

6th Nordic and Baltic drinking water and health network meeting

Date: 23-24 November 2017

Venue: Congress Avenue Hotel, Gedimino av. 12, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Provisional Programme

Thursday, 23 November 2017	
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–9:30	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p><i>Aušra Bilotienė Motiejūnienė, Deputy Minister of Health of Republic of Lithuania (TBC)</i></p> <p><i>Ingrida Zurlytė, Head of WHO Country Office Lithuania</i></p> <p>Introduction of meeting objectives and expected outcomes (<i>Romualdas Sabaliauskas, Centre for Health Education and Diseases Prevention</i>)</p> <p>Introduction of participants</p>
<p><i>Chair: Nataliya Nikiforova, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i></p>	
09:30–11:00	<p>Session 1: Protocol on Water and Health: core provisions, activities and linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)</p> <p>Introduction to the Protocol on Water and Health and opportunities for joint implementation with the water, sanitation and health related SDGs (<i>Nataliya Nikiforova, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>)</p> <p>Core obligations under the Protocol – why is it important to set national targets on water and health (<i>Chair of the Compliance Committee, Norway (TBC)</i>)</p> <p>Benefits of setting and implementing targets under the Protocol in EU countries – Finland and Serbia</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Short interventions by Baltic countries on their progress with target setting and Protocol implementation</p>
11:00–11:30	Morning break
11:30–12:45	<p>Session 1 (continued): work in parallel groups</p> <p><i>Group 1:</i> discussion on the benefits of implementing the Protocol in the EU countries</p>

	<p><i>Group 2: clarifying legal obligations under the Protocol on Water and Health (with Chair of the Compliance Committee and other Committee members)</i></p> <p>Reporting back to plenary. Wrap-up of the session 1</p>
12:45–13:45	Lunch break
<i>Chair Ramon Nahkur, Ministry of Social Affairs in Estonia</i>	
13:45–15:15	<p>Session 2: Promoting risk based approaches in the small scale systems through the target setting</p> <p>Opportunities of setting targets on small-scale systems under the Protocol on Water and Health and examples of targets (<i>Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>)</p> <p>Case study: Informing the policy making and target setting through a rapid assessment in Serbia (<i>Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health in Serbia</i>)</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Countries presenting on situation of small scale systems and application of risk based approaches in management and surveillance</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>
15:15-15:45	Afternoon break
15:45–17:15	<p>Session 2 (continued):</p> <p>Brief introduction to Water Safety Plan (WSP) approach and road map for WSP uptake (<i>Enkhtsetseg Shinee , WHO Regional Office for Europe and Dragana Jovanovic, Institute of Public Health in Serbia</i>)</p> <p>Considerations for risk-based drinking-water quality surveillance in small-scale systems (<i>Enkhtsetseg Shinee, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>)</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Rotating group work. Possibilities on setting specific targets on small-scale systems in the context of the Protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSP related targets; • Surveillance related targets ; • Education/qualification of small-system operators. <p>Groups feedback</p>
17:15-17:30	Conclusions and the closure of day 1
19:00	Dinner (Congress Avenue Hotel, Gedimino av. 12)

Friday, 24 November 2017

Chair Kjetil Tveitan, The Royal Ministry of Health and Care Services

9:00–9:30	Pressure-loss events and acute gastrointestinal illness – are the current safety measures sufficient <i>(Camilla Svendsen, National institute on Public Health, Norway)</i> Discussions
9:30–10:00	Fecal contamination sources in a Finnish river that is used for drinking water production by a large drinking water company <i>(Tarja Pitkänen, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland)</i> Discussions
10:00–10:30	Morning break
10:30–11:00	Threats of new Belorussian nuclear power plant to groundwater resources at Vilnius wellfields <i>(Marius Gregorauskas, Vilniaus hidrogeologija Ltd./Vilnius university, Lithuania)</i> Discussions
11:30–12:00	Survey of drinking water quality in individual water works and private wells in four different Estonian counties <i>(Knut Tamm, Health Board, Estonia)</i> Discussions
12:00–13:00	Lunch break
<i>Chair: Rita Sketerskienė, Ministry of Health of Republic of Lithuania (TBC)</i> <i>Romualdas Sabaliauskas, Centre for Health Education and Diseases Prevention</i>	
13:00–13:30	Is there a need for advanced treatment of sewage and are there recipients that are more sensitive than others <i>(Petra Wallberg, SWECO, Sweden)</i> Discussions
13:30–14:00	Support system for waterworks in crises <i>(Tora Scharffenberg, National institute on Public Health, Norway)</i> Discussions
14:00–14:30	Drinking water quality management and problems during exceptional situations – floods, industrial and other accidents <i>(Normunds Kadikis, Health Inspectorate, Latvia)</i> Discussions
14:30–15:00	Conclusions, next steps and closure of the meeting