



**Fourteenth meeting of the European Environment
and Health Task Force (EHTF)**

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Scope and purpose

The [Budapest Declaration of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health and its Roadmap to 2030](#) prioritise urgent, wide-ranging action on health challenges related to climate change, environmental pollution and biodiversity loss, along with – and in the context of – recovery from COVID-19. The Declaration also established the EHP Partnerships as a new mechanism for implementation of commitments.

This will be the first EHTF meeting following the Budapest Conference to discuss progress made in its follow-up, as well as the activities and key milestones to be achieved by the EHP in the implementation of the commitments taken through the Budapest Declaration in the 2024–2025 biennium and beyond.

The meeting will bring together national focal points for the EHTF, representatives of international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, academia, and other key stakeholders in the fields of environment and health.

In particular, the discussion will focus on the following main areas:

- Follow-up to the Budapest Conference: Member States and stakeholders will have an opportunity to showcase examples of the Budapest commitments implementation during the last year.
- Programme of work for the EHTF for 2024–2025: participants will discuss the draft programme of work, which includes proposed strategic directions and activities aimed at achieving them, providing insights, feedback and considering its adoption. In particular, Member States will be updated on work envisaged for the revision of the environment and health-related Sustainable Development Goals indicators for monitoring Budapest commitments implementation; on the preparation of the Executive Officers Meeting on Governance and Capacities for Environment and Health (2–4 December 2024, Germany); and on the development of updated professional profiles for environment and health.
- Programme for the Bonn Dialogues on Environment and Health: the EHTF will be invited to consider the continuation of the Bonn Dialogues in the biennium 2024–2025, to review the proposal for the Dialogues' topics and indicate interest in acting as their virtual host.
- EHP Partnerships: participants will be updated on the recent developments of the EHP Partnerships and will review the updated Terms of Reference for the EHP Partnerships. Also, an update on the Partnerships that are currently in the launching stage, will be provided.

- Major global, regional and sub-regional developments: participants, including Member States, stakeholders, and supporting partners, will have the opportunity to update on major global and regional developments relevant to environment and health, fostering synergies and coordination and acting in partnerships.
- EHTF Rules of Procedure (RoP): participants will review the updated EHTF RoP with the aim of reaching a consensus and adopting it.
- Elections of officers: following received expressions of interest to serve in the EHTF Bureau, the new members will be elected.

The expected outcomes of the meeting include an agreement on a two-year Programme of Work of the Task Force; the themes of the future Bonn Dialogues on Environment and Health; the launch of new EHP Partnerships and the adoption of the updated RoP of the EHTF.