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Progress in implementing the Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health

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Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health: towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe – leaving no one behind

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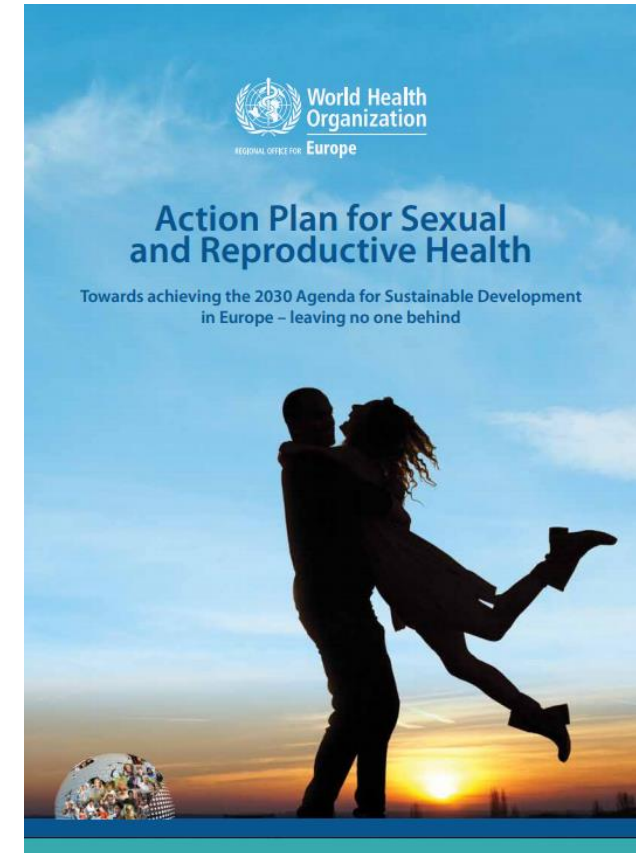
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GOAL 2

- Ensure that all people **can enjoy the highest attainable standard of SRH and well-being**

GOAL 3

- Guarantee **universal access to SRH and eliminate inequities**



Goal 1: Enable all people to make **informed decisions** about their SRH and ensure that their **human rights** are respected, protected and fulfilled

- Half of Member States have policies requiring mandatory comprehensive sexuality education in schools
- More needs to be done to fill the gaps in:
 - building capacity of teachers and sexuality educators
 - sharing knowledge and experience to increase uptake of sexuality education policies



Goal 2: Ensure that all people can enjoy the highest attainable standard of SRH and well-being

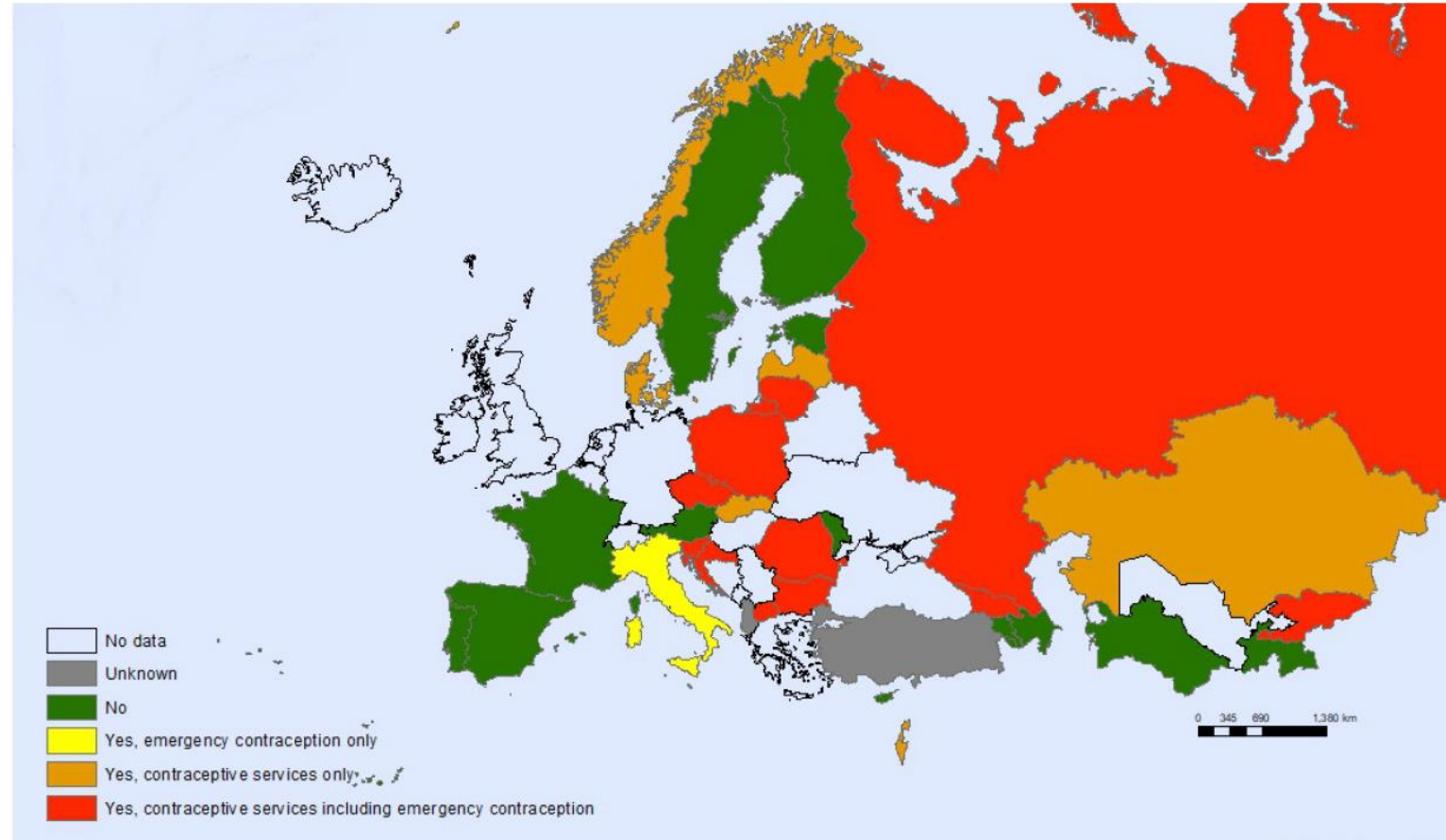


- Almost all Member States have:
 - Policies for free access to antenatal care, childbirth and newborn care services for all population groups
- More effort is needed to improve quality of care and avoid preventable maternal and perinatal mortality:
 - Improve access to evidence-based preconception care
 - Strengthen review processes for every maternal, newborn death and stillbirth

Goal 3: Guarantee universal access to SRH and eliminate inequities

- Over half of Member States provide legal access to contraception *without* parental consent for adolescents under 18 years of age
 - Availability of and access to quality SRH services for adolescents still a major challenge
- 44% of Member States have a national policy on family planning requiring contraceptive provision
 - Reducing financial barriers and increasing access to family planning services and use of contraceptives, particularly for vulnerable groups, remains a priority

Presence of legal age limit for unmarried adolescents to provide parental/legal guardian consent to SRH services



Intercountry meeting: “Progress in improving sexual and reproductive health in Europe”, Stockholm, Sweden, 30–31 August 2018



- 25 Member States participated.
- Increased requests received from Member States on evaluation of existing national strategies and development of new ones.
- Contributed to accelerated implementation of the Action Plan.

National sexual and reproductive health strategies and action plans – how WHO supports

Eight Member States aligned their new national SRH strategies in 2018-2019 with the Action Plan. WHO support included:

- Advocacy and intersectoral policy dialogues
- Engagement of civil society organizations and those *left behind*
- Development of accountability mechanisms for advancing implementation

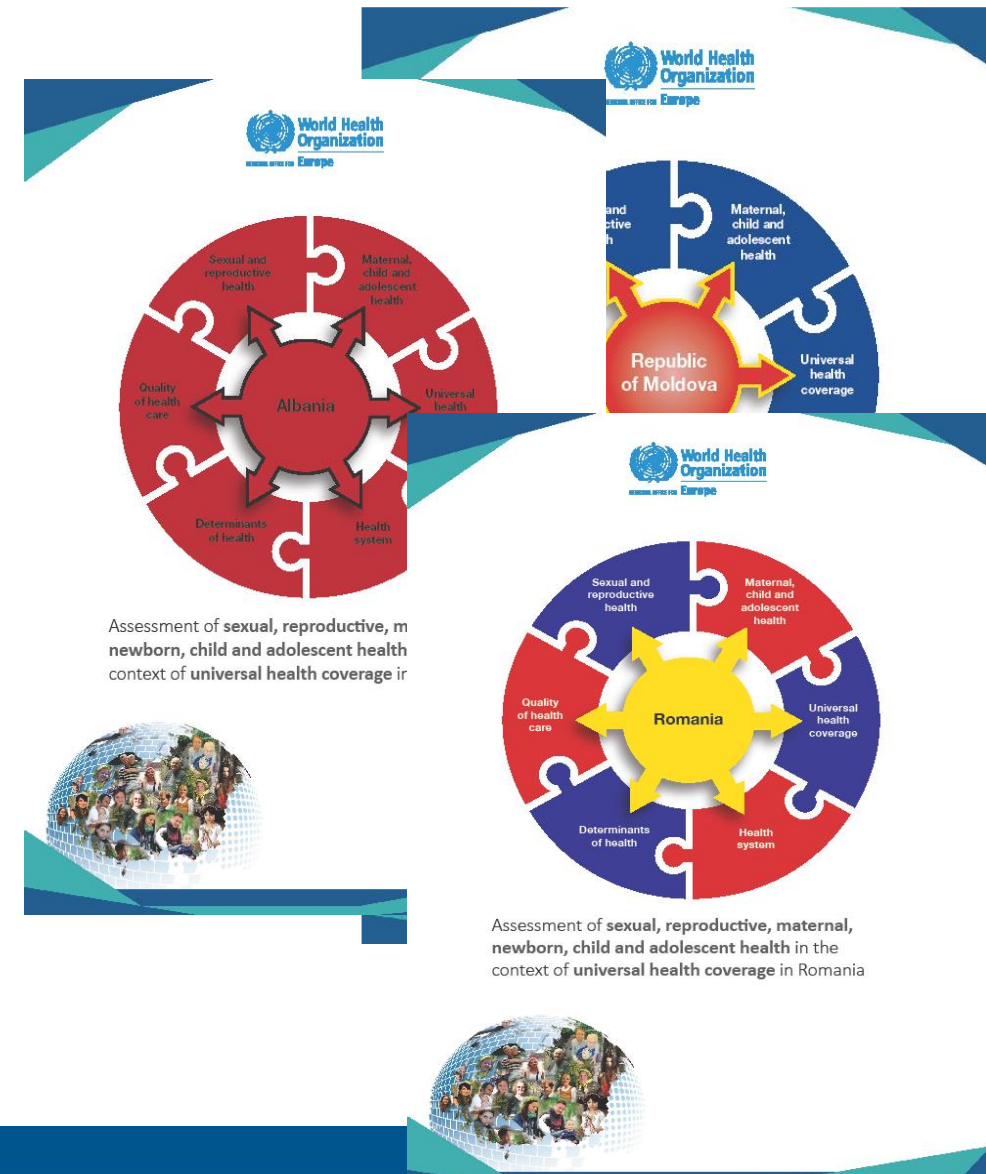


Assessment of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health in the context of universal health coverage

- Which SRMNCAH services are included in UHC policies in the specific country context?
- To what extent are the services available to the people for whom they are intended, and at what cost?
- What are health system barriers to the provision of SRMNCAH services?

In 2019, assessments have been completed in 6 countries – Albania, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, and Romania.

Six more to come in 2020.



Way forward

- Deep impact at country level is a focus
- Assessment of progress in countries towards UHC for SRHR is a priority
- Sustained policy advocacy for SRHR for *all* within the health system and beyond
- Regional partnerships and interagency collaboration
- Using potential of GPW 13 to advance achievement of Action Plan goals and related SDGs

Thank you

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