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1. EDITORIAL

Greetings, and welcome to the spring issue of the [European Environment and Health Process](#) (EHP) newsletter.

Here you can find updates on developments related to the implementation of the [Ostrava Declaration](#), and to the preparations for the [Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health](#) (7MC), which will take place on 5–7 July 2023 in Budapest, Hungary. By reading further, you can discover information about relevant activities in different countries, benefit from the insights gained through working on climate change, environmental pollution and biodiversity loss, and stay up to date with newly published materials.

We trust that the contents of this newsletter are engaging and wish you a delightful spring!

Best regards,
EHP Secretariat



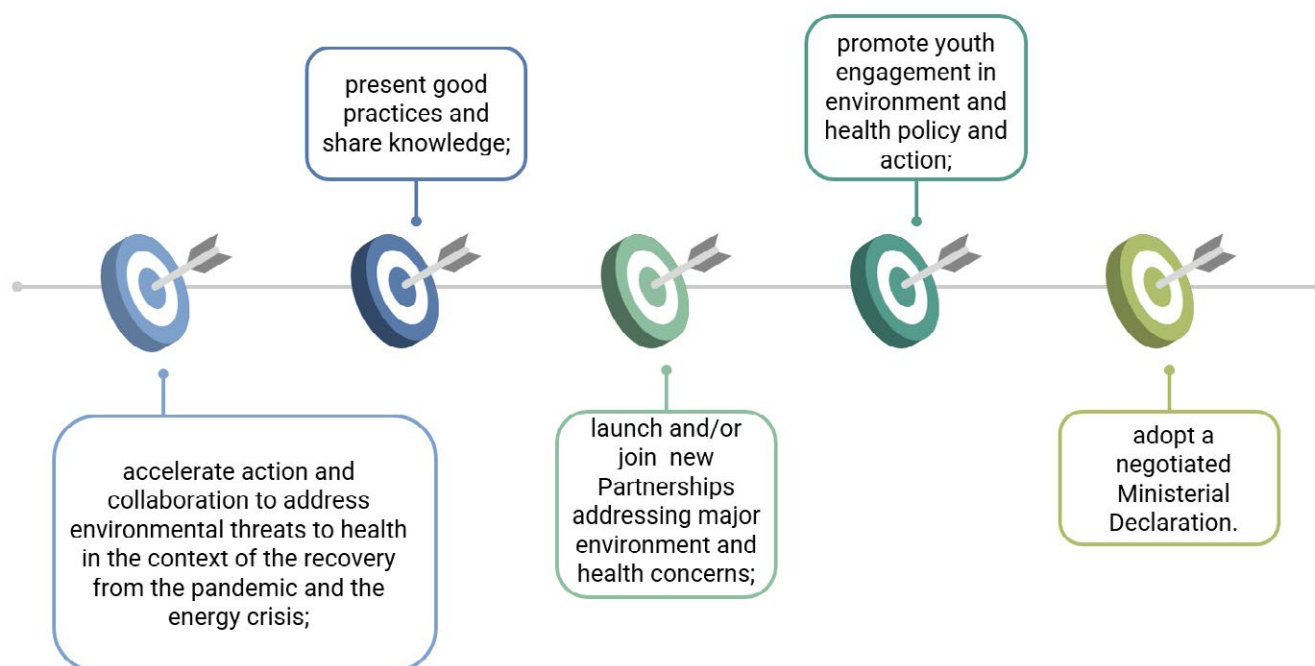
2. THE SEVENTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Attention all [members of the European Environment and Health Task Force](#) and collaborating partners! The 7MC is just around the corner, and you will not want to miss it! This Conference will be defining the future environment and health priorities and commitments for the WHO European Region, with a specific focus on addressing the health dimensions of the triple environmental crisis. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Conference will also explore opportunities for a healthy recovery on the path towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Ministerial Declaration will provide concrete commitments to accelerate action on addressing the health dimensions of climate change, environmental pollution, land degradation and biodiversity loss, and recovering from the pandemic by promoting a healthy and just transition.

A new set of assessments for the WHO European Region will be presented by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO ECEH) at the 7MC based on state-of-the-art evidence within the environmental health field.

Under the patronage of the President of Hungary, Ms Katalin Novák, the Conference will:





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These assessments cover a wide range of topics, including measures to improve health through a healthy environment, actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change for better health outcomes, and an appraisal of Member States' experiences in implementing National Portfolios of Action on Environment and Health. Additionally, the assessments will explore lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic for the environment and health agenda; tools and methods to advance environment and health issues; and the implementation of the commitments in the Ostrava Declaration on environment and health.

Keep holding onto your hats, because the 7MC is the ultimate platform for Ministers to show their leadership skills and commit to making a difference. They will be launching and joining new partnerships and initiatives, strengthening collaboration with partners, and showcasing what their countries are doing to

inspire national and local actions. With high-level representatives from the WHO European Region Member States and partners on board, the Conference participants will adopt the most ambitious environment and health roadmap for the Region yet. Let us make it count!

To provide more opportunities for active participation, in-depth discussions on specific topics and networking among stakeholders and participants from various sectors and countries, conference facilities will be available for a limited number of parallel sessions. There will also be space available for Member States and partners to promote and share their success stories and achievements through exhibitions, poster presentations or audio-visual materials. All relevant information and documentation will be made available through the WHO [conference website](#), including links to the registration form. The conference flyer is available in English, French, German and Russian (click [here](#)).



3. COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

Within the framework of the EHP, we have continued to emphasize activities carried out within WHO European Region Member States.

Here are a couple of examples of environment and health activities that countries have conducted in January–March 2023.

Chemical safety and health

- WHO ECEH, in partnership with the WHO Country Office in the Republic of **Moldova**, organized a national workshop on poison centres and human biomonitoring. The workshop took place on 7–8 February and was attended by 25 experts from national and local public health institutions, as well as hospitals. Participants included experts on mother and child health, reflecting the importance of protecting vulnerable populations. The workshop provided an opportunity for experts to share knowledge and expertise on poison centres and human biomonitoring, which are crucial components of ensuring public health and safety.
- **Uzbekistan** is taking an important step towards ensuring the health and safety of its citizens by expressing interest in establishing a poison centre. To prepare for this, WHO ECEH organized a meeting for national experts in Uzbekistan on 21–22 February. The meeting brought together clinical toxicologists, paediatricians, public health professionals and pharmacologists to share knowledge and expertise. Representatives from the WHO Regional Office for Europe and international experts also participated to provide support for a positive decision on the establishment of a poison centre.

Climate change and health

- The Health and Climate Change Country Profile Project, coordinated by WHO and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, monitors the health impacts of climate change and progress in building climate resilient health systems. In February a [health and climate change country profile](#) for **Türkiye** was published. It provides a



summary of available evidence on climate hazards, health vulnerabilities, health impacts and progress to date in health sector efforts to realize a climate-resilient health system.

- In March, WHO ECEH, in cooperation with the WHO Liaison Office in **Pristina** organized an event on increasing the institutional awareness of climate change and health and the training of health professionals on the impact of climate change on extreme weather events and heat waves in particular. The meeting was attended by national representatives from various governmental



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institutions and highlighted the importance of a holistic and multisectoral approach to cope with climate change. Experts from national and local public health institutes, hospitals and medical doctors participated

in the training on effective approaches to monitor the climate change impacts and surveillance of climate and heat-related disease, based on internationally recognized good practices.

Health impact assessment and urban health

- Utrecht, the **Netherlands**, will host the next WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Healthy Cities Business Meeting and Technical Conference on 21–23 November 2023. To prepare for the event, on 23–24 January, the WHO Regional Office for Europe and WHO ECEH visited Utrecht to conduct site visits and network meetings with local, regional, and national representatives from urban, environment and health entities. The objective was to identify potential opportunities for collaboration and to explore innovative approaches to healthy planning and intersectoral collaboration. During the planning session for the conference, experts discussed strategies for promoting healthy cities and shared insights on how to make cities more sustainable and resilient.
- On 25 January the working group on human health of the **German** Environmental Impact Assessment Association convened at WHO ECEH. Comprising experts from various sectors, this informal group focuses on the planning and assessment of activities relating to public and environmental health. Topics discussed during the meeting included assessing urban resilience, simple tools for multifactor analysis in urban planning and upcoming changes in German legislation that could impact health. The meeting provided an opportunity for experts to share their knowledge and insights on these critical issues.

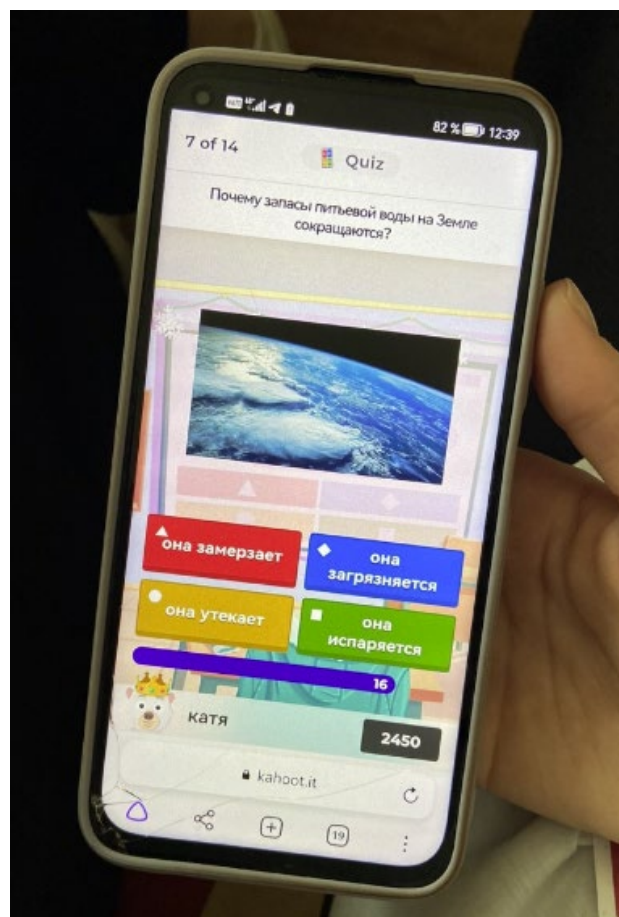
Sustainable blue spaces

- The **Monaco Ocean Week** (21–26 March 2023), organized by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Monaco Institute of Oceanography mobilized representatives of governments, international organizations, civil society, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, the scientific community and the media to explore and promote synergies between the protection of the marine environment and the development of a truly sustainable blue economy. The results and recommendations of the week's events are brought to high-level international discussions and negotiations on ocean protection and governance, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. For more information about the Monaco Blue Initiative click [here](#).



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

- On 2 February, the Ministry of Health of **Uzbekistan**, in collaboration with WHO ECEH and the WHO Country Office, organized a briefing on the [Protocol on Water and Health](#). The meeting aimed to activate the process of accession of Uzbekistan to the Protocol. It was attended by representatives from the ministries of health, environment, water resources, construction and communal services, and emergency management, the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in Geneva and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Participants discussed the road map for accession, support needs and potential areas of collaboration with the joint Regional Office for Europe and UNECE secretariat.
- On 20–23 February, a workshop on the development of a national multisectoral action plan to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR) took place in **Georgia** with the participation of multiple sectors and stakeholders, including participants from the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Protection, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, as well as representatives of hospitals. The meeting was supported technically by the WHO Regional Office for Europe AMR Control Programme and WHO ECEH. The focus was on discussing the integration of environmental and WASH-related aspects in the national AMR action plan, its main components and priority actions to move towards its finalization.



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- On 13–24 March 2023 the quiz The World of Water and Health – 2023 was held by the National Focal Point for the [Protocol on Water and Health](#) (Scientific and Practical Center of Hygiene in **Belarus**) as part of the World Water Day 2023 celebration. This is the third year in a row the quiz has been held and more than 250 schoolchildren of different ages from all regions of Belarus, as well as students of medical colleges and universities took part in the quiz. The quiz helped to draw the attention of young people to the importance of equitable access to safe water and sanitation and to introduce the Protocol as a tool for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and fighting COVID-19.



4. RECENT EVENTS

Within the past quarter there have been a number of exciting events accelerating the transition towards resilient, healthy, equitable and sustainable action in the field of environment and health, taking into account the lessons learned through the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of these are presented below.

23–25 January 2023, Rotterdam, Utrecht and The Hague, the Netherlands

The [Partnership on Active Mobility meeting](#) gave participants the possibility to get inspired by the great examples for the promotion of active travel in Dutch cities. Participants shared and discussed questions and challenges they encounter while promoting and developing policies for walking and cycling. Participants also gathered ideas based on the Netherlands' experience about potential follow-ups for the recommendations of the Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion. Furthermore, the meeting included discussions for the further development of the Pan-European Master Plan for Walking.

25–26 January 2023, Utrecht and The Hague, the Netherlands

The [third Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility meeting](#) provided an opportunity for participants to gain inspiration from successful examples of active travel promotion in Dutch cities. The meeting involved discussions and the sharing of challenges and questions related to sustainable mobility in tourism, as well as excursions and briefings on multimodal offers, cycling infrastructure and first/last mile services as part of the Dutch tourism experience. Participants also discussed the topic of mobility requirements, future trends and behaviour, and got inspiration for the further development of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Toolbox on Sustainable Tourism Mobility.

27–30 January 2023, Geneva, Switzerland

WHO hosted the inaugural meeting of the [WHO Youth Council](#), bringing together representatives from 22 diverse youth organizations from health and non-health backgrounds. The Council is a dynamic network aimed at amplifying the voices and experiences of young people and leveraging their expertise, energy and ideas to promote public health. The Council will be working with other young people and youth organizations worldwide to create a youth movement for health. The WHO Regional Office for Europe's youth initiative, Youth4Health, operationalizes global efforts in youth engagement at the Regional level.



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3 February 2023, virtual

Following up on the adoption of the Vienna declaration in May 2021 by 41 countries of the pan-European Region, the [fifth meeting of THE PEP Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments](#) took place with a significant focus on developing a strategy and actions to achieve the programme's vision of sustainable transport and mobility. The discussions during the meeting were centred on accelerating the transformation towards a more sustainable future. The finalization of the work on the strategy is expected to be completed by autumn 2024.

10 February 2023, virtual

WHO ECEH organized the third virtual meeting on the update of the Health Risks of Air Pollution in Europe (HRAPIE-2) project. WHO advisers provided guidance on meta-analysis methods, as well as on the pollutant-outcome pairs to be systematically reviewed. This project aims to provide updated concentration-response functions and other information for the conduct of impact assessments of air pollution in Europe.

28 February 2023, virtual

WHO ECEH organized an expert workshop on the revised tool for climate change mitigation, air quality and health – the CLIMAQ-H. This online workshop brought together leading experts from various fields to discuss the latest developments and improvements to the tool.

28 February–1 March 2023, Budapest, Hungary and online

During the 11th meeting of the Environment and Health Task Force Bureau, participants negotiated the Budapest Declaration and discussed the draft provisional programme for the forthcoming 7MC. Furthermore, they discussed the communication plan, parallel sessions programme, involvement of young people and the assessment of the national portfolios of action on environment and health.



Participants of the 11th Environment and Health Task Force Bureau meeting ©National Public Health Centre, Hungary

The Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, together with the WHO Country Office in Hungary and WHO ECEH joined forces to ensure a successful and productive Conference.

1–2 March 2023, Copenhagen, Denmark and online

The WHO Regional Office for Europe held its first-ever [High-Level Forum in the Well-Being Economy](#). The 2-day event brought together top officials from health, finance and economy ministries, government advisors, public health policy-makers, nongovernmental organizations, representatives from national and international banks, the United Nations, and European Union agencies to discuss recovery, resilience and sustainable development policies. This event occurred against the backdrop of the interlinked challenges of climate change, the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, affecting the nearly 1 billion people living in the WHO European Region. WHO ECEH moderated a session on well-being economies and healthy environments. The objectives of the session were to illustrate how the health sector is driving environmental sustainability and to showcase the alignment between well-being economy approaches and healthy environments. Some of the intended impacts of the forum included building common ground between the health, economy, finance and development sectors and setting an agenda to advance health in the well-being economy.



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8 March 2023, virtual

Promoting walking and cycling means promoting health and protecting the environment. The [Health economic assessment tool \(HEAT\) for cycling and walking](#) is an online tool designed to facilitate evidence-based decision-making toward this goal.

Under the coordination of WHO ECEH, over 20 multidisciplinary experts gathered at the 7th HEAT Consensus meeting to discuss possible enhancements of the HEAT tool and provide recommendations on the integration of a new module on e-biking. Given its potential to extend the usability of cycling to older age groups, as well as positive impacts on public health, further development of the HEAT tool to include e-biking is highly relevant and important. Experts will meet again on 5 April 2023, with an ambition to complete this new module and launch it at the 7MC.

20–21 March 2023, Copenhagen, Denmark

The members of the One Health Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the WHO Regional Office for Europe met for the second time for a consultation on the initial draft of the Operational Framework for One Health for the WHO European Region in line with the WHO European Programme of work 2020–2025 – United Action for Better Health; the Pan-European Commission on Health and Sustainable Development and the One Health Quadripartite Joint Plan of Action (2022–2026). The aim of the meeting was to reach a consensus on the overall structure of the Framework, its core guiding principles and the main thematic areas. In addition, the TAG was expected to contribute to the identification of main actions to guide countries in the operationalization of One Health in the Region. During the meeting, WHO ECEH presented the health perspective of the role of the environment in One Health.

22–24 March 2023, New York, the United States of America

The [United Nations 2023 Water Conference](#) was the first of its kind for 46 years. The objective was to bring together political, civil society and business leaders to scale-up political attention to the global water agenda and to create renewed political momentum to reaching Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 and other water-related targets. WHO engaged in a variety of events, advocating for the crucial role of safe WASH practices in health. The Conference featured six high-level interactive dialogues, one of which dedicated to [Water for Health](#), which was co-led by WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

WHO ECEH co-hosted the event [New momentum to make safe water and sanitation a reality for all: How to scale up globally practical tools and know-how gained under the Protocol on Water and Health](#). The event presented the practical tools developed under the Protocol on Water and Health available to governments, local authorities and



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communities that had proven effective in supporting progress towards reaching SDG 6 and building safe and climate-resilient water and sanitation services fit for the future. The event was co-organized by Germany, Hungary, Portugal, the UNECE and the Women for Water Partnership.

29–30 March 2023, Geneva

The theme for this year's UNECE [Regional Forum on Sustainable Development](#) was ensuring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE region in times of multiple crises. WHO ECEH supported the [Peer Learning Round Table 4: SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation](#) that featured contributions and case studies from several Member States, including the work undertaken on WASH in health-care facilities in Montenegro and supported by WHO ECEH. The Round Table also shared the outcomes of the global United Nations 2023 Water Conference and their regional level implications, including how to take forward commitments from the Region made at the global conference and good practice examples aimed at accelerating efforts to meet SDG 6 related targets.



5. LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Below you will find the most recent WHO publications in the field of environment and health as well as our recommended reading.

Water safety plan manual – Step-by-step risk management for drinking-water suppliers



This [manual](#) provides practical guidance to support development and implementation of water safety planning in accordance with the principles presented in the WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality. The guidance provides a broad range of examples and case studies from lower- to higher-income settings, highlighting practical solutions to real-world challenges from around the globe to help readers apply the guidance in diverse contexts.

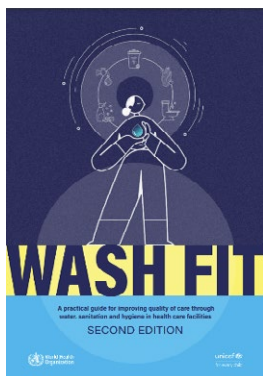
Environmental cleaning and infection prevention and control in health-care facilities in low- and middle-income countries



This [Trainer's Guide](#) takes the user through how to prepare, deliver and sustain an effective training for those who clean. The included modules and resources provide instructions, definitions, photographs, posters and specific illustrations of recommended practices. The package is intended for use in health-care facilities by individuals or groups who develop, deliver or are concerned with training programmes intended to improve environmental cleaning and or those with a background in infection prevention and control and/or environmental hygiene.



WASH FIT: A practical guide for improving quality of care through water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities.



[WASH FIT](#) is a risk-based, quality improvement tool for health-care facilities, covering the key aspects of WASH services including water, sanitation, hand hygiene, environmental cleaning, health-care waste management and selected aspects of energy, building and facility management. The Assessment Tool is also available in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Russian](#).

Risk communication of ambient air pollution in the WHO European Region – Review of air quality indexes and lessons learned



This [report](#) provides an overview of air quality indexes used in 37 Member States of the WHO European Region and some observations and suggestions for future developments to improve risk communication on air pollution. The results of the review are presented through examples from individual countries that illustrate key conclusions rather than by attempting to report all the information collected from every country.

Protecting health through ambient air quality management – A resource package for the WHO European Region



This interactive [resource package](#) is designed to help manage ambient air quality and protect humans from the adverse health effects of air pollution in Member States of the WHO European Region. This document compiles a variety of resources mainly from WHO, other United Nations organizations and international organizations that are relevant to the different stages of air quality management. Resources include tools, publications, relevant literature, guidelines, media and examples of good practice.



Economics of the health implications of waste management in the context of a circular economy



This [report](#) analyses assessments made on the economic benefits of the improved health outcomes seen with better waste management, and discusses approaches to assessing health impacts and their economic consequences in decision-making for a zero pollution future based on the principles of a circular economy and sustainable waste management. Transformation to more sustainable waste management with low health risks entails substantial economic costs: in remediation of historic waste deposit sites; investment in purchasing and maintaining modern technologies for waste burning; and promoting job switching to avoid lost livelihoods. Economic assessment methods have evolved and include selected topics in the social dimension of sustainability, such as equity. This trend in economic assessment has substantially facilitated

the evaluation of health and well-being in the context of the circular economy and waste management in both the short and long term.

Assessing the health impacts of waste management in the context of the circular economy



This [report](#) considers the public health implications for circular economy transition relevant to the waste sector. The use of health impact assessment is considered as a tool to support strategic and project level decisions about waste management policy and infrastructure. Six health impact assessment case-studies and a literature review are presented, which point to potential win-wins for the circular economy and population health.



Energizing health: accelerating electricity access in health-care facilities



This [publication](#) provides a comprehensive update on the status and key actions needed for providing reliable, modern energy to health-care facilities in low- and middle-income countries. It describes available tools and methods for characterizing the energy requirements for health-care facilities; identifies technical and economic considerations for electrification; estimates the amount of investment that will be needed to provide universal electricity access to health facilities; and analyses the enabling policy frameworks that create the conditions for spurring investments and accelerating electrification of health-care facilities.

Spring pick up: the report of the Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health

To shed light on the topic of plastics, the Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health has released a comprehensive [report](#). The report examines the latest scientific research on how plastics can affect human health, from exposure to toxic chemicals in plastic products to the ingestion of microplastics through our food and water. It also provides recommendations for policy-makers, businesses, and individuals to reduce the use of plastics and mitigate their harmful effects.



6. EHP CORNER

Here, in our corner, please find a few highlights of the work implemented by the EHP Secretariat over the previous quarter!

- On 15 February 2023 WHO ECEH organized, in close cooperation with the Centre for Planetary Health Policy, a webinar on the National Portfolios of Action on Environment and Health. This was held within the framework of the on-going assessment of the Ostrava commitment related to the development and implementation of the Portfolios, consisting of a desk review and an online survey. The results of the assessment will be included in a document that will feed the Budapest Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in July 2023. The webinar was held in English and Russian and was attended by more than 60 participants, many of them from the eastern part of the Region.
- On 21 February 2023, WHO ECEH hosted the [fifth Bonn Dialogue on Environment and Health](#), led by the Netherlands, with a focus on preventing and reducing the negative impacts of hazardous chemicals on health and the environment. The primary objective of the Dialogue, which was attended by 200 participants, was to review current and emerging approaches, and to exchange opinions on policy opportunities and best practices for preventing and reducing the impact of hazardous chemicals. Speakers from Armenia, Belgium, the Netherlands and Serbia contributed their ideas to the discussion. The webinar also highlighted various tools in support of implementing policies on preventing emissions and releases of hazardous chemicals, including the Safe and Sustainable by Design framework. The event was a step towards promoting awareness of the risks associated with hazardous chemicals and identifying approaches to mitigate their impact on health and the environment.

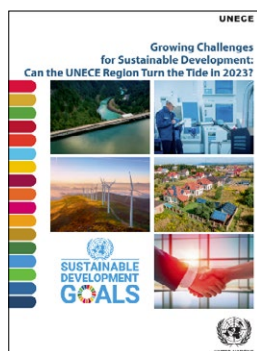




7. NEWS FROM EHP STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Our vital environmental health stakeholders and partners have been tirelessly and vigorously working to make a difference. Please find some of the most recent publications and activities from our partners below.

Growing Challenges for Sustainable Development: Can the UNECE Region Turn the Tide in 2023?



This [publication](#) provides a progress assessment on the SDGs in the region of the UNECE, based on the data available in the United Nations Global SDG Indicators Database. The stories available in the publication are rich in information on how various

regional- and country-level actions relate to sustainable development outcomes, and they show concrete ways in which progress towards SDGs has been made.

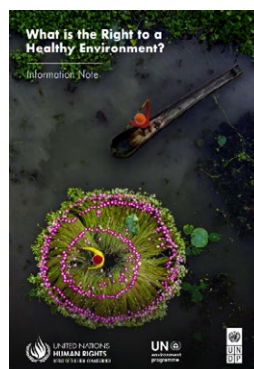
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) annual report 2022



In 2022 the devastating impacts of the triple planetary crisis were compounded by widening inequality, conflict and rising food and energy prices. Yet, it was also a year of renewed vigour on environmental action. This [report](#) presents UNEP's

work implemented in 2022 – the year that marked its 50th anniversary.

What is the Right to a Healthy Environment?



This [information note](#) has been jointly prepared by the UNEP, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Development Programme. It aims to improve understanding of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable

environment and why it matters. The note traces the origins of this right, describes its key elements and highlights the expected benefits of its recognition by the United Nations General Assembly. Importantly, the note outlines the roles of different stakeholders in advancing the realization of the right.

Launch of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2023 Synthesis Report



The [IPCC](#) finalized the [Synthesis Report](#) for the Sixth Assessment Report during the Panel's 58th Session held in Interlaken, Switzerland from 13–19 March 2023. The report

reiterates that humans are responsible for all global heating over the past 200 years leading



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to a current temperature rise of 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels, which has led to more frequent and hazardous weather events that have caused increasing destruction to people and the planet. The report reminds us that every increment of warming will come with more extreme weather events, but it outlines that the 1.5°C limit is still achievable and outlines the critical action required across health and other sectors and by everyone at all levels. The Synthesis Report integrated the findings of six reports released by IPCC since 2015 including three special reports and the three IPCC Working Group contributions to the Sixth Assessment Report.

Preparations for the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) State of Climate Services Report development

The WMO annually issues the high-level multi-agency [State of Climate Services Report](#). The 2023 Report will focus on health and it will examine global and regional demand, uptake and opportunities for climate information services in the health sector. The Report will

identify where and how future investments can enhance more effective climate services for health to better protect health from weather, climate and environmental hazards. WMO has been seeking case studies to showcase how climate information services are benefiting the health sector and supporting development and climate adaptation and mitigation related goals. Stay tuned for more updates!

Launch of the Community of Practice of the Mission Adaptation to Climate change by the European Commission

In January 2023, 200 regions and local authorities from European Union counties participated in the Launch of the [Community of Practice of the Mission Adaptation to Climate Change](#) in order to network and share experience on the implementation of climate adaptation measures at regional and local level. Regional and local authorities were invited to describe their main challenges in terms of financing, citizen engagement and access to data.



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8. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

The year has just begun, and we have a number of important forthcoming meetings and events. Here is a list of the upcoming highlights.

WHO/UNICEF Global workshop on Accelerating towards universal hand hygiene in community settings: *Strengthening systems, establishing norms* (The Hague, the Netherlands, 1 May 2023).

[Twenty-ninth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health](#) (Geneva, Switzerland, 10–11 May 2023).

[Ninth High-level Meeting of the Small Countries Initiative: advancing health and well-being](#) (Luxembourg, 10–12 May 2023).

[Twenty-sixth meeting of the Task Force on Health](#) (Bonn, Germany, 16–17 May 2023).

Central Asia Climate Change Conference (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 16–17 May 2023).

Launch event for the WHO report, *Assessing the value of urban green and blue spaces for health and well-being* (virtual, 22 May 2023). For more information, click here: [International Day for Biological Diversity](#).

WHO/UNICEF Global event on WASH in health-care facilities (Amman, Jordan, 13–15 June 2023).

Climate change workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, Switzerland, 13–14 November 2023).

Thirteenth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting of the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, Switzerland, 14 November 2023).

Thirtieth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, Switzerland, 15–16 November 2023).



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