



The Protocol on Water and Health

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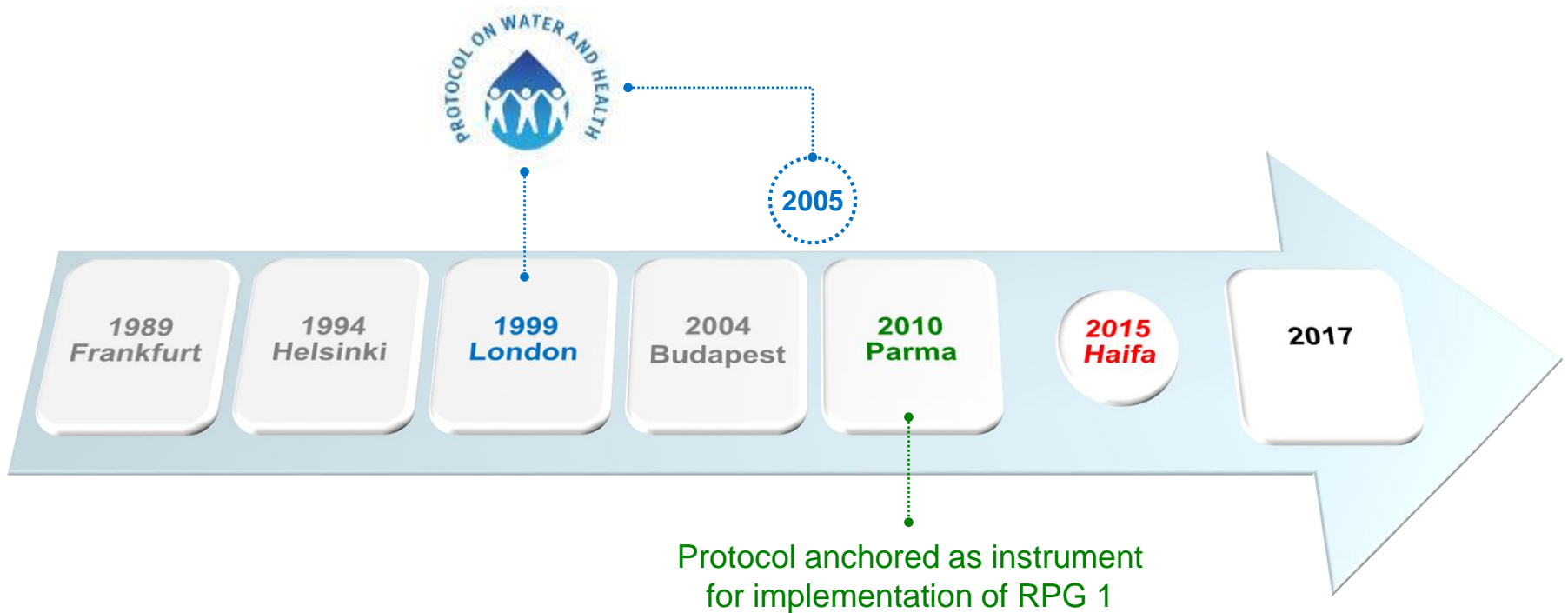
Protocol on Water and Health

Unique instrument for European Region

- First and only **multilateral agreement** addressing protection of human health and well-being
- Linking sustainable **water management** with prevention, control and reduction of **water-related disease**
- Joint UNECE and WHO secretariat



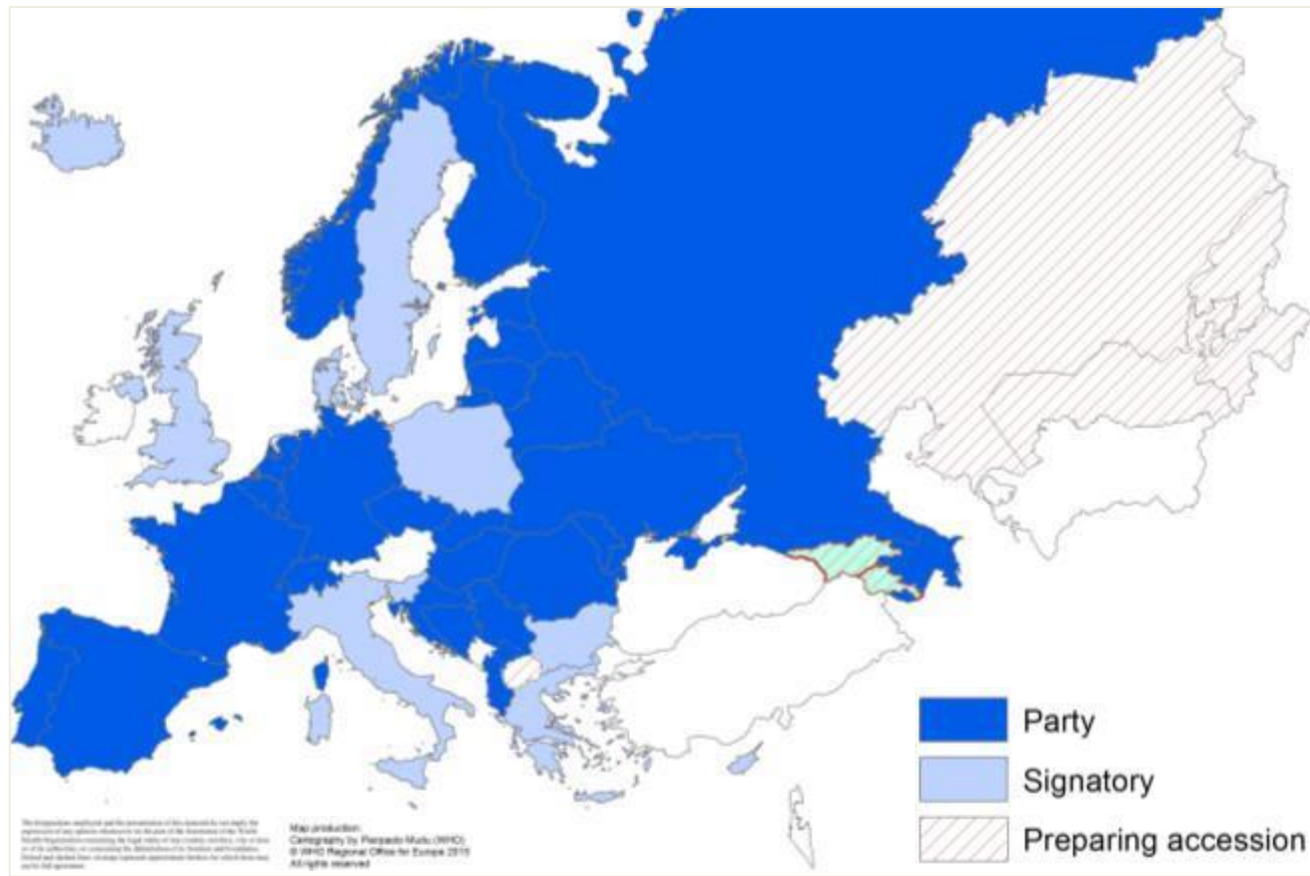
The EHP and the Protocol



“We will take advantage of the (...) Protocol (...) as a rationale and progressive tool to develop integrated policies on water (...) management and health (...) with clear targets and objectives, working in partnership with all concerned sectors.”

Coverage

- 26 Parties
- 14 (further) Signatories
- Parties cover 60% of the European population



General provisions

Entire water cycle covered

Adequate supplies of **wholesome drinking-water**

Provision of **adequate sanitation** that protects health and the environment

Protection of water resources, including the reduction of harmful discharges

Safe use of water for **recreational purposes**

Safe use of **wastewater and sewage sludge in agriculture**

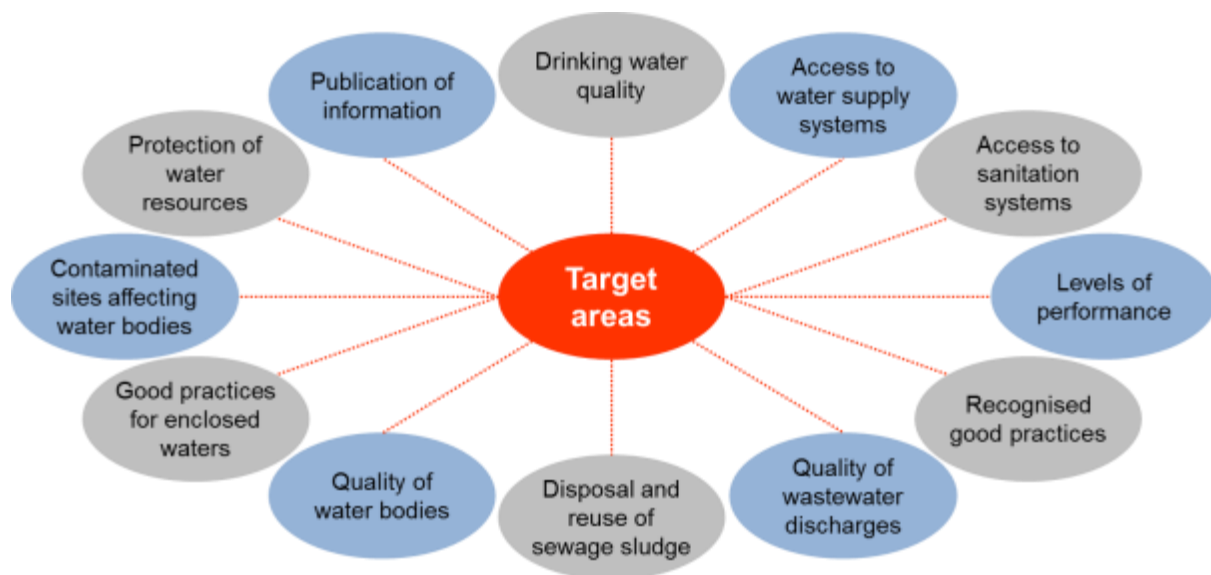
Effective surveillance systems for monitoring and for responding to incidents and outbreaks

Core provision: target setting

Articles 6 and 7

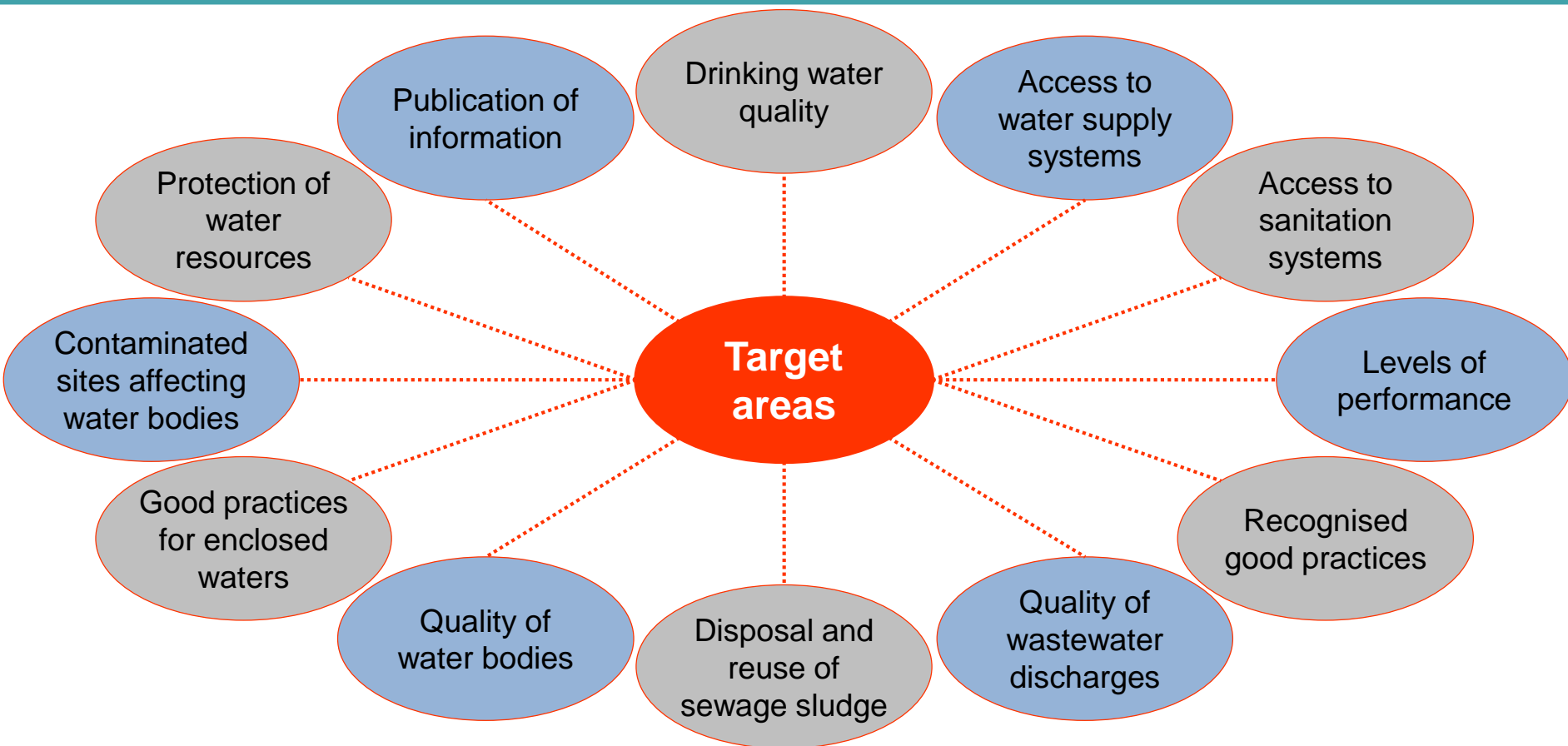
ESTABLISH TARGETS AND DATES

- Within **2 years** of becoming a Party
- Country sets and publishes **targets**
- Country sets **dates** for achieving targets



Core provision: target setting

Target areas



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REVIEW
PROGRESS

There is nothing like an universal target

Parties define targets based on their health, environmental and socio-economic conditions

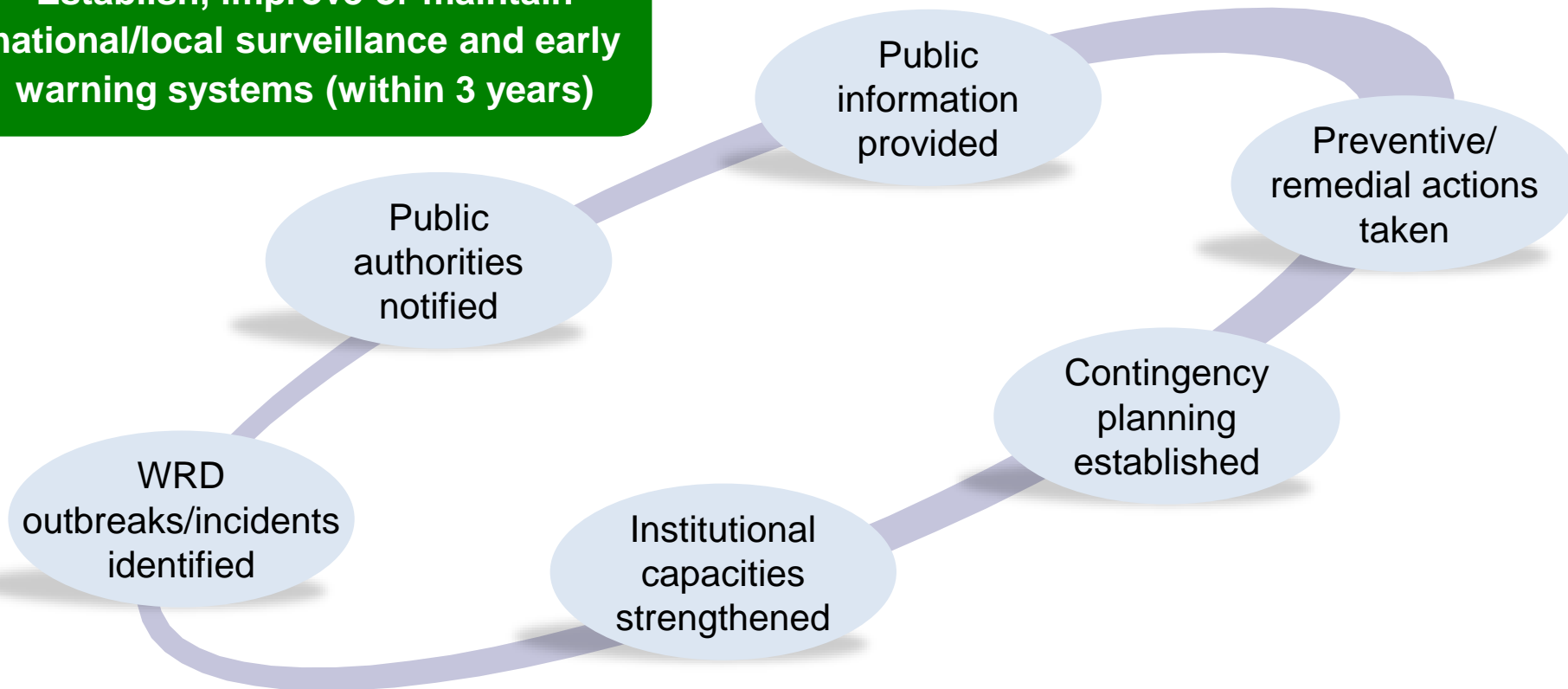
Parties define progress based on their needs, priorities and available resources

Targets are legally binding

Core provision: health systems

Article 8

Establish, improve or maintain national/local surveillance and early warning systems (within 3 years)



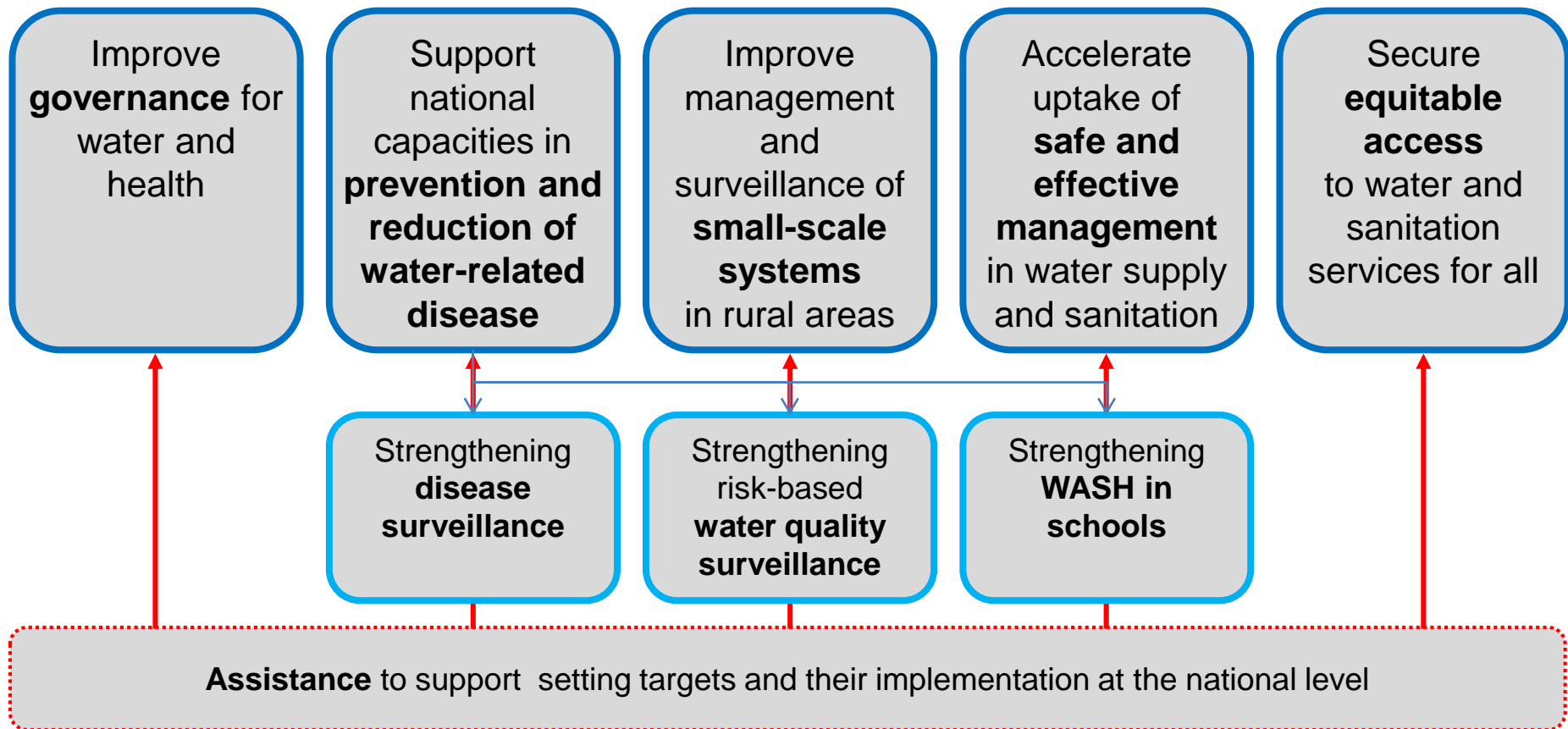
Added value

- **Looks across and beyond silos:**
 - Addresses entire water cycle
 - Provides impetus for long-term improvements that otherwise have “no policy home”
 - Aligns with but also goes beyond EU obligations (e.g. small supplies and equity)
- **Flexible:**
 - Adaptable to national challenges, needs and resources
 - Integrates with national policies and programmes

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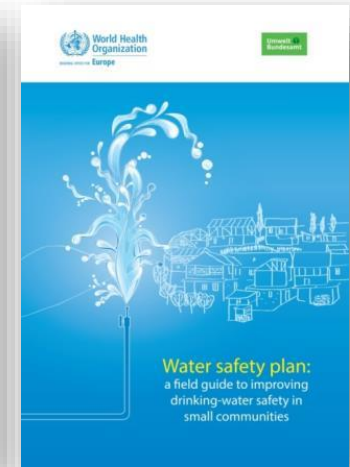
- **Regional hub for cooperation:**
 - Cooperation between health, environment and water sectors
 - Convening power to involve other sectors
 - Facilitates partnerships
 - Capacity building, technical exchange and mutual advice
- **Regional tool that supports stepwise national uptake of international commitments:**
 - Human Right to Water and Sanitation
 - *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

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Improve management and surveillance of **small-scale systems** in rural areas



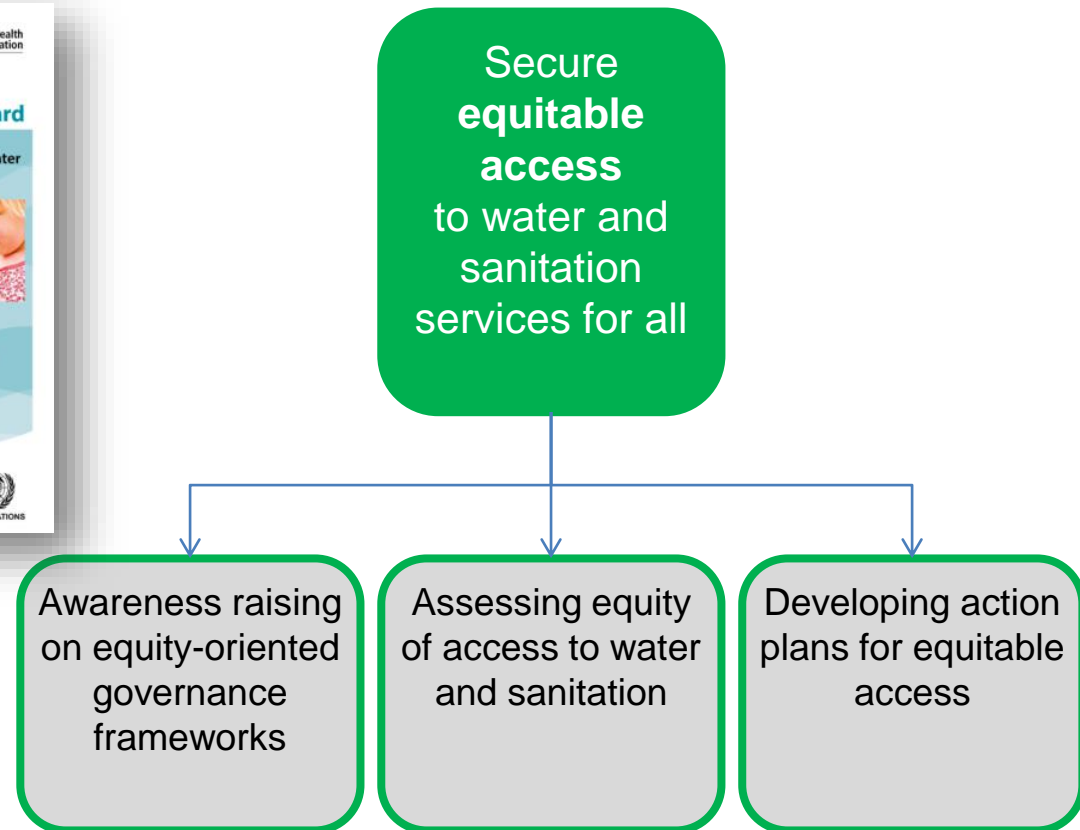
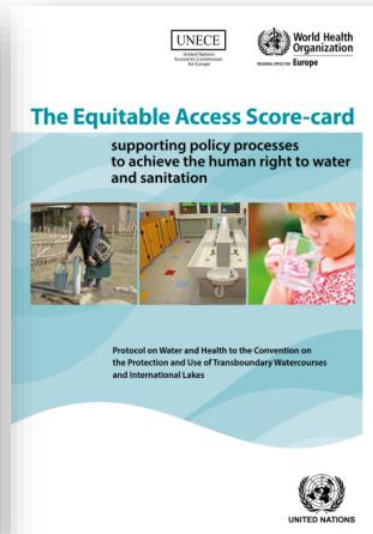
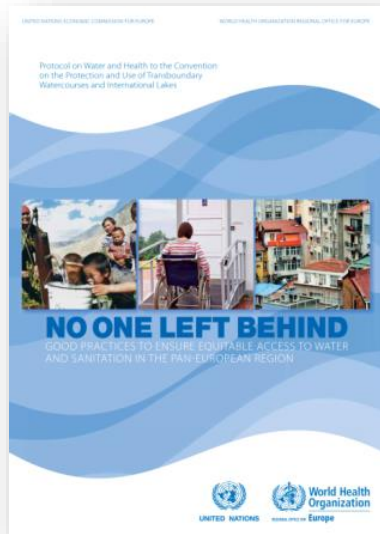
Good practice document for policy makers

Capacity building

Strengthening evidence base

Information sharing and regional networking

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Meeting objectives

- **PART A:** Small-scale systems:

Better understanding of the prevailing conditions
Address small system issues in (draft) national targets

- **PART B:** Equitable access to water and sanitation:

Appreciate possible inequities in access
Address inequities in (draft) national targets

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Thank you



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