



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

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Provisional Programme

	Tuesday, 20 March 2018
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 11:00	Opening of the meeting The meeting will be opened by Mr Robert Thaler, EHTF Chair and Dr Pirooska Ostlin, WHO/Europe Director of the Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Wellbeing. Scope and Purpose of the meeting will be introduced by Dr Srdan Matic, WHO/Europe Coordinator for Environment and Health. EHTF will adopt the agenda and programme of the meeting. A brief introduction to the new institutional arrangements will be made and nominations for the Bureau will be introduced. The discussion of the nominations will take place in the last session of the day. <u>Relevant documents:</u> <i>EURO/EHTF8/1 List of documents</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/2 Scope and Purpose</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/3 Provisional Programme</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/8 Nominations for the EHTF Bureau</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/10 Ostrava Declaration</i>
11:00-11:30	Refreshments
11:30-13:00	Developing national portfolios of action Under this agenda item and through several sessions, the Task Force will clarify specific issues included in the Annex I of the Ostrava Declaration; review existing and new tools available to support the Member States in developing and implementing their portfolios for action; be informed about and review the wider policy developments relevant to the follow up to Ostrava, and discuss support that may be available from other partners and networks. WHO secretariat will introduce the topic. The results from a pilot survey of Member States will be presented opening the discussion on the status of follow up to the Ostrava Ministerial Conference.



	The EHTF will be informed about the outcomes of discussions at the Sixty-seventh WHO Regional Committee for Europe in September 2017, the 23rd session of the UNECE Committee for Environmental Policy in November 2017 and of the third United Nations Environment Assembly in December 2017. A representative of WHO Headquarters will present to the Task Force the Special Initiative on Climate Change and Health in Small Island Developing States, the work on the development of a Global WHO Strategy on Climate Change, Environment and Health as requested by the WHO Executive Board and the preparations for the first global WHO conference on air quality and health in October 2018. <u>Relevant documents:</u> <i>EURO/EHTF8/11 Toolkit to support the development of national portfolios for action on environment and health</i> <u>Information documents:</u> <i>EURO EHTF8/13 WHO RC Resolution EUR/RC67/R4</i> <i>EURO EHTF8/14 WHO/EB142/12 Health, environment and climate change – Report by the WHO Director General</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/15 Decision EB142(5) Health, Environment and Climate Change</i> <i>EURO EHTF8/16 UNEA3 Resolution Environment and Health</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Developing national portfolios of action - continued WHO secretariat will present for discussion tools and approaches for each of the seven priority areas identified in Annex 1 of the Ostrava Declaration.
15:30-16:00	Refreshments
16:00-17:30	Developing national portfolios of action - continued WHO secretariat will continue presenting for discussion tools and approaches for each of the seven priority areas identified in Annex 1 of the Ostrava Declaration. Partners and stakeholders will have an opportunity to briefly present tools and activities that may be of interest to the Member States in the development and implementation of their portfolios. General discussion will follow.
17:30-18:00	Elections of the Bureau The Task Force will review the list of nominated candidates for the Bureau of the EHTF and elect its members <u>Relevant documents:</u> <i>EURO/EHTF8/8 Nominations for the EHTF Bureau</i>

	Wednesday, 21 March 2018
09:00 – 10:45	Developing national portfolios of action - continued

	The Task Force will discuss different models of national intersectoral coordination on environment and health and possible approaches to developing national portfolios. Several examples of successful development of national portfolios/policies for action on environment and health by volunteering Member States will be presented and discussed. Presenting Member States: (TBD) General discussion will follow.
10:45 – 11:00	Refreshments
11:00 – 12:00	Developing national portfolios of action - continued General discussion.
12:00 – 13:00	Draft workplan for the EHTF for 2018-19 and resource needs The Task Force will review and adopt the workplan for the Environment and Health Process for 2018- 2019 and review the related resource needs. <u>Relevant documents:</u> <i>EURO/EHTF8/6 Draft programme of work for the EHTF for 2018-19</i> <i>EURO/EHTF8/7 Overview of resources to support the European Environment and Health Process</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Monitoring framework for Ostrava Declaration implementation As agreed in the Declaration and in the ensuing WHO Resolution, the European Environment and Health Process will use the national voluntary reporting to the UN on the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda as the source of information to monitor the progress towards implementing Ostrava Declaration commitments. WHO will not collect additional data for monitoring the process, but will utilize the routine reporting on the relevant indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals to assess the progress in implementation. In this session, the secretariat will present the monitoring framework for Ostrava Declaration implementation. <u>Relevant documents:</u> <i>EURO/EHTF8/5 Draft template for reporting on progress in implementing Ostrava Declaration</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Any other business, summary of decision and closure of the meeting