

## **Annual report 2024**

### **EUPHA section on Environment and Health (EUPHA-ENV)**

February 2025

#### **Goals for 2025**

- Organize workshops on EUPHA CONFERENCE
- Liaison and cooperation with other EUPHA sections to promote our key field of interests
- Support EUPHA in disseminating public health topics at events and social media channels
- Planetary Health Task Group activities
- Climate Pact Ambassador activities

#### **Fields of interest:**

- SDG and environmental health
- Climate, air pollution, energy and health
- Mental health and Environment
- Chemicals, consumers and environment
- Circular economy and Healthy environment
- Children as a vulnerable group and environment
- Food safety and environment
- Digital health and environment
- Public health law and environment

#### **Realised Workshop EUPHA Conference 2024 – 16th European Public Health Conference 2024: LISBON**

1. Tue 12<sup>th</sup> 13:30-17:00 WALK - Art, architecture, atmosphere and (mental) health. A multi-disciplinary walking experience in Lisbon  
EUPHA-URB, EUPHA-PMH, EUPHA-DH, EUPHA-ENV
2. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 9:35-10:00 1.Y.2. - Scientific session: Children's mental health problems explode. Can exposome research offer a solution?  
EUPHA-ENV, -CAPH, -PMH, INCHES
3. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 2.E. - Round table: Building climate resilient health systems in the EU  
Ecorys, EUPHA-PHPP, -ENV
4. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 2.F. - Scientific session: Challenges in healthcare architectures  
EUPHA-URB, -PMH, -ENV
5. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 2.P. - Scientific session: Improving health impact assessment in the context of EU policy cycle  
EC JRC; EC DG-SANTE, EUPHA-HIA, -EPI, -PHPP, -ENV, -ECO, -FS
6. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30 2.P. - Scientific session: Improving health impact assessment in the context of EU policy cycle  
EC JRC; EC DG-SANTE, EUPHA-HIA, -EPI, -PHPP, -ENV, -ECO, -FS

7. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 15:15-16:15 3.E. - Scientific session: Environmental Health Tracking Systems: a tool for planetary health  
EUPHA-HIA, INPHET, EUPHA-ENV, -PHMR
8. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 15:15-16:15 3.F. - Round table: Legal action & capacity building: essential for climate action to protect and promote public health  
SPH, ASPHER, EUPHA-ENV, -GH, -HIA, -LAW, FPH, GCCHE
9. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 15:15-16:15 3.M. - Skills building seminar: Culture, Arts and Mental Health  
EUPHA-PMH, -ENV
10. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 16:45-17:45 4.F. - Scientific session: Progress in assessing climate change risks to health and implementation in UK and Europe  
LSHTM HPRU ECH, EUPHA-ENV
11. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 16:45-17:10 4.Y.1. - Climate trauma, public protest and the ethics of civil disobedience in our warming world  
SPH, ASPHER, EUPHA-LAW, -ENV, -HIA, -PMH, -GH, FPH, GNAPH
12. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00 5.D. - Scientific session: Climate Change and Inequalities: Addressing Intersections and Impacts  
EUPHA-ENV, -LAW
13. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 12:20-12:45 6.X.2. - Scientific session: Food Insecurity in Europe: Voices from Austria, Germany and the Netherlands  
EUPHA-ENV
14. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 15:50-16:15 7.X.2. - Round table: Planetary Health: metaphorical visualizations of transdisciplinary working in practice  
EUPHA-PHPP, -ENV, -HSR, EUPHANxt, EHMA, WHO EURO/CD/ECEH
15. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 16:45-17:45 8.C. - Scientific session: Health system resilience: A Planetary Health perspective  
EUPHA-ENV
16. Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 16:45-17:45 8.F. - Scientific session: Promoting Public Health with healthy smart buildings  
EUPHA-URB, -PMH, -ENV

**STATEMENT 2024 (initiative of our EUPHA ENV Section):**

**Statement for Inclusive and Equitable Climate Action: Building a Sustainable Future for All.**

STATEMENT for Inclusive and Equitable Climate Action: Building a Sustainable Future for All.

We are motivated by environment and health arguments for climate action, urban health challenges and importance of climate action for public mental health, focusing on the lens of inequalities and on women's role.

Sign the Statement [here](#).

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EUPHA Environment and health section

EUPHA Urban public health section

EUPHA Public mental health section

**The EUPHA-ENV network meeting at EPH2024**

1. Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 12:55-13:55 - **Room 3A** - JTN27 - Environment and health - Join the network  
EUPHA-ENV
2. January 2024 - online meeting – zoom platform  
January 2025 - online meeting – zoom platform

**Planned and realized Workshops and Roundtables at EUPHA Conference 2024 – 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 EUPHA ENV Section (15)

- Pre-conference :1

**Cooperation with other:**

- 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 EUPHA ENV Section
- And others

**Workshop topics of interest for 2025:**

- Planetary Health issues – Environment and Health – One Health
- Gender and climate change
- Indicators for tracking climate change and health progress
- Implementation of results from environmental epidemiology in public health practice
- Urban and Environment Health issues - Climate Change
- Urban, Environment and Public Mental Health issues
- Climate change, law and public health: recent developments
- Skills Building workshop on relevant legal developments in 2025, including climate litigation
- Environmental Health and Digitalization – Smart cities(?)
- Policy issues in Environment Health
- Environmental issues, food production and health
- Air pollution and health
- Environment & children's health
- AI & Environmental Health

In collaboration with other sections, JRC, ASPHER, INCHEM, etc

**Book preparation** (Springer) on Mental Health and the Environment. ongoing

**Collaboration with section members**

- Discussion on the cooperation with other sections within EUPHA: Public Mental Health Section, Urban Public Health Section, Infectious Disease Section and others, Urban Health, Health Impact Assessment, Food and Nutrition, Public Health Law, Digital Public Health
- Intensification of communication activities towards other sections to inform them of Env&Health section work
- Intensification of communication activities among ENV Section members

**Public Opinions** – active approach; using social media

**Other activities**

- DISSEMINATION of our interests in 2025



- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/EUPHA\\_ENV](https://twitter.com/EUPHA_ENV) dissemination of activities
- European Public Health Week - EPHW (May 2024) - PLANETARY HEALTH
- EHMA (European Health Management Conference, 2024, June Romania) EUPHA ENV representative
- Climate Pact Ambassador activities
- HORIZON project – ENBEL – a member of the advisory board – finished in January 2024
- Planetary Health Action Hub – activities
- Participation in webinars as an EUPHA ENV Section member
- GREEN Club engagement

### **Planetary Health Task Group - activities**

Established in January 2023, The EUPHA Environment Section and its Task Group on Planetary Health support the fact that European Public Health professionals should understand how public health is deeply connected to the health of our planet and the best ways to collaborate to act on this relationship through education, research and practice. The aim is to continue to work, planning activities in advocacy in the field among public health professionals and we are planning to organize the workshop in the next EUPHA Conference in Lisbon together with partner Sections

**Paper - Planetary Health – accepted at the end of 2024, will be published soon in 2025**

### **Climate Pact Ambassador work**

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

### **Annual and other meetings and communications with section members**

- zoom meetings EUPHA ENV periodically – workshop preparations
- Newsletter (3 in 2022, and 3 in 2023, and 3 in 2024)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/EUPHA\\_ENV](https://twitter.com/EUPHA_ENV)
- dissemination of information through LinkedIn profiles of members

### **International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA**

- EHMA 2025,
- EUPHW 2025 (Planetary Health)
- Planetary Health meeting 2025
- Planetary Health Action Hub
- INCHES collaboration
- other

### **Survey**

- It is planned after the EUPHA 2025 (online)

### **Future ideas and discussion points:**

- Env&health and climate - health emergency – need more lobbying process



- Communication and cooperation with HIA section and WHO have training on env&health
- Policy briefing preparation on issues that are important for environment and health. Building cooperation with HEAL on such policy briefings. (webinar)
- EUPHA ENV Section zoom meetings periodically
- Paper preparation for Scientific Journal in 2025 (Planetary Health) and Statement for 2024
- Planetary health task group -activities
- EUPHW Planetary Health
- Steering committee consultation
- On line meeting of EUPHA ENV Section – end of January 2024

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