Accelerating action for healthier people, a thriving planet, a sustainable future

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MEETING ON GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITIES FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

2–4 DECEMBER, 2024, LA REDOUTE PALACE, BONN-BAD GODESBERG, GERMANY

The WHO European Centre for Environment and Health is happy to announce a meeting of national executive officers from ministries of environment and ministries of health to hold peer-to-peer exchanges on accelerating national action for environment and health by strengthening governance, capacities and resources. In line with the commitments made at the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, the meeting aims to foster multidisciplinary knowledge exchange and multisectoral alliances.

Join us in Bonn in an inspiring venue, rich with political history, to

- exchange experiences with executive officers from other countries,
- discuss governance approaches to accelerate and effectively implement your national environment and health agenda,
- acquire arguments and narratives to be used in political debate on environment and health governance, and
- socialize and network with peers informally during event breaks, networking sessions and at the charming Christmas markets in the city of Bonn.

This event is made possible due to the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.

MEETING CONTENT

The meeting will address a range of governance enablers and approaches on environment and health, and review respective national experiences and lessons learned, including:

Governance and leadership (Day 1)

» National institutional **leadership and governance** structures

» **Inter-sectoral collaboration** to integrate EH in different sectors and policies

» Streamlining implementation of **EH policies and actions across governmental levels**

Resources (Day 2)

» **Workforce competencies** and training curricula for addressing contemporary and emerging EH challenges

» **Finance and economic aspects** (economic incentives, efficient use of national budget, Public Private Partnerships, mobilizing resources from trust funds and financial institutions)

Knowledge transfer, communication and advocacy (Day 3)

» **Knowledge translation:** translating environment and health research and evidence into national policies and action plans

» **Strategic communication and outreach** to effectively advocate for EH, including combating dis- and mis-information

TARGET AUDIENCE

Chief medical officers, heads of public health, directors general, chief scientists and executive staff from ministries of environment and ministries of health, and related national institutions. Nominations will be requested through ministers of both ministries.

SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

Participants will actively lead and contribute to discussions in panels and in thematic laboratories (climate change, air quality, urban settings, and greening health care systems) sharing their experience and case studies. Discussions will be introduced by short input statements by senior experts, who will remain available as a resource to support the discussions.

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CASE STUDIES ON EH GOVERNANCE

A background document will present governance enablers and approaches, showcasing how they could be effectively utilized. The meeting will also facilitate and review national case studies, experiences and good practice elements on how to implement environment and health agendas as well as the Budapest commitments through environment and health governance, collaboration and communication approaches.

A UNIQUE, INSPIRING VENUE

Discussion will be inspired by the flair and history of "La Redoute" palace in Bonn-Bad Godesberg. Built in the neoclassical style in the 1790s for the court's balls and other amusements, Redoute has hosted a wide range of political and cultural events, witnessing moments that have marked the history of Germany and Europe.

LANGUAGES AND TIMELINE

The working language of the meeting will be English with simultaneous Russian interpreting.
The meeting is planned to open on **Monday 2 December at 12.30**, and close on **Wednesday 4 December at latest 14.00**.