

CALL FOR HOSTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HEPA EUROPE 2024

HEPA Europe
European Network for the Promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity



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Call for hosting the 2024 Conference and Annual Meeting

HEPA Europe, the European Network for the Promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity, holds annual meetings and on most occasions the annual meeting is held at the same time as a scientific conference. So far, 15 meetings have taken place in cities across Europe¹:

2005 Gerlev, Denmark
2006 Tampere, Finland
2007 Graz, Austria
2008 Glasgow, United Kingdom
2009 Bologna, Italy
2010 Olomouc, Czech Republic
2011 Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2012 Cardiff, United Kingdom
2013 Helsinki, Finland
2014 Zurich, Switzerland
2015 Istanbul, Turkey
2016 Belfast, United Kingdom
2017 Zagreb, Croatia
2018 London, United Kingdom
2019 Odense, Denmark
2020 & 2021 postponed due to COVID
2022 Nice, France
2023 Leuven, Belgium

For the conference and annual meeting of 2024, institutions interested in hosting the event are kindly invited to submit a written expression of interest. Please note the following important points:

- Submitters are kindly requested to provide a maximum of 4 pages of information on the following aspects:
 - 1) Experience of the local organizing committee in organizing international events
 - 2) Attractiveness of the venue
 - 3) Accessibility of the venue (in particular closeness to an international airport and ease of transfers)
 - 5) Support of the hosting institution (financial and/or in-kind, including for example meals, secretariat support, on-site helpers, printing of documents)

¹ For reports and books of abstracts see [https://www.who.int/europe/groups/hepa-europe-\(european-network-for-the-promotion-of-health-enhancing-physical-activity\)](https://www.who.int/europe/groups/hepa-europe-(european-network-for-the-promotion-of-health-enhancing-physical-activity))

- 6) Initial ideas for a conference topic
- 4) Choice of convenient and affordable accommodation
- 7) Initial budget
- 8) Experience with health-enhancing physical activity in the local scientific committee
- 9) Foreseen communication activities for local and international visibility
- 10) Previous involvement in HEPA Europe

In addition to the above, the Steering Committee will also consider geographic distribution of hosting institutions. The whole meeting will be held in English

Please note that the assessment of each application is done based on the above points. Therefore, submitters are kindly requested to address each point in their application, and not to go beyond 4 pages of text (minimum font size 10).

For organizational reasons and to avoid clashes with other events, the 2024 annual meeting should preferably take place in late summer or fall 2024. Organizers should seek early exchange with HEPA Europe regarding possible dates. It is not necessary to make date proposals for a submission of the expression of interest.

Additional information on organizational requirements, previous registration fees and number of participants is available upon request from hepaeurope@who.int

Submissions are to be made by 3rd October 2022 to hepaeurope@euro.who.int