

Outcomes of the open-space discussions

1. Where do countries see young people as potentially contributing to the implementation of activities under the work program 2014-2016?

- Promotion of Protocol (disseminate the messages about the Protocol to the wider public, use social media);
- Hygiene promotion in schools;
- Bridging the information gap between policy makers and civil society (from strategy level to action level);
- Awareness rising about equitable to water and sanitation (what does it really mean, W&S is a human right);
- Advocacy of score-card at local levels (local authorities) to assess the level of provision of access to W&S;
- Education on management of small scale water supplies for users of such facilities;
- Assess the needs of local communities in order to facilitate effective target setting at national level;
- Translation and dissemination of public participation guide;
- Monitoring of progress in achievement of goals set by countries;
- Awareness rising on issues under the protocol.

2. How do we involve young people in the implementation of actions under the protocol initiated by the Government?

- Approach authorities and convince them about the advantage of having youth in the process;
- Informing children, students and scholars about the ongoing water and health process (decision making and implementation of actions) under the Protocol (games, lectures, different forums with inviting decision makers);
- Capacity building for young people by the EEHYC in order to have a meaningful participation in the process;
- Build synergies with other organizations;
- Follow the recommendations of the Public Participation Guide;
- Involvement in National Working Groups.

3. How do we link the ongoing independent youth projects to the Protocol objectives at the national level?

- Connect directly with Focal Points;
- Communicate the content and results of the project to local authorities and Focal Points on Water and Health in the Ministries;
- Establish collaboration with local authorities (local governments, local councils, ministries, etc.) on topics related to the activities implemented under the Protocol;
- Invite key people from governments to event/projects;
- Find or establish national/local forums by young people where they can share results and concerns;
- Select representatives/facilitators to communicate with Focal Points;
- Young people can access the information on websites of relevant ministries and agencies; the latter could make the information more user-friendly;
- Cooperate closer with school administrations and teachers.