

**Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E)**  
**Actions by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**

**Title:**

**Promotion of water recycling and safe reuse by fostering the exchange of experiences in the pan-European region and identifying policy and technical measures**

*Focus areas 5 and 2:* Develop clean physical capital for sustainable production patterns;  
Promote the internalization of negative externalities and the sustainable use of natural capital.

**Description of the action:** In the framework of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health:

1. reviewing existing practices on water reuse throughout the pan-European region, looking at policy, technical and financial dimensions, the potential health risks and the challenges deriving from global pressures, such as climate change and water scarcity, urbanization, migration and increasing inequalities;
2. organizing a regional workshop discuss priority needs and action and promote the sharing of knowledge and experiences.
3. Developing, as appropriate, further policy and/or technical guidance and practical tools under the Protocol.

**Action's timeframe/milestones appropriate:** Activities will be developed in the framework of the Protocol's programme of work for 2017-2019 and beyond. Results will be reviewed at the fifth session of the Protocol's Meeting of the Parties in 2019.

**Type of action:** information, capacity-building and policy development

**Economic sectors:** water supply and sanitation, agriculture, energy, manufacture, waste, etc.

**Reference instruments and sources:** Website of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health: [http://www.unece.org/env/water/pwh\\_text/text\\_protocol.html](http://www.unece.org/env/water/pwh_text/text_protocol.html)

**Expected co-benefits and impact of the outcome:** Reduced negative impact on health and environment as a result of implementation of best practices and strengthening of the policy framework

Significant co-benefits for climate change actions and fight against water scarcity

**SDGs target(s) that the action may contribute to implement:**

3.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 11.5, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3

**Objectively verifiable indicators, as appropriate:** Percentage of water safely reused.

**Partners:** Lead Party(ies) for this area of work and WHO/Europe co-secretariat  
Subsidiary bodies under the Protocol on Water and Health  
National and local administrations  
European Commission  
Private companies, in particular water supply and sanitation providers  
Research centers  
NGOs

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