

Suggested written statements for Montenegro at RC75

30 October, Thursday, 15:30–16:00h session - Progress reports

High-level short technical briefing: Declaration of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest Declaration) (EUR/RC73(7))

Delegation of Montenegro

The Ministry of Health of Montenegro reaffirms its strong commitment to implementing the Budapest Declaration on Environment and Health and its Roadmap for Healthier People, a Thriving Planet and a Sustainable Future 2023–2030.

Montenegro actively participated in the preparation of these key documents, which underline the urgent need for comprehensive action to address the health impacts of the triple crisis — climate change, environmental pollution, and biodiversity loss — while supporting recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Budapest Declaration, adopted in [July 2023](#), represents a regional political commitment to accelerate progress through strengthened partnerships, better governance, and investment in human resources, innovation, and research.

In line with these objectives, the Ministry of Health, together with the Institute of Public Health, continues to actively participate in the European Environment and Health Process (EHP) and its Partnership Mechanism, launched by Member States to operationalize the Budapest commitments. Montenegro has joined or is in the process of joining several thematic partnerships:

- EHP Partnership on Risk Reduction in the School Environment,
- EHP Partnership on Human Biomonitoring,
- EHP Partnership on Poison Centres,
- THE PEP/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility, and
- EHP Partnership for Health Sector Climate Action (led by Ireland, currently under preparation).

Through these partnerships, Montenegro contributes to regional cooperation, knowledge exchange, and the development of solutions that strengthen climate-resilient, sustainable health systems.

The representative of the Ministry of Health of Montenegro has been elected as a member of the Bureau of the European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF) for the 2025–2027 term, providing Montenegro with an active role in steering and coordinating regional actions under the European Environment and Health Process. Montenegro also continues to contribute to the Working Group on Health in Climate Change (HIC), supporting joint efforts to protect health from climate-related risks across the WHO European Region.

Building on this engagement, the Ministry of Health has developed the Programme for Adapting the Health System to Climate Change 2020–2022 and contributed to the National Adaptation Plan for Climate Change, adopted in 2024, which includes a comprehensive health component.

The Ministry of Health of Montenegro remains fully committed to advancing the Budapest Declaration's goals, fostering intersectoral collaboration, and supporting the transition toward healthier people, a resilient planet, and a sustainable future for the WHO European Region.