



EHP Partnerships



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The Environment and Health Process (EHP) is the first-ever process aimed at eliminating the most significant environmental threats to human health. Established in 1989, it is governed by the Member States of the WHO European Region and serves as a dynamic intersectoral policy platform for developing and implementing policies that promote environment, health and well-being. The EHP's objectives and priorities are defined by the Ministerial Conferences on Environment and Health that convene every 5–7 years.

At the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, Member States adopted the Budapest Declaration and its Roadmap to 2030, which emphasized the urgent need for comprehensive measures to address health concerns arising from the triple environmental crisis of climate change, environmental pollution and biodiversity loss. It was at this conference that the "EHP Partnerships" were established as a new practical, agile, thematic and action-oriented mechanism to support the implementation of these commitments.

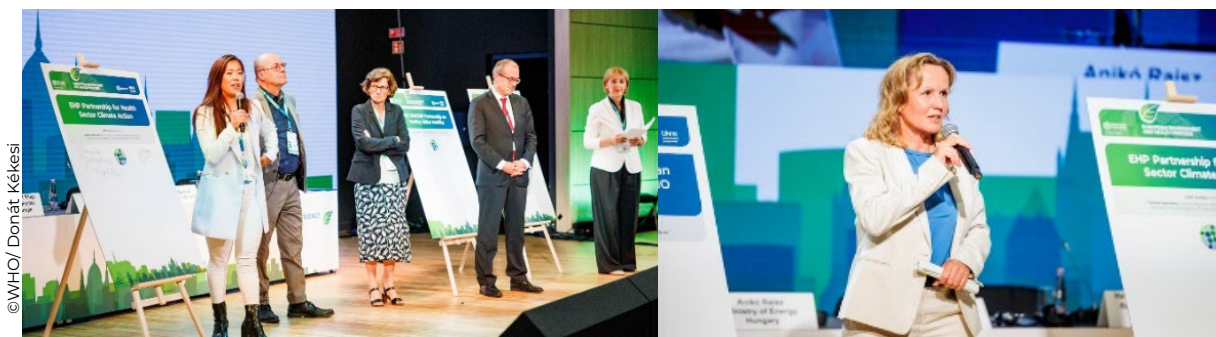


What are the avenues of action within the EHP Partnerships?

The EHP Partnerships is a mechanism that offers the opportunity to Member States and EHP stakeholders to voluntarily collaborate in good faith on topics of common interest within the scope of the Budapest Declaration. Operating as communities of practice, they support a wide range of collaborative efforts to address pressing environment and health challenges. These include joint projects, capacity-building through trainings and workshops, technical assistance, and cooperation in research and innovation. The Partnerships also facilitate peer-to-peer exchange, promote the use of WHO guidelines and tools, contribute to international advocacy and resource mobilization, and foster opportunities for "twinning" and shared learning.

What is the governance of the EHP Partnerships?

An EHP Partnership is not a legal entity. It can be established and led or co-led by Member States and/or recognized stakeholders of the European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF). EHP Partnerships are approved by EHTF decisions and operate under their Terms of Reference, with WHO providing overall guidance and support. While flexibility is key, the Partnerships adhere to WHO's general principles, as outlined in its Constitution and the European Programme of Work. All EHTF members are welcome to initiate or join EHP Partnerships, which are mainly supported by voluntary financial or in-kind contributions from their partners.



Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility

Lead Member States: Austria, France and Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

Current partners (2025):

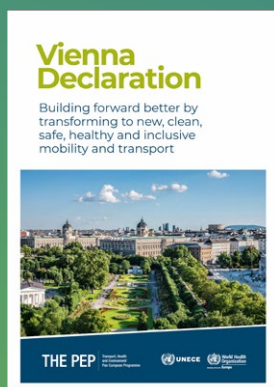
Member States: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Stakeholders: European Cyclists' Federation, International Federation of Pedestrians, Polis and Walk21.



Why healthy active mobility?

Active travel modes such as walking and cycling offer significant transport, health and environmental benefits, yet they have long been overlooked in policy and funding decisions. However, the current decade shows promise, as planners around the world begin to rethink the design of streets and public space to prioritize walking and cycling, recognizing their critical role in building healthier and more sustainable communities.



Scope of work

THE PEP/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility builds on and expands THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility. Its objective is to strengthen the health focus and involve the health sector more closely while finding synergies between relevant activities within the EHP and THE PEP. It also aims to facilitate the implementation of the objectives and commitments taken by Member States in the 2021 [Vienna Declaration](#), the first *Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion* and the Budapest Ministerial Declaration.

What are the main objectives?

THE PEP/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility aims to:

- support the implementation of the *Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion* and develop the Pan-European Master Plan on Walking;
- support countries in developing effective national cycling and walking policies, as well as cooperation projects across Europe;
- establish new and strengthen existing alliances with financing institutions and other relevant stakeholders to support the delivery of the pan-European Master Plans;
- promote the health benefits of active mobility and strengthen the role of the health sector in planning and advocacy at all levels; and
- serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and the sharing of tools and good practices through training, webinars, technical support and governance dialogue – fostering international cooperation and the transfer of successful approaches.

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