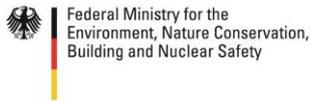


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WATER AND SANITATION SAFETY PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS OF EASTERN EUROPE

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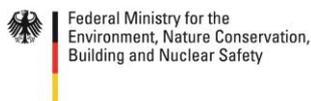


Water and sanitation are of utmost importance for the development of rural areas in Eastern Europe. In the new agenda 2030, water and sanitation are prominent in SDG6, but also in other goals. The agenda 2030 is relevant for all countries and its overall aim is to leave no-one behind.

Water and sanitation safety planning (WSSP) is a health based approach and follows the WHO Guidelines. WECF adapted this approach to reach small communities and to improve the local conditions. The approach becomes more and more important for the rural areas as water safety planning becomes mandatory in the EU: Following the public consultation on the quality of drinking water in 2014, the European commission changed the Annexes of the Drinking Water Directive. The new Annex II provides an option to perform the drinking water monitoring in around 100,000 water supply zones in Europe in a more flexible way, provided a risk assessment is performed ensuring full protection of public health. The water safety plan approach allows to reduce unnecessary analyses and to concentrate on those controls that matter. The amended directive entered into force on 27th October 2015. It has to be transposed into national legislation within a period of 24 months by the EU Member States.

In the frame of this conference, the developed WSSP compendium will be presented. This publication has been adapted further to reach small communities in Eastern Europe. It is now translated into English, Romanian, Macedonian, Albanian and Bulgarian language. The results of implementing the approach will be shared from Romania and Macedonia.

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Programme (English with consecutive interpreting into Romanian language)

Moderator: Monica Isacu, Aquademica

8:30	Welcome by Aquademica	Dr. Ilie Vlaicu
	Welcome by the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety	Ms. Melanie Stolzenberg-Lindner
	Welcome by the Romanian Ministry of Environment, Water and Forest or Ministry of Health	Ms Adriana Carlan, tbc
	Welcome by WECF	Ms. Sascha Gabizon
9.30	Introduction to the water and sanitation targets in the Agenda2030	Dr. Claudia Wendland WECF
9:45	Introduction of the WSSP compendium	Ms Bistra Mihaylova WECF

WSSP in FYR Macedonia

10:00	WatSan situation in rural Macedonia	Prof. Mihail Kocubovski, Center of Public Health, Macedonia
10:20	WSSP results in two Macedonian villages	Filip Spirovski JHR
10:40	WSSP results in Macedonian schools	Aleksandra Radevska JHR
11:00	Coffee break & poster session	CSOs from Bosnia-H., Albania and Moldova presenting their projects

WSSP in Romania

12:00	The perception of environmental risks by experts and by the public	Dr. Corina Ilin, Timisoara West University
12:20	Water quality and sanitary conditions - determinants of rural public health	Dr. Cristina Nica, Aquatim
12:40	WSSP results in Manastur, Romania	Prof. Mihaela Vasilescu, Ecological University Bucharest, Ionel Curuti, Mayor Manastur
13:00	WSSP results in schools, Romania	Teacher/school authority

Moderator: Sascha Gabizon and Monica Isacu

13:20	Panel discussion "How can the WSSP-methodology for small communities be implemented in the countries and how it can be financed?"	
14:20	Summary and conclusions	
14:30-15:30	Reception & poster session	CSOs from Bosnia-H., Albania and Moldova presenting their projects