Objectives of the background paper

Assessment of the effort required and of the amount of financing needed to reach MDG Target 10 in the EECCA region, i.e.:

“Halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation”
**Paper’s structure**

- Analysis of the methodology used and the results produced by official JMP MDG Target 10 progress monitoring system
- Review of the 2 most recent studies available on the cost of reaching Target 10 in the EECCA region, i.e.:
  - COWI 2004 draft report “Financial needs of achieving the Millennium Development Goals for water and sanitation in the EECCA region” commissioned by the Danish Ministry of Environment, and;
  - World Bank 2003 “Meeting the Environment Millennium Development Goal in Europe and Central Asia”

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**Findings (1/2)**

1. The current proportion of people having sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in EECCA is unknown:
   - JMP’s progress monitoring system fails to convey a true picture of the status of the water supply and sanitation sector in EECCA \( \Rightarrow \) donors and IFIs should be very cautious in using JMP-based monitoring progress reports when setting priorities and designing assistance programmes and projects;
Findings (2/2)

2. Therefore, attempts to calculate the costs and amount of financing needed to reach Target 10 remain indicative, but;
3. the scale of the investments needed will undoubtedly be massive, requiring *inter alia* a massive and unprecedented mobilisation of donors and IFIs in a context of scarce local financial resources and limited borrowing capacity;
4. Resolving the methodological issues related to measuring progress in achieving Target 10 appears as the most important and immediate problem.