



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

EURO/EHTF15/2

**Virtual
17 June 2025**

**21 May 2025
Original: English**

Scope and purpose

By adopting the [Budapest Declaration](#) in 2023, countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening policies and actions that protect people's long-term health and the environments they depend on. To support its implementation, they established a new mechanism [European Environment and Health Process \(EHP\) Partnerships](#).

Since then, the broader context for implementation has continued to evolve. Health and environmental conditions are increasingly shaped by a range of interconnected factors—including geopolitical changes, demographic trends, the growing burden of chronic disease, and rapid technological development. These shifts reinforce the relevance of the Budapest Declaration and the need for continued coordinated action.

The fifteenth meeting of the EHTF will provide a platform to assess progress, strengthen collaboration, and identify the transformational shifts needed to navigate this complexity, build resilience, and seize emerging opportunities. The meeting will also introduce the WHO/Europe [Second European Programme of Work](#) (2026–2030) currently under development.

The EHTF members will have the opportunity to shape the 2026–2027 Programme of Work by reviewing the draft outline and contributing ideas on its strategic direction, priorities, and actions. They will also exchange updates on major global, regional, and subregional developments relevant to environment and health with the aim of fostering synergies and strengthening coordination.

The EHTF will elect a new Bureau for the 2025–2027 mandate to support the Task Force in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to it.

In addition, the EHTF will discuss recent work undertaken through the six EHP Partnerships, including achieved results and future plans. It will review the Partnerships' annual report and promotional materials, and consider ongoing efforts to enhance their visibility through the WHO/Europe website.

The EHTF meeting is intended for national focal points of the EHTF and the EHP Partnerships, as well as representatives of international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, academia, and other key stakeholders working in the field of environment and health.