



7th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health

- Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health of the World Health Organization (WHO) European Environment and Health Process
- 5–7 July 2023, Budapest, Hungary
- Over 600 high-level representatives of 44 Member States, institutional stakeholders, youth organizations and nongovernmental organizations
- 7 plenary sessions and 21 parallel session

- To determine regional environment and health priorities and actions
- Addressing the health dimension of the “triple crisis”





Budapest Declaration

- Prioritizes urgent, wide-ranging action on health challenges related to the **triple crises of climate change, environmental pollution and biodiversity loss** by strengthening governance, investing in human resources, and advancing knowledge and tools for action
- Countries commit to accelerate the transition towards resilient, healthy, equitable and sustainable societies
- Increase efforts to prevent, prepare, detect and respond to emergencies
- Enhance health systems' resilience and capacity to respond to emergencies
- Increase efforts to address the environmental determinants of diseases

Tools for implementation:

- Roadmap for healthier people, a thriving planet and a sustainable future 2023–2030
- European Environment and Health Process (EHP) Partnership mechanism





Protocol on Water and Health in the Budapest Declaration

Water and health related priorities in the Declaration:

- Increase efforts to address the environmental determinants of health
- Reduce the health impacts of pollution, both established and emerging environmental risk factors
- Provide universal and equitable access to essential services, such as safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene
- Promote a safe, clean and healthy built environment across all settings

Roadmap for healthier people, a thriving planet and a sustainable future 2023–2030:

- Universal and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services for all in all settings, with special emphasis on healthcare facilities
- Safe and climate-resilient management of the drinking-water supply and sanitation
- Promotion of hand hygiene and menstrual hygiene
- **Protocol on Water and Health** supports national implementation of commitments and calls for capitalizing on the Protocol's technical tools and resources

Declaration explicitly calls for accession to the Protocol on Water and Health

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Dedicated parallel session on the Protocol:

- Co-organized by France, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, UNECE, and WHO/Europe
- High-level panelists from France, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova and Serbia
- Highlighting the unique role of the Protocol in achieving regional and global commitments
- Explaining benefits of the Protocol framework of target setting and reporting
- Showcasing examples of Protocol technical work that can be used by any county (such as the Equitable access scorecard, and WASH in health care facility surveillance tool)

