

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"



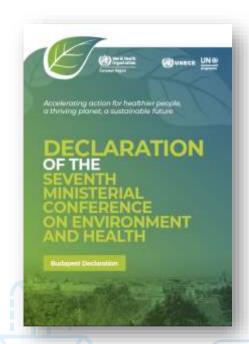


Budapest Declaration

- 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 drinkingwater 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)



