protocol;
- (b) To promote the provision of consistent, transparent, accurate and complete information in order to enable a thorough review and assessment of the implementation of the Protocol by the Parties;
- (c) To assist the Meeting of the Parties in carrying out its responsibilities to review the progress in implementation of the Protocol pursuant to article 7, paragraph 6.

5. These guidelines are complementary to and should be read together with the *Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting* [1], in particular regarding the setting of targets and the identification of indicators to measure progress.

Structure

6. Parties should structure their summary reports according to the template adopted by the Meeting of the Parties. To ensure completeness, no mandatory element should be excluded. If mandatory elements cannot be reported for any reason, Parties should explain the omission or the reason for partial reporting in the section relating to that element.

7. The summary reports should be useful for the self-assessment of Parties (e.g., they should encourage Parties to think about the process, the circumstances and "what is behind the figures"). Thus, in addition to figures, reports should include explanatory narratives that could be of use for other Parties, for instance addressing information on legal, regulatory, financial, informational, educational and management measures.

8. Parties are requested to concentrate on, where possible, the following types of information:

- (a) The rationale and justification for establishing specific targets;
- (b) The outcomes and impacts of actions or measures taken to implement the targets set and other provisions of the Protocol;
- (c) Short descriptions of success stories and case studies that could serve as examples of good practice for other Parties;
- (d) Major obstacles encountered in implementation;
- (e) Actions needed to enhance implementation.

9. The summary reports will be composed of an executive summary providing an overall evaluation of the progress achieved in implementing the Protocol and the following seven parts:

- (a) A general part on the process of setting targets and reporting and national circumstances;

- (b) Information on targets and target dates set and assessment of progress achieved towards the targets;
- (c) Information on common indicators;
- (d) Information on water-related disease surveillance and response systems in accordance with article 8 of the Protocol;
- (e) An overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing articles 9-14 of the Protocol;
- (f) A thematic part linked to priority areas of work under the Protocol;
- (g) Information on the person submitting the report.

10. The summary reports should not exceed 50 pages.

Preparation process

11. Parties are encouraged to consider the participation of all concerned governmental sectors and departments, as well as other relevant stakeholders, in the preparation and use of the summary reports, including non-governmental organizations, civil society, local communities, the private sector and the media.

12. The person or authority responsible for preparing the summary report is encouraged to work closely with the national counterparts responsible for implementation of related international conventions and the *acquis communautaire* of the European Union. Coordinating report preparation will ensure the sharing of data and analysis as well as consistency between reports, thus reducing the overall reporting burden for the country while maintaining consistency with the reporting format. Such coordination could furthermore enhance opportunities for synergies in the national implementation of related international conventions and European Union directives.

Outreach and communication

13. The preparation of summary reports is an opportunity for communicating the work achieved in meeting the Protocol's objectives to the general public and other stakeholders, including the private sector, and involving them in national implementation. To this end, in addition to involving stakeholders in the preparation of summary reports, it is particularly important for Parties, after submitting their summary reports, to communicate to the general public the positive outcomes identified in the reports and the obstacles and challenges that remain.

14. Various means of communication can be used, including (a) publicly launching the summary reports on World Water Day, World Health Day or World Toilet Day, for example; (b) making the reports accessible to a wider audience through national clearing-house mechanisms, other media or on dedicated Internet sites; and/or (c) developing and disseminating extracts of the national reports.

Language

15. The summary report should be submitted in one of the official languages of the Protocol. To facilitate exchange of experience, Parties are also encouraged to submit, where relevant, a translation of their summary report in English.

Submission

16. Parties are required to submit their summary reports to the joint secretariat, using the adopted template for reporting, 210 days before the next session of the Meeting of the Parties. Submission of the reports ahead of this deadline is encouraged, as this will facilitate the preparation of analyses and syntheses of the reports for the consideration of the Meeting of the Parties.

17. Parties are requested to submit, to the two addresses below, an original signed copy by post and an electronic copy by e-mail. Electronic copies should also be available in word-processing software.

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[1] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.10.II.E.12. Available from <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=11644> (accessed on 14 April 2016).

Executive summary

Please provide an overall evaluation of the progress achieved in implementing the Protocol in your country during the reporting period.

Please provide a short description of the main steps taken and highlight important achievements, key challenges, success factors and concrete good practice examples.

Suggested length: maximum 2 pages

The Protocol on Water and Health is a binding intergovernmental agreement initiated by the European Economic Commission and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Montenegro is one of the signatory countries of this Protocol, which was ratified in July 2019. (Law on the Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health with the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and Amendments). Montenegro became a full member on February 19, 2020 and since then actively participates in working bodies, with specific engagement on the topics of equal access, WASH in educational and health institutions, as well as harmonization with EU legislation.

In order to undertake measures and activities important for the implementation of the "Protocol on Water and Health", the Ministry of Health established the Water Commission, which is in charge of monitoring the obligations arising from the Law on the provision of health-safe water for human use Sl. Gazette of Montenegro, no. 80/17. The task of the Water Commission is to monitor and analyze the implementation of the Water Health Protocol with the aim of preventing, suppressing and reducing water-related diseases within integrated water management systems aimed at sustainable use of water resources, water quality in the environment that does not endanger human health and protection of water ecosystems.

After the ratification of the protocol, the following activities were carried out in Montenegro:

- Baseline study on the state of WASH in health institutions (WHO) in 2021
- Baseline study on the state of WASH in schools (WHO) 2022/2023
- Study on equal access to void and sanitation for all (UNECE) 2023
- Monitoring and improvement of the state of WASH in schools (UNICEF) 2023/2024
- Monitoring and improvement of the state of WASH in health institutions and RAE communities (UNICEF)/2024
- Prepared national goals in accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol adopted at the 55th session of the Government of Montenegro in 2024

Part one – General aspects

1. Were targets and target dates established in your country in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol?

Please provide detailed information on the target areas in part two.

If targets have been revised, please indicate the date of adoption and list the revised target areas. Please provide detailed information in part two.

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

2. Were targets and target dates published and, if so, how?

Please explain whether the targets and target dates were published, made available to the public (e.g., online, official publication, media) and communicated to the secretariat.

<https://s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/web.repository/ijzcg-media/files/1731964641-protokol-voda-i-zdravlje-ciljevi-2025-2027.pdf>

Information on the establishment of water and health goals adopted at the Government Session on 01.11.2024.

The national targets and target dates are available online. They were posted on the web sites of Institute of Public health of Montenegro.

3. Has your country established national or local arrangements for coordination between competent authorities for setting targets?

If so please describe, including information on which public authority(ies) took the leadership and coordinating role, which public authorities were involved and how coordination was ensured.

Ministry of Health
Institute of Public Health of Montenegro
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Development of the North
Department of Hydrometeorology and Seismology
Water Administration
Environmental protection agency

4. Was a programme of measures or action plan developed to support implementation of the targets?

If so, please briefly describe that programme or plan, including how financial implications were taken into account.

Within the water management plans in the river basin district, measures have been adopted for each river basin district in order to achieve the objectives.

5. What has been done in your country to ensure public participation in the process of target setting in accordance with article 6, paragraph 2, and how was the outcome of public participation taken into account in the final targets set?

Prior to final adoption, the regulations are subject to public debate, after which comments and suggestions are considered, followed by a final proposal for adoption by a state body.

6. Please provide information on the process by which this report has been prepared, including information on which public authorities had the main responsibilities and what other stakeholders were involved.

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Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Development of the North
Department of Hydrometeorology and Seismology
Water Administration
Stakeholders: Water and Sewerage, local governments

7. Please report any particular circumstances that are relevant for understanding the report, including whether there is a federal and/or decentralized decision-making structure.

Part two – Targets and target dates set and assessment of progress

For countries that have set or revised targets and target dates, please provide information specifically related to the progress towards achieving them. If you have not set targets in a certain area, please explain why.

For countries in the process of setting targets, please provide information on baseline conditions and/or targets considered under the relevant target areas.

Suggested length: 330 words per target area.

I. Quality of the drinking water supplied (art. 6, para. 2 (a))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

-Amendment of the Law on the Provision of Safe Water for Human Consumption "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 80/2017 with regard to gender sensitivity (compliance with Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption) including Annexes II and III 2015/1787 with Article 19 of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on urban waste water treatment

-Updating the Rulebook on parameters, compliance verification, methods, manner, scope of analyses and implementation of monitoring of the safety of water for human consumption "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 64/18, 101/21) within the framework of gender sensitivity (compliance with Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption)

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-Amendment of the Law on the Provision of Safe Water for Human Consumption "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 80/2017 with regard to gender sensitivity (compliance with Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption) including Annexes II and III 2015/1787 with Article 19 of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on urban waste water treatment (recast) -Updating the Rulebook on parameters, compliance verification, methods, manner, scope of analyses and implementation of monitoring of the safety of water for human consumption "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 64/18, 101/21) within the framework of gender sensitivity (compliance with Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

The Ministry of Health will establish a multi-sectoral working group to draft legal acts

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

-The target has not yet been met, it is planned in accordance with national action plans.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The implementation of this target contributes to Sustainable Development Goal 6.1 in achieving access to safely managed water supply systems for all.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

An important measure to protect drinking water sources is to make and implement decisions on sanitary protection zones. Protection of drinking water, more precisely, the implementation of protection measures within sanitary protection zones is difficult at all sources in karst and alluvium, especially where water supply sources are located near major cities, because they are threatened by urbanization, industrialization, agriculture, unregulated landfills and wastewater.

In addition to the disinfection of water that is performed at all springs of city water supply systems, only water affected from surface reservoirs and water affected from karst discharges are treated separately at treatment plants. Chlorination is performed with gas chlorinators and hypochlorinators.

Affected waters of many karst releases are periodically turbid, which is why they should be the subject of treatment in order to improve water quality.

The analysis of drinking water quality is performed by the Institute of Public Health. The World Health Organization (WHO) has classified the quality of drinking water as one of the twelve basic indicators of the health status of a country's population, which confirms its significant role in protecting and improving health. Water used for drinking, food preparation and maintaining personal and general hygiene must meet basic health and hygiene requirements: it must be in sufficient quantity, it must not adversely affect health, ie. to contain toxic and carcinogenic substances, as well as pathogenic microorganisms and parasites.

Rules on parameters, compliance verification, methods, method, scope of analysis and implementation of monitoring of healthy quality of water for human consumption(Official Gazette 101/21) provides for the following tests: basic and periodic inspection.Examinations include microbiological, biological, physical, physico-chemical and chemical indicators of correctness.

Hygienic safety of drinking water is relatively good, but special attention must be paid to strict compliance with regulations in the analysis of water quality and sampling frequency, as well as protection of water supply facilities, and especially the establishment of sanitary protection zones.

II. Reduction of the scale of outbreaks and incidents of water-related disease (art. 6, para. 2 (b))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

- Strengthen the National Program for Monitoring the Health Safety of Water for Human Consumption to ensure that water sources remain safe and free from contamination, especially during extreme weather events. (Q I 2025)
- Raising awareness among stakeholders and the public about the importance of drinking water safety and preserving water sources due to the impacts of climate change (continuous implementation)
- Improve the treatment of drinking water by applying technologies and practices to remove contaminants and pathogens from water for human consumption.(Q IV 2026)
- Conduct studies to assess the impact of climate change on waterborne diseases in the context of past and projected climatological scenarios (Q I-IV 2025)
- Revision of national guidelines on epidemic management and inclusion of specific aspects related to surveillance and epidemiological investigation of waterborne epidemics. (Q IV 2026)
- Improve the quality of sea water for bathing (continuous implementation)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

- In accordance with the Law on Water for Human Consumption, national monitoring of the health safety of water for human consumption has been established.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

- Continuous work is being done to improve the monitoring program in order to update data on local water sources as well as to improve emergency planning.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

- Implementation of this target contribute to SDG 6.1 and 3.3

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

III. Access to drinking water (art. 6, para. 2 (c))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

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Law on Provision of Healthy Water for Human Use Official Gazette of Montenegro no. 80/17

Rules on parameters, compliance verification, methods, method, scope of analysis and implementation of monitoring of healthy quality of water for human consumption(Official Gazette 101/21)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

River Basin Management Plans for the Danube and Adriatic basin have been adopted.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

In the past 20 years, there has been an evident improvement in water supply in urban areas as the percentage has risen from 98.7% to almost 100%. In rural areas, the water supply of the population is significantly lower by 79%.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Projection of long-term water supply of Montenegro

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

IV. Access to sanitation (art. 6, para. 2 (d))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Law on Municipal Wastewater Management Official Gazette of Montenegro No. 002/2017

Improving access to wastewater services for all (Q IV 2035)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

The average coverage of sewage systems in urban areas at the level of Montenegro is 74%.

According to the Law on Waters (Article 77), there is an obligation to build a wastewater treatment plant for all settlements with more than 2000 EC.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

In the last ten years, there has been evident progress in defining strategic goals, providing funds and drafting documentation for the implementation of projects in the field of wastewater. To this end, the Government of Montenegro adopted in 2005 the Master Plan for Wastewater Treatment of the Montenegrin Littoral and the Capital City of Cetinje and the Strategic Master Plan for Sewerage and Wastewater in the Central and Northern Region of Montenegro. All needs in the field of wastewater collection and treatment in Montenegro in the short and long term have been defined.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Higher degree of wastewater treatment, and therefore better water quality.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

V. Levels of performance of collective systems and other systems for water supply (art. 6, para. 2 (e))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Long-term water supply plan.
Improve capacity of policy makers and strengthen research and management capacity. Assess the occurrence and risk of adverse impacts of climate change and adaptation of freshwater systems (Q IV 2029)
-Create strategic plans for the development of the sewage network and wastewater management system (Q IV 2026)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

Long-term water supply audit.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

Evident improvement of water supply to the population.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Providing sufficient quantities of water of appropriate quality for public water supply of the population and for various economic needs, in a way that does not endanger the environment.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

VI. Levels of performance of collective systems and other systems for sanitation (art. 6, para. 2 (e))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Master plan for wastewater disposal of the Montenegrin coast and the municipality of Cetinje

Strategic master plan for sewerage and wastewater in the central and northern region of Montenegro

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

Revision of the Master Plan for wastewater disposal of the Montenegrin coast and the municipality of Cetinje

Revision of the Strategic Master Plan for Sewerage and Wastewater in the Central and Northern Region of Montenegro.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

Evident improvement of connection to wastewater treatment plants.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Ensure coverage of the entire territory with wastewater treatment plants.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

VII. Application of recognized good practices to the management of water supply (art. 6, para. 2 (f))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

- Improving human and technical capacity for implementing climate-resilient WSPs and SSPs(Q II/IV 2026)

- Development and implementation of sanitation security plans and integrated water and sanitation security plans that include climate change resilience(Q IV 2026)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

VIII. Application of recognized good practice to the management of sanitation (art. 6, para. 2 (f))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

- Improving human and technical capacity for implementing climate-resilient WSPs and SSPs(Q II/IV 2026)
- Development and implementation of sanitation security plans and integrated water and sanitation security plans that include climate change resilience(Q IV 2026)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

IX. Occurrence of discharges of untreated wastewater (art. 6, para. 2 (g) (i))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

-Establishment of an efficient information system (IS) for monitoring WWTP facilities (Q IV 2028)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

X. Occurrence of discharges of untreated storm water overflows from wastewater collection systems (art. 6, para. 2 (g) (ii))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

-Establishing an efficient information system (IS) for monitoring WWTP facilities (Q IV 2028)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XI. Quality of discharges of wastewater from wastewater treatment installations (art. 6, para. 2 (h))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

-Update of the Law on Municipal Wastewater Management ("Sl list CG" No. 02/17), in order to define activities during extreme weather events (Q IV 2025)

-Legislative framework related to the reuse of wastewater discharged from wastewater treatment plants into recipients developed and harmonized with EU regulations (in accordance with Article 14 of the Law on Municipal Wastewater Management ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" 17/17) adopted in accordance with the new Wastewater Treatment Directive (QI 2026)

Law on Waters ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 27/07, "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 32/11, 47/11, 48/11, 52/16 and 84/18)

Law on Municipal Wastewater Management Official Gazette of Montenegro No. 002/2017

River Basin Management Plans in the Danube and Adriatic basin

Directive 91/271 / EEC

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

Rulebook on quality and sanitary-technical conditions for wastewater discharge, manner and procedure of wastewater quality testing and content ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 56/19)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

National legislation in this area is harmonized with EU legislation.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The higher the degree of purification of the wastewater discharged by the recipient, the better the status of the recipient's water.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XII. Disposal or reuse of sewage sludge from collective systems of sanitation or other sanitation installations (art. 6, para. 2 (i))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XIII. Quality of wastewater used for irrigation purposes (art. 6, para. 2 (i))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XIV. Quality of waters which are used as sources for drinking water (art. 6, para. 2 (j))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

-Develop new methodologies and develop watershed protection zone projects for all water sources intended for human use, taking into account the impact of climate change (Q IV 2026)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XV. Quality of waters used for bathing (art. 6, para. 2 (j))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Law on Waters (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro”, No. 27/07, “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 32/11, 47/11, 48/11, 52/16 and 84/18).
Develop an early warning system for bathing waters during extreme weather events (Q IV 2026)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

Ordinance on the manner and deadlines for the implementation of measures to ensure the preservation, protection and improvement of bathing water quality (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 28/19)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XVI. Quality of waters used for aquaculture or for the production or harvesting of shellfish (art. 6, para. 2 (j))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Law on Waters (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro”, No. 27/07, “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 32/11, 47/11, 48/11, 52/16 and 84/18).

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

National legislation in this area is harmonized with EU legislation.

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

Preservation of good water status

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XVII. Application of recognized good practice in the management of enclosed waters generally available for bathing (art. 6, para. 2 (k))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XVIII. Identification and remediation of particularly contaminated sites (art. 6, para. 2 (l))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XIX. Effectiveness of systems for the management, development, protection and use of water resources (art. 6, para. 2 (m))

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

Law on Waters (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro”, No. 27/07, “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 32/11, 47/11, 48/11, 52/16 and 84/18)

River Basin Management Plans in the Danube and Adriatic basin

Water Framework Directive 2000/60 / EU.

Create robust data collection, monitoring and reporting procedures across all sectors, with a data management database to ensure availability of data for planning, policy and programming (QI 2028)

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

Law on Waters (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro”, No. 27/07, “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 32/11, 47/11, 48/11, 52/16 and 84/18) and all regulations that derive from it (Regulations, Decisions. Programs)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

National legislation harmonized with EU legislation in the field of water.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Integrated water resources management.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

XX. Additional national or local specific targets

For each target set in this area:

1. Please describe the current target and target date.

Please provide information on the background (including the baseline/starting point and reference to existing national and international legislation) and justification for the adoption of the target.

2. Please describe the actions taken (e.g., legal/regulatory, financial/economic, informational/educational and management measures) to reach the target.

(See also article 6, paragraph 5, of the Protocol)

3. Please assess the progress achieved from the baseline towards meeting the target as well as any challenges encountered.

4. Please describe how the target set under this area contribute to fulfilling global and regional commitments, in particular the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. If you have not set a target in this area, please explain why.

Part three – Common indicators

In order to allow an analysis of trends for all Parties under the Protocol, please use wherever possible 2005 — the year of entry into force of the Protocol — as the baseline year.

I. Quality of the drinking water supplied

1. Context of the data

1. What is the population coverage (in millions or per cent of total national population) of the water supplies reported under sections 2 and 3 below?

The rationale of this question is to understand the population coverage of the water quality data reported under sections 2 and 3 below.

Please describe the type of water supplies for which data is included in the following tables, and the population share covered by these supplies.

Please also clarify the source of the water quality data provided (e.g., data from regulatory authorities).

The Regulatory Agency for Energy and Regulated Utilities is preparing an Annual Report on the Comparison of Business Indicators of Regulated Utilities. According to the available current information and the displayed values of indicator monitoring, the following is stated:

INDICATOR 1.2 Degree of compliance of water quality with special regulations The basis for defining the indicator of the degree of compliance of water quality with special regulations is based on the obligation of utilities to supply users with safe drinking water that meets the conditions set out in the regulation governing the provision of safe water for human consumption. This indicator represents the ratio of the number of water quality analyses performed, the results of which are in accordance with the law, to the total number of analyses conducted. The degree of compliance of water quality with special regulations at the level of Montenegro in 2023 is 94.64%,

INDICATOR 1.3 Degree of coverage of the population with public water supply services through connections The Law on Waters ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 27/07 and "Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 32/11, 48/15, 52/16 and 84/18) prescribes the obligation of the local self-government unit (hereinafter: LGU) to organize and provide public water supply for all settlements with more than 200 inhabitants or whose average annual water demand is more than 100 m³/day (1.16 l/s). The indicator degree of coverage of the population with public water supply services through connections represents the ratio of the number of inhabitants connected to the public water supply system to the total number of inhabitants on the territory of the LGU.

The degree of coverage of the population with public water supply services through connections in 2023 at the level of Montenegro is 87.42%.

2. Please specify from where the water quality samples reported in sections 2 and 3 below are primarily taken (e.g., treatment plant outlet, distribution system or point of consumption).

The rationale of this question is to understand where the samples were primarily taken from for the water quality data reported in sections 2 and 3 below.

Samples for the analysis of the health safety of water for human consumption are taken in accordance with the Rules on parameters, compliance verification, methods, method, scope of analysis and implementation of monitoring of healthy quality of water for human consumption (Official Gazette 101/21) from the distribution network at the point of consumption, but occasionally at the source

3. In sections 2 and 3 below, the standards for compliance assessment signify the national standards.

If national standards for reported parameters deviate from the World Health Organization (WHO) guideline values, please provide information on the standard values.

The rationale of this question is to understand any possible differences between the national standards for microbiological and chemical water quality parameters and the respective WHO guideline values.[1]

[1] The latest edition of the WHO *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality* is available at: http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/dwq-guidelines-4/en/.

2. Bacteriological quality

4.i) Please indicate the percentage of samples that fail to meet the national standard for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). Parties may also report on up to three other priority microbial indicators and/or pathogens that are subject to routine water quality monitoring.

If possible, please provide segregated data for urban and rural areas in the table below. If this is not possible, please consider reporting by alternative categories available in your country, for example by “non-centralized versus centralized” water supplies or by population number-based categories. If you do so, please indicate the reported categories by adding the alternative area/category name in the second column in the table below accordingly.

If data can be reported neither for urban and rural areas nor for alternative categories, please report total (national) values only.

	Alternative area/category name, if applicable	Baseline value	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle	Current value
Specify year		2024		
E. coli (Total)		1,54%		
E. coli (Urban)				
E. coli (Rural)				
Additional parameter 1 (Total)				
Additional parameter 1 (Urban)				
Additional parameter (Rural)				
Additional parameter 2 (Total)				
Additional parameter 2 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 2 (Rural)				
Additional parameter 3 (Total)				
Additional parameter 3 (Urban)				

Additional parameter 3 (Rural)				
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4.ii) Please comment on the trends or provide any other important information supporting interpretation of the data.

3. Chemical quality

5. i) Please report on the percentage of samples that fail to meet the national standard for chemical water quality with regard to the following parameters:

(a) Arsenic	
(b) Fluoride	
(c) Lead	
(d) Nitrate	

5. ii) Please provide any other important information supporting the interpretation of the data.

6.i) Please also identify up to three additional chemical parameters that are of priority in the national or local context.

If possible, please provide segregated data for urban and rural areas in the table below. If this is not possible, please consider reporting by alternative categories available in your country, for example by “non-centralized versus centralized” sanitation systems or by population number-based categories. If you do so, please indicate the reported categories by adding the alternative area/category name in the second column in the table below accordingly.

If data can be reported neither for urban and rural areas nor for alternative categories, please report total (national) values only.

	Alternative area/category name, if applicable	Baseline value	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle	Current value
Specify year				
Arsenic (Total)				
Arsenic (Urban)				
Arsenic (Rural)				
Fluoride (Total)				
Fluoride (Urban)				
Fluoride (Rural)				
Lead (Total)				
Lead (Urban)				
Lead (Rural)				
Nitrate (Total)				

Nitrate (Urban)				
Nitrate (Rural)				
Additional parameter 1 (Total)				
Additional parameter 1 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 1 (Rural)				
Additional parameter 2 (Total)				
Additional parameter 2 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 2 (Rural)				
Additional parameter 3 (Total)				
Additional parameter 3 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 3 (Rural)				
Additional parameter 4 (Total)				
Additional parameter 4 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 4 (Rural)				
Additional parameter 5 (Total)				
Additional parameter 5 (Urban)				
Additional parameter 5 (Rural)				

6.ii) Please comment on the trends or provide any other important information supporting interpretation of the data.

II. Outbreaks and incidence of infectious diseases related to water

i) Outbreaks and incidence of infectious diseases related to water

In filling out the below table, please consider the following points:

(a) For reporting outbreaks, please report confirmed water-related outbreaks only (i.e., for which there is epidemiological or microbiological evidence for water to have facilitated infection);

(b) For reporting incidents, please report the numbers related to all exposure routes. In your response:

(i) Please report cases per 100,000 population;

(ii) Please differentiate between zero incidents (0) and no data available (-).

Please extend the list of water-related diseases, to the extent possible, to cover other relevant pathogens (e.g., enteric viruses, *Giardia intestinalis*, *Vibrio cholerae*).

Please indicate how the information is collected (e.g., event-based or incidence-based surveillance).

	Other relevant pathogens, if applicable	Baseline for incidence rate per 100,000 population (all exposure routes)	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for incidence rate per 100,000 population (all exposure routes)	Current value for incidence rate per 100,000 population (all exposure routes)	Baseline for Number of outbreaks (confirmed water-borne outbreaks)	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for Number of outbreaks (confirmed water-borne outbreaks)	Current value for Number of outbreaks (confirmed water-borne outbreaks)	Information is collected through:
Specify year								
Shigellosis								
Enterohaemorrhagic E. coli infection								
Typhoid fever								
Viral hepatitis A								
Legionellosis								
Cryptosporidiosis								
Additional disease 1								
Additional disease 2								
Additional disease 3								
Additional disease 4								
Additional disease 5								

ii) Please comment on the trends or provide any other important information supporting interpretation of the data.

III. Access to drinking water

i) Access to drinking water

If possible, please provide segregated data for urban and rural areas in the table below. If this is not possible, please consider reporting by alternative categories available in your country, for example by “non-centralized versus centralized” water supply systems or by population number-based categories. If you do so, please indicate the reported categories by adding the alternative area/category name in the second column in the table below accordingly.

If data can be reported neither for urban and rural areas nor for alternative categories, please report total (national) values only.

	Alternative area/category name, if applicable	Baseline value	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle	Current value
Specify year				
Percentage of population with access to drinking water (Total)	93%			
Percentage of population with access to drinking water (Urban)		93%		99%
Percentage of population with access to drinking water (Rural)				

ii) Please comment on the trends or provide any other important information supporting interpretation of the data with regard to access to drinking water.

iii) Access to drinking water

Tick all that apply

- ☐ Estimates provided by the WHO/United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply and Sanitation. JMP definitions are available at <http://www.wssinfo.org/definitions-methods/watsan-categories>.
- ☐ National estimates. Please specify how “access” is defined and what types of drinking-water supplies are considered in the estimates in your country.

iv) In particular, please specify if the above percentage on “access to drinking water” refers to access to (tick all applicable):

Tick all that apply

- ☐ Improved drinking water sources (as per JMP definition)
- ☐ Supplies located on premises
- ☐ Supplies available when needed
- ☐ Supplies that provide drinking water free from faecal contamination

IV. Access to sanitation

i) Access to sanitation

If possible, please provide segregated data for urban and rural areas in the table below. If this is not possible, please consider reporting by alternative categories available in your country, for example by “non-centralized versus centralized” sanitation systems or by population number-based categories. If you do so, please indicate the reported categories by adding the alternative area/category name in the second column in the table below accordingly.

If data can be reported neither for urban and rural areas nor for alternative categories, please report total (national) values only.

	Alternative area/category name, if applicable	Baseline value	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle	Current value
Specify year		2024		
Percentage of population with access to sanitation (Total)				
Percentage of population with access to sanitation (Urban)		64%		
Percentage of population with access to sanitation (Rural)				

ii) Please comment on the trends or provide any other important information supporting interpretation of the data with regard to access to sanitation.

iii) Access to sanitation

Tick all that apply

- ☐ Estimates provided by JMP. JMP definitions are available at <http://www.wssinfo.org/definitions-methods/watsan-categories>.
- ☐ National estimates. Please specify how “access” is defined and what types of sanitation facilities are considered in the estimates in your country.

iv) In particular, please specify if the above percentage on “access to sanitation” refers to access to (tick all applicable):

Tick all that apply

- ☐ Improved sanitation facilities (as per JMP definition)
- ☐ Facilities not shared with other households
- ☐ Facilities from which excreta is safely disposed in situ or treated off site

V. Effectiveness of management, protection and use of freshwater resources

1. Water quality

1. On the basis of national systems of water classification, please indicate the percentage of water bodies or the percentage of the volume (preferably) of water¹ falling under each defined class

(e.g., for European Union countries and other countries following the European Union Water Framework Directive2 classification, the percentage of surface waters of high, good, moderate, poor and bad ecological status, and the percentage of groundwaters/surface waters of good or poor chemical status; for other countries, in classes I, II, III, etc.).

[1] Please specify.

[2] Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.

(a) For European Union countries and other countries following the European Union Water Framework Directive classification

(i) Ecological status of surface water bodies

	Baseline value for the percentage of surface water classified as	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the percentage of surface water classified as	Current value for the percentage of surface water classified as
Specify year			
High status		19%	24%
Good status		26%	16%
Moderate status		35%	16%
Poor status		30%	9%
Bad status			4%
Total number/volume of water bodies classified		55	45
Total number/volume of water bodies in the country		99	99

(ii) Chemical status of surface water bodies

	Baseline value for the percentage of surface water bodies classified as	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the percentage of surface water bodies classified as	Current value for the percentage of surface water bodies classified as
Specify year			
Good status		40%	40%
Poor status			
Total number/volume of water bodies classified		55	45

Total number/volume of water bodies in the country	99	99	99
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(iii) Status of groundwaters

	Baseline value for the percentage of groundwaters classified as	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the percentage of groundwaters classified as	Current value for the percentage of groundwaters classified as
Specify year			
Good quantitative status			
Good chemical status			60%
Poor quantitative status			
Poor chemical status			40%
Total number/volume of groundwater bodies classified		21	17
Total number/volume of groundwater bodies in the country		30	30

(b) For other countries

(i) Status of surface waters

	Name of relevant class of national classification system	Baseline value for the percentage of surface water falling under class	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the percentage of surface water falling under class	Current value for the percentage of surface water falling under class
Specify year				
I				
II				
III				
IV				
V				

Total number/volume of water bodies classified				
Total number/volume of water bodies in the country				

(ii) Status of groundwaters

	Name of relevant class of national classification system	Baseline value for the percentage of groundwaters falling under class	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the percentage of groundwaters falling under class	Current value for the percentage of groundwaters falling under class
Specify year				
I				
II				
III				
IV				
V				
Total number/volume of water bodies classified				
Total number/volume of water bodies in the country				

2. Please provide any other information that will help put into context and aid understanding of the information provided above (e.g., coverage of information provided if not related to all water resources, how the quality of waters affects human health).

2. Water use

3. Please provide information on the water exploitation index at the national and river basin levels for each sector (agriculture, industry, domestic)

i.e., the mean annual abstraction of freshwater by sector divided by the mean annual total renewable freshwater resource at the country level, expressed in percentage terms.

For 'Industry': Please specify whether the figure includes both water abstraction for manufacturing industry and for energy cooling.

For 'Domestic use': Please specify whether the figure only refers to public water supply systems or also to individual supply systems (e.g., wells).

	Alternative water exploitation index name, if applicable	Baseline value for the water exploitation index	Value reported in the previous reporting cycle for the water exploitation index	Current value for the water exploitation index
Specify year				
Agriculture		25 724 708 m3/year		
Industry		Industrya 25 363 096 m3/year		
Domestic use		Domestic useb 83 184 477 m3/year		
Additional water exploitation index 1				
Additional water exploitation index 2		Water supply of industrial, commercial and institutional facilities by the municipality (m³ / year)		
Additional water exploitation index 3		Water supplied to households, by municipalities (m3 / year)		

Part four – Water-related disease surveillance and response systems

1. In accordance with the provisions of article 8 of the Protocol:

1.1 Has your country established comprehensive water-related disease surveillance and early warning systems according to paragraph 1 (a)?

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

1.2 Has your country prepared comprehensive national or local contingency plans for responses to outbreaks and incidents of water-related disease according to paragraph 1 (b)?

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

1.3 Do relevant public authorities have the necessary capacity to respond to such outbreaks, incidents or risks in accordance with the relevant contingency plan according to paragraph 1 (c)?

Please select only one option

- ☐ YES

- ☐ NO
- ☒ IN PROGRESS

2. If yes or in progress, please provide summary information about key elements of the water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response systems.

(e.g., identification of water-related disease outbreaks and incidents, notification, communication to the public, data management and reporting).

Please also provide reference to existing national legislation and/or regulations addressing water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response.

Surveillance of infectious diseases has been established at the national level and is carried out in coordination with the Institute of Public Health, hygiene and epidemiological services at health centers, as well as with the health and sanitary inspection and the food safety administration. Inspection services control the fulfillment of the conditions for carrying out activities of facilities dealing with water supply and other facilities that are under sanitary supervision.

3. Please describe what actions have been taken in your country in the past three years to improve and/or sustain water-related disease surveillance, early warning systems and contingency plans, as well as to strengthen the capacity of public authorities to respond to water-related disease outbreaks and incidents, in accordance with the provisions of article 8 of the Protocol.

Work is ongoing to establish regulatory frameworks in the area of risk management. In this context, the following documents have been adopted:

Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy for the period 2025-2030 National Plan for Protection and Rescue from Chemical and Biological Risks (September 2020)

National Plan for Protection and Rescue from Radiation and Nuclear Accidents, 2022 Disaster Risk Management Capability Assessment 2023

The Law on the Provision of Safe Water for Human Consumption also defines the obligation to inform the public about defective water samples.

Part five – Progress achieved in implementing other articles of the Protocol

Please provide a short description of the status of implementation of articles 9 to 14 of the Protocol, as relevant.

Suggested length: up to two pages

Part six – Thematic part linked to priority areas of work under the Protocol

1. Water, sanitation and hygiene in institutional settings

1. In the table below, please provide information on the proportion of schools (primary and secondary) and health-care facilities that provide basic water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services.

Basic services refer to the following:

(a) Basic sanitation service: Improved facilities (according to JMP definition), which are sex-separated and usable at the school or health-care facility;

(b) Basic drinking water service: Water from an improved source (according to JMP definition) is available at the school or health-care facility;

(c) Basic hygiene service: Handwashing facility with water and soap available to students (schools) or patients and health-care providers (health-care facilities).

If the above definitions/categories do not apply in your country, please report for alternative categories for which data are available. In this case, please indicate the reported categories by adding alternative category name in the second column in the table below accordingly.

Please indicate the source of data. If data is not available, please put (-).

	Alternative category name, if applicable	Current value	Specify year	Source of data
Basic sanitation service (Schools)		11,4	2022	
Basic drinking-water service (Schools)		82%	2022	
Basic hygiene service (Schools)		44%	2022	
Basic sanitation service (Health-care facilities)		16%	2021	
Basic drinking-water service (Health-care facilities)		88%	2021	
Basic hygiene service (Health-care facilities)		78%	2021	

2. Has the situation of WASH in schools been assessed in your country?

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

3. Has the situation of WASH in health-care facilities been assessed in your country?

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

4. Do approved policies or programmes include actions:

(please tick all that apply)

Tick all that apply

- ☐ To improve WASH in schools
- ☐ To improve WASH in health-care facilities

5. If yes, please provide reference to main relevant national policy(ies) or programme(s)

2. Safe management of drinking-water supply

6. Is there a national policy or regulation in your country, which requires implementation of risk-based management, such as WHO water safety plans (WSPs), in drinking water supply?

Please select only one option

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☒ IN PROGRESS

7. If yes, please provide reference to relevant national policy(ies) or regulatory documentation.

The Law on Water for Human Consumption is being harmonized with the DWD and the implementation of risk management, such as Water Safety Plans (WSP), is planned. Currently, water supply companies are required to have a HACCP system implemented.

8. i) In the table below, please provide information on the percentage of the population serviced with drinking-water under a WSP.

Please indicate the source of data. If data is not available, please put (-).

	Current value for the percentage of population	Specify year	Source of data
Total			
Additional data 1			
Additional data 2			
Additional data 3			

8. ii) Please provide any other important information supporting the interpretation of the data.

3. Equitable access to water and sanitation

9. Has the equity of access to safe drinking-water and sanitation been assessed?

Please select only one option

- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO
- ☐ IN PROGRESS

10. Do national policies or programmes include actions to improve equitable access to water and sanitation:

(please tick all that apply)

Tick all that apply

- ☒ To reduce geographical disparities
- ☒ To ensure access for vulnerable and marginalized groups
- ☒ To keep water and sanitation affordable for all

11. If yes, please provide reference to main relevant national policy(ies) and programme(s).

The Law on Water (Official Gazette of Montenegro 84/18) defines that water supply to local rural waterworks is the responsibility of local self-government

Municipal Decisions regulate the issue of water supply in rural local waterworks

Water supply to rural and other settlements is carried out in accordance with the regulation of the local self-government unit.

The regulation establishes the conditions for accessing the construction, use, maintenance and management of water supply facilities and systems

Integrated approaches have been adopted to support the provision of water supply, sanitation and hygiene services in rural areas and informal settlements

Water Management Strategy (2017)

Part seven – Information on the person submitting the report

The following report is submitted on behalf (please enter the name of your Party, Signatory or other State below) in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health

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Submission

1. Parties are required to submit their summary reports to the joint secretariat, 210 days before the next session of the Meeting of the Parties, using the present Online Reporting System created based on the template and in accordance with the guidelines on reporting, which were adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Geneva, 14-16 November 2016), as annexes to [decision IV/1 on reporting](#). Submission of the reports ahead of this deadline is encouraged, as this will facilitate the preparation of analyses and syntheses to be made available to the Meeting of the Parties.
2. Parties are requested to submit, to the two addresses below, an original signed copy by post.

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The Law on Water (Official Gazette of Montenegro 84/18) defines that water supply to local rural waterworks is the responsibility of local self-government

Municipal Decisions regulate the issue of water supply in rural local waterworks

Water supply to rural and other settlements is carried out in accordance with the regulation of the local self-government unit.

The regulation establishes the conditions for accessing the construction, use, maintenance and management of water supply facilities and systems

Integrated approaches have been adopted to support the provision of water supply, sanitation and hygiene services in rural areas and informal settlements

Water Management Strategy (2017)

Part seven – Information on the person submitting the report

The following report is submitted on behalf (please enter the name of your Party, Signatory or other State below) in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health

The following report is submitted on behalf of Montenegro

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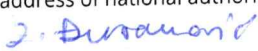
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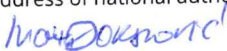
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