



Announcement of the Host of the 16th EHTF meeting

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT
AND HEALTH PROCESS



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

EHTF Bureau – Ireland Update

Colin O’Hehir
May 2026

Environment and Health Task Force



Building on the outcomes of the 15th meeting, June 2025



EHTF – Implementing the Budapest Commitments



- Enabling Member State Leadership
- EHTF Work Programme 2026-27
- Supporting the EHP Partnerships
- Central role for environment and health in WHO/Europe's strategic direction
- Beginning to plan 8MCEH



Ireland & the Environment / Climate / Health Nexus



- Chairing EHP Partnership for Health Sector Climate Action
- Joined the Bureau in 2025
- Integrating the agendas domestically
- Air Quality
- One Health
- Climate Action Plan
- Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1/7/2026

EHTF Meeting 2026



Ireland is proud to host the
sixteenth meeting of the EHTF
and HIC Working Group

Maynooth
24, 25, 26 November 2026

The central graphic features two flags on stands: the Irish tricolor flag on the left and the World Health Organization (WHO) flag on the right. The background is a light gray world map. The text is centered over the map.

Details to be confirmed



- Logistics
- Focus areas / themes
- Key objectives





An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

We look forward to welcoming you!



 World Health Organization
European Region

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT
AND HEALTH PROCESS

 UNECE

UN 
environment
programme



Updates from the Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health

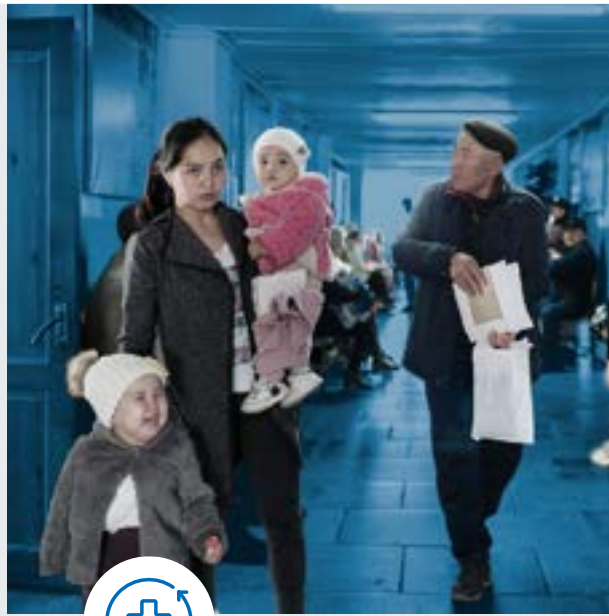
Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health

Call to Action





1. Confronting climate change as a catastrophic threat to human health, security and social stability



2. Transforming health systems for people and climate



3. Scaling up local, community-based solutions for climate and health



4. Reforming economic, financial and regulatory systems to drive climate–health progress



Pan-European
Commission on
Climate and Health
Call to Action











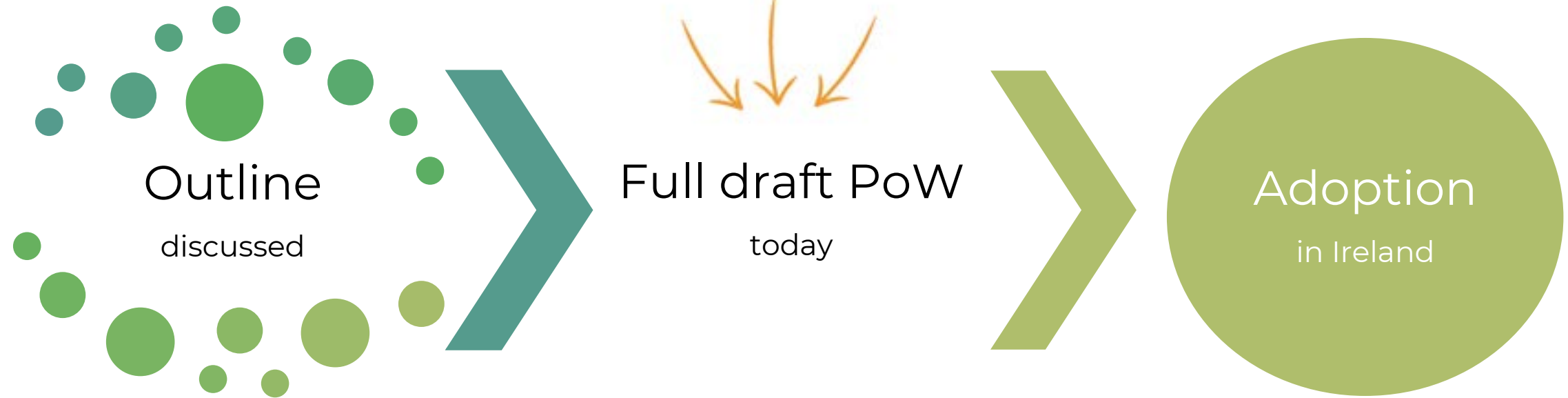




EHTF Programme of Work for 2026-2027

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT
AND HEALTH PROCESS

Timeline



15th EHTF
meeting

17 June 2025

15th EHTF Bureau
meeting

10 Dec 2025

16th EHTF Bureau
meeting

20 May 2026

16th EHTF
meeting

24-26 Nov 2026

Online consultation – waves 1 and 2

Online consultation – wave 3



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

- Aligned with broader global and regional frameworks
- Guided by pragmatism, efficiency, partnership
- Focused on coordination, implementation, and communication

Core components

EHTF, its Bureau and Working Group on Health in Climate Change (HIC)

Bonn Dialogues on Environment and Health

EHP Partnerships

Implementation through knowledge and capacity building

Monitoring of implementation

Subregional initiatives and National Policy Dialogues

Advocacy, information and communication

Cooperation with Multilateral Agreements, UN Platforms and stakeholders

Emerging issues


 EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH PROCESS





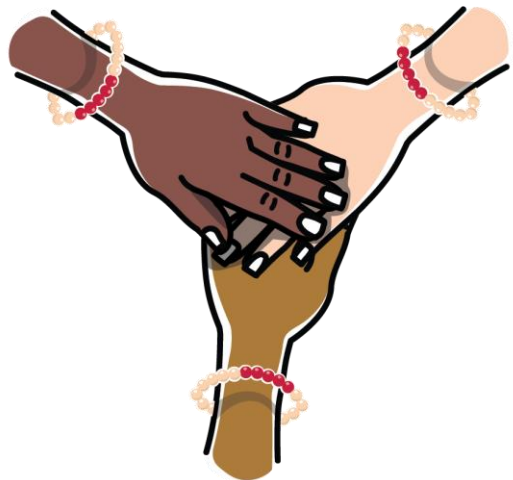
Bonn Dialogue on Environment and Health

Breaking the cycle – putting menstrual hygiene at the centre of environment and health

28 May 2026
 10:30–12:00 Central European Summer Time







Natural environments and health

Online masterclass series on key topics regarding nature, biodiversity, health and well-being

for practitioners and policymakers in environment and health at the national level

- Tue 9 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Setting the scene and key nature and health policy frameworks
Dr Sinaita Netanyahu, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn, Germany
- Wed 10 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Key concepts and approaches for nature and health
Dr Rebecca Lovell, University of Exeter, United Kingdom
- Mon 15 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Nature-based solutions and health
Professor Ben Wheeler, University of Exeter
- Tue 16 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Biodiversity and positive human health
Professor Alexa Bonn, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
- Wed 17 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Nature health mechanisms and benefits
Dr Lewis Elliot, University of Exeter
- Tue 23 June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Behavioural insights and citizen engagement for nature-based solutions
Professor Cornelia Guehl, University of Exeter
- Wed 24 of June, 12:00–13:30 CEST**
Valuing nature
Professor Tim Taylor, University of Exeter







REGISTER HERE
 TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL SESSIONS
https://ehms.zeem.eu/webinar/gdpr/ehs_2026_msc24enlshw1g

Ideas for the Bonn Dialogues



1. Environment and Health in One Health

⇒ Space for your suggestions ⇒

Way forward

EHTF Bureau feedback by:
26 June 2026

Comprehensive draft of the
EHTF PoW 2026–2027:
EHTF consultation and
subsequent adoption at the 16th
EHTF meeting



Guiding questions

- Bonn Dialogue themes and lead countries
- Communication and advocacy for implementation
- Strengthening the impact of EHP Partnerships
- Potential new Partnerships and priority areas
- Emerging issues and future directions towards 2030



Ideas for simplified data collection approaches

Working different with less



INSIGHT

Deeper learning



Voice note diaries

Short audio reflections that capture nuance.



Small story circles

Conversations for deeper, contextual insights.



Peer interviews

Learn from each other through guided conversations.



ENGAGEMENT

Participation & visibility



Interactive insight map

Map successes, challenges and lessons together.



Visual snapshots

One image or document that tells a powerful story.



Live co-creation workshop

Create solutions together in real time.



PULSE

Quick updates



One-question pulse polls

Ultra-short questions over time to keep feedback flowing.



Chat-based mini interviews

Short chats that capture timely, rich insights.



A possible blended approach?



What is most practical and useful?



What would reduce reporting fatigue?



What could generate richer lessons learned?



Which approaches would you actually use?

