



EHP Partnership Form

1. Name of the Partnership

Environment and Health Partnership on Risk reduction in the school environment

2. Leading country and/or organization

Hungary

3. Partners

Germany, Italy

4. Objectives

The objective of the Partnership is to promote actions towards improving the quality of indoor school environments to protect children's health, including through the dissemination of existing tools and resources, and identification of measures to advance more efficient uptake of good practices. Partners will aim to facilitate action both, on policy and technical levels. The Partnership also aims to raise awareness among a wider range of stakeholders, including parents and children to achieve a behavioural change that can further improve health and learning outcomes.

5. Description (max 200 words)

A healthy environment in facilities for children (schools, kindergartens, etc.) is instrumental for health and learning. Children's health and school environment have been in the focus of work of the European Environment and Health Process since the 2004 Budapest Ministerial Conference. There is sound scientific evidence on health hazards associated with poor indoor air quality, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Through the work of WHO and its partners, this knowledge has been translated into practical tools and other resources that are available to all countries in the WHO European Region. However, the uptake of good practices lags in many countries. In addition, challenges still need to be addressed, including those related to legal arrangements, cooperation among health and education sectors, the quality/safety of products and services, availability of health guidance for emerging and new chemicals, etc. To tackle them, coordinated and cooperative efforts of Member States and stakeholders are needed across sectoral boundaries.

The Partnership will provide a platform for knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning on existing good practices to achieve higher awareness and to facilitate the uptake of existing resources and established good practices in managing indoor environments safely. The Partnership could ultimately also support the development of technical resources to support

actions for achieving the desired positive change in the quality of indoor environment for children, including through behavioural change.

6. Expected outcomes

The Partnership is expected to achieve higher awareness to the health risks and mitigation measures of indoor environments in childcare facilities, including air quality and WASH. It will provide a hub for sharing of knowledge, experiences and practices for partners and other countries in the region, and for advocating for cross-sectoral cooperation towards achieving progress in policy and practice. It will advance the protection of children's health through improved indoor environment and through behaviour change to for better health practices.

7. Any additional optional information/document