



**Eighth meeting of the
European Environment and
Health Task Force (EHTF)**

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Call for nominations for the EHTF Bureau

Introduction

1. The Ostrava Declaration (*Annex 2. Institutional Arrangements for the European Environment and Health Process*) to and WHO Regional Committee Resolution EUR/RC67/R4 (*Declaration of the Six Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health*), foresee the establishment of a Bureau for the European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF).
2. The terms of reference of the Bureau and its officers (Chair and Co-chair) are described in paragraphs 22-27 of Annex 2 of the Ostrava Declaration.
3. As foreseen in paragraph 32 of Annex 2, EHTF is expected to elect its Chair and Co-chair at its first meeting in 2018. The current EHTF Chair will continue to serve in this capacity until a new Chair is elected.

How will the Bureau be established?

4. The Bureau should consist of:
 - a. Representatives of eight Member States including the EHTF Chairperson, Co-chairperson and immediate past chairperson;
 - b. One representative each of UNECE, UNEP and WHO;
 - c. Two representatives of the stakeholders listed in paragraph 8 of Annex 2, other than those listed above, agreed among the stakeholders themselves.
5. The WHO Secretariat proposes to the Task Force that the elections of Member States representatives and the election of stakeholders' representatives take place separately, but simultaneously, during the eighth meeting of the Task Force, on 20-21 March 2018 in Bonn.
6. At this meeting, the Member States represented in the Task Force will elect:
 - a. The Chairperson of EHTF (preferably from the health sector, since the current Chairperson is from the environment sector);
 - b. The Co-chairperson of EHTF (preferably from the environment sector);
 - c. Five members of the Bureau.

The eighth member of the Bureau from among the Member States will be the outgoing Chairman, Robert Thaler, representing the environment sector and Austria.



7. We are therefore inviting Member States to forward to the secretariat their nominations to serve on the Bureau of the Task Force for the next three years (2018-2021). **We kindly ask that these nominations are sent to EUCEH@who.int not later than 28 February 2018.**
8. We are also inviting the 13 stakeholders to express their interest for one of the two seats in the Bureau **to EUCEH@who.int not later than 28 February 2018.** Based on the expressions of interest received, during the EHTF meeting the secretariat will facilitate the achievement of a consensus among the stakeholders.
9. The secretariat will compile the nominations and present them to the Task Force for further review and decision.



Annex 1: Excerpt from Annex 2 of the Ostrava Declaration (paragraphs 22-27)

I. The EHTF Bureau

22. EHTF will elect a Bureau that will support its chairperson and co-chairperson between meetings and steer the preparations for EHTF meetings, including the high-level meetings of EHP.
 - a. The Bureau formulates an intersessional work plan to guide the work of the EHP Secretariat between the meetings of EHTF. The intersessional work plan will include a resource plan for its implementation, providing an estimate of the financial needs to be met, based on a proposal prepared by the Secretariat.
23. The EHTF Bureau will consist of:
 - a. representatives of eight Member States elected by EHTF, including the EHTF chairperson, co-chairperson and immediate past chairperson;
 - b. one representative each of UNECE, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and WHO;
 - c. two representatives of the stakeholders listed in III.8 other than those listed above, agreed among the stakeholders themselves.
24. The mandate of the EHTF Bureau members is three (3) years. Representatives of Member States can be elected to the EHTF Bureau for a maximum of two consecutive mandates.
25. The EHTF Bureau is led by the chairperson and co-chairperson of the EHTF.
26. The EHTF Bureau operates in line with the EHTF rules of procedure to the extent that they are applicable. All EHTF members will be informed of Bureau meetings, and will have the opportunity to participate if they wish.
27. The EHTF Bureau will meet in person at least once per year and will otherwise work mostly through remote connections.

Annex 2:

Stakeholders of EHP, 2017

Type	Stakeholders
a. United Nations	UNECE; UNEP, represented by its Europe office; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; WHO; the World Meteorological Organization; the United Nations Development Programme
b. Intergovernmental and international organizations, conventions and platforms	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC); the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) and the Protocol on Water and Health,



	represented by their chairpersons
c. European Union (EU)	Represented by the European Commission
d. Nongovernmental organizations and civil society representatives	European Ecoforum; the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL); the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition (EEHYC)
e. Other	The International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE); the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and Regions for Health Network; and representatives of other subnational levels of government, to be nominated by networks active in the European Region

