



**Sixth meeting of the Working Group on  
Climate Change and Health (HIC)**

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## **Scope and purpose**

The Working Group on Health in Climate Change (HIC) has been established under the European Environment and Health Task Force to facilitate dialogue among Member States and other stakeholders in the WHO European Region on matters related to climate change and health, as well as communication and implementation of commitments to protect health from the adverse effects of climate change.

The Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Ostrava, 13-15 June 2017) adopted the Ostrava Declaration by which Member States commit themselves to develop national portfolios of action on environment and health in seven priority areas, including climate change and health. Actions in climate change and health need to be broad, coherent, coordinated and based on evidence. At the same time the portfolios should take into account the progress already achieved at country level, or could be achieved by focusing on strengthening the implementation of other global and regional commitments, including under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.

The purpose of the meeting is to support the work of Member States on the development of national portfolios of action in the area of climate change and health. The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Provide an update on policy developments and progress on climate change and health at global, regional and country levels;
- Facilitate exchange of experience among Member States on the implementation of the Ostrava Declaration in the area of climate change and health;
- Support identification of priority themes and actions, which may be considered in the preparations of national portfolios of actions regarding climate change and health;
- Inform on the ongoing update of WHO guidance on heat health action planning;
- Inform on the outcomes of the joint WHO/European Commission project on addressing the impacts of climate change and health; and
- Launch the joint WHO/UNFCCC initiative on developing climate and health country profiles for Member States of the WHO European Region and a new WHO tool on carbon reduction benefits on health.

The expected outcomes of the meeting are an increased awareness and understanding of the relevance of climate change and health adaptation policies in developing national portfolios of action under the Ostrava Declaration. The meeting will also provide information on ongoing and future activities of WHO in the area of climate change and health at the global level and how these will be reflected in the work in the WHO European Region.