

# PROGRESS REPORT – Climate Action pledge

## Sustainability Mission

EUPHA is dedicated to environment and health issues in all activities and action, especially through EUPHA Conferences and European Public Health week activities

## Pathway pledges

### Climate and health

#### **EUPHA seeks to advocate for targeted climate action using evidence-based policies.**

Going beyond business-as-usual activities to address climate change through targeted discussions, workshops and meetings for medical professionals. The organisation will have a direct impact on carbon emission reduction by curbing corporate travel (using more sustainable alternatives like trains, and switching to hybrid/online conferences).

#### **More about this target**

EUPHA (and Environment and Health Section) will advocate, share information, support actions and insist on the importance of education, respecting the EU Green Deal, Paris Agreement and SDGs as a roadmap for action.

Given the Covid-19 pandemic situation, all other human crisis which has produced profound disruption in all sectors and areas, we remain committed to action achieving environmental and health goals, above all, in the field of: SDGs and environmental health and Climate, air pollution, energy and health.

#### Follow up:

#### **The European Public Health week organized in the third week of May 2022.**

[https://eupha.org/topics\\_of\\_the\\_week](https://eupha.org/topics_of_the_week)

Wednesday 18 May was dedicated to topic: Climate change affects our health

EUPHA organized a lot of webinars and online events dedicated to Climate Health Action

[https://eupha.org/general\\_page.php?p=280](https://eupha.org/general_page.php?p=280).

#### *Key messages from EUPHA*

- We need to strengthen the position of the health argument for urgent action on climate change and to advocate for a healthy, green and just recovery from COVID-19 – both in the health sector and beyond.
- Climate change affects everybody, but vulnerability to weather and climate change depends on people's level of exposure, their personal characteristics (such as age, education, income and health status) and their access to health services. Elderly people, children, outdoor workers and homeless people are particularly susceptible population groups.
- Climate change is a public health crisis calling for urgent coordinated transformative efforts.

#### Follow up:

#### **In 2022 European Public Health conference was organized in Berlin.**

<https://ephconference.eu/Berlin-2022-290>

**Workshops EUPHA ENV Conference 2022** – in cooperation with:

- Public Mental Health and Environment Health Section, Urban Public Health and ENV Section, Public Health Law and EUPHA ENV Section, Digital Public Health and EUPHA ENV Section, Health Impact Assessment section and EUPHA ENV Section, ASPHER and and EUPHA ENV Section
- 6 workshops in EUPHA 2022 Conference and Pre-conference

Pre-conference: Disasters, Cities and Health - A multi-disciplinary walking experience in Berlin <i>Organised by:</i> EUPHA Public mental health, Environment and health and Urban public health sections
2.E. - Workshop: The city of proximity: Accessible, Inclusive, Sustainable, Healthy and Salutogenic. EUPHA-URB, EUPHA-ENV
3.E. - Workshop: Is (Planetary) health a priority in international deals EUPHA-ENV
4.D. - Workshop: The interaction of environmental impact and chronic diseases: from theory to practice EUPHA-CHR, EUPHA-ENV
8. E Faculty of Public Health (UK), Groningen Centre for Health Law (Netherlands) EUPHA-LAW, EUPHA-ENV,
10.E. - Round table: Climate emergency, health and equity education: policy and practice recommendations for Europe ASPHER, Ecorys, EUPHA-ENV
11.E. - Workshop: Urban Green Spaces, Built Environment and Urban EUPHA-URB, EUPHA-PMH, EUPHA-ENV

Some Key messages from EUPHA ENV:

- The climate emergency is one of the biggest challenges facing public health. The Place Standard Tool addresses the need to include climate change and health issues within a discussion about a place.
- Adding a “climate lens” to the Place Standard Tool offers the potential to maximise co-benefits to drive fair & just solutions that support health, wellbeing, & equality.
- Public health professionals should put an emphasis on the health implications of the WB GA priorities, by taking advantage of them to reduce externalities.
- Public health professionals should motivate citizens to contribute through individual and non-health-related decisions and by promoting investments in the health sector.

Last year we announced and pledged activities which we realised through Conference in Berlin (preconferences, workshops and webinars dedicated to climate change issues).

As EUPHA has established Green club (<https://eupha.org/green-club>) our events are organized with a lot of activities and decisions in the line of Climate Action. Through organization and all events on the preconferences and Conference in Berlin 2022 (<https://epconference.eu/conference-2022-berlin-germany-527>) we were also dedicated to climate change action.

As EUPHA ENV Section we had a lot of activities at the Conference in Berlin 2022 (EUPHA 2022) <https://eupha.org/repository/sections/erd/ENV%20FINAL%20Annual%20report%202022.pdf>.

Additionally, we are planning further steps in climate action this year 2023 (to announce in the Climate pact platform), like EUPHW webinars .

Our assigned activities/outputs as EUPHA group pledge are fully completed.

Descriptions of the completed activities are given above and visible on different links:

- EUPHA in general: <https://eupha.org/who-we-are>
- Report: <https://eupha.org/repository/sections/erd/ENV%20FINAL%20Annual%20report%202022.pdf>
- European Public Health week: <https://eupha.org/EUPHW>
- EUPHA ENV web page in general : <https://eupha.org/environment-and-health>
- EUPHA ENV activities – workshops :[https://eupha.org/section\\_page.php?section\\_page=76](https://eupha.org/section_page.php?section_page=76)
- EJPH: [https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/search-results?page=1&q=EUPHA%20ENV&fl\\_SiteID=5381&SearchSourceType=1&allJournals=1](https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/search-results?page=1&q=EUPHA%20ENV&fl_SiteID=5381&SearchSourceType=1&allJournals=1)
- Newsletter: [https://eupha.org/section\\_newsletter.php?s=S\\_ERP](https://eupha.org/section_newsletter.php?s=S_ERP)
- EUPHA Green Club: <https://eupha.org/green-club>
- [https://eupha.org/repository/Checklist%20for%20Greener%20Conferences\\_%20Aug%202018%20\(2\).pdf](https://eupha.org/repository/Checklist%20for%20Greener%20Conferences_%20Aug%202018%20(2).pdf)

Through our activities more than 2300 members of EUPHA ENV have been directly informed/involved. We estimate that with their activities in dissemination several thousand more people were informed about Climate action importance.

Covid 19 pandemia and environmental and climate issues were traveling challenges for all. Willing to decrease CO2 emission we encouraged traveling by train as one of the suggestions/goals of our Green Club.

EUPHA ENV Section activities are one of the most important enablers to spread awareness about the importance of Climate Action among public health professionals, especially young professionals.

EUPHA (and Environment and Health Section) advocates, shares information, supports actions and insists on the importance of education, respecting the EU Green Deal, Paris Agreement and SDGs as a roadmap for action.

As key lessons learned we can underline the importance of permanent exchanges of information and activities regarding Climate action, and research results in the investigation relationship between climate change and health.

Our planned next steps regarding a pledge are continuation of all activities in advocating and exchanging knowledge and experience.

Our upcoming events are European Public Health Week 2023 (<https://eupha.org/EUPHW>) and European Public Health Conference 2023 - <https://ephconference.eu/>. We will announce these events on the EU Climate Pact platform.

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