

How to implement health and wellbeing policies on climate change

15-17 September 2025
Simon Bolivarlaan, 17 - Brussels



PROGRAMME

(subject to change)

Monday 15 September 2025

- 13.30-14.00** Registration
Reception area coffee bar – 01.B.010
- 14.00-15.30** High level plenary session
Small Auditorium – 03.Z.03
- Karine MOYKENS, Secretary General of the Department of Care
Welcome
 - Hans KLUGE, WHO Regional Director for Europe - pre-recorded video message
 - Katrín JAKOBSDÓTTIR, Former Prime Minister of Iceland and Chair of the Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health – pre-recorded video message
 - Adam BANASZAK, member of the Committee of the Regions, Councillor of Inowrocław County (PL)
 - Colin O’HEHIR, Climate Change Policy Lead, Department of Health, Ireland - European Environment and Health Process (EHP)
 - Julie BERCKMANS, Climate Scientist, European Environmental Agency (EEA)
“Climate-related health risks in Europe: From risk assessment to action”
 - Bettina MENNE, Senior Policy Advisor on Healthy Settings – WHO/Europe
“The role of the regions in climate and health action”
- 15.30-16.00** Coffee break
Reception area coffee bar – 01.B.010

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- 16.00-17.00** Setting the scene – examples from Flanders
Small Auditorium – 03.Z.03
- Bart BAUTMANS, Environmental Health, Team leader – Department of Care
“Implementing a climate health plan: success factors”
 - Katrien TERSAGO, environmental epidemiologist – Department of Care
“Coordinating climate resilience and climate neutrality within the Department of Care”
 - Sofie DESMET and Erwin DAENEN, Policy Officers – Department of Care
“Green deal sustainable care: a system of bottom up and local projects, facilitated by an overarching government”
 - Hannah BOHEZ and Sara FEYS, Policy Officers – Department of Care
“Towards resilient care infrastructure: an overview of policy tools”
- 17.00-17.30** Frank GEETS, Administrator General of The Flemish Agency For Facility Operations
“The Marie-Elisabeth Belpaire Building – The most circular building in Belgium”
- 17.30-18.00** Wrap up of the first day – overview of the next two days
- 19.00-21.00** Dinner, hosted by the Department of Care
The Chairman - Bld Baudouin 30 - 1000 Brussels

Tuesday 16 September 2025

- 9.30-11.00** Session 1
- Workshop 1: *“Health governance on climate change (Part I)”*
05.N.02
 - Workshop 2: *“Heat health action plans - from theory to practice”*
05.N.04
 - Workshop 6: *“Sustainability criteria for healthcare building design”*
05.N.05
 - Workshop 10: *“Climate action as a window for opportunities: health in all policies (HIAP), wellbeing in all policies (WIAP) and climate health co-benefits”*
05.N.06
- 11.00-12.30** Session 2
- Workshop 1: *“Health governance on climate change (Part II)”*
05.N.02
 - Workshop 3: *“How to tackle challenges related to the emerging tiger mosquitoes and related arboviruses?”*
05.N.04
 - Workshop 4: *“Preventing overflowing of healthcare capabilities by preparing for floods”*
05.N.05
 - Workshop 7: *“Sufficient indoor AirQuality in hospitals and low energy consumption”*
05.N.06
- 12.30-14.00** Lunch
Reception area coffee bar – 01.B.010

14.00-15.30 Session 3

- Workshop 2: *“Heat health action plans - from theory to practice”*
05.N.04
- Workshop 6: *“Sustainability criteria for healthcare building design”*
05.N.05
- Workshop 9: *“Empowering the care sector for sustainable care”*
05.N.02
- Workshop 10: *“Climate action as a window for opportunities: health in all policies (HIAP), wellbeing in all policies (WIAP) and climate health co-benefits”*
05.N.06

15.30-17.00 Session 4

- Workshop 3: *“How to tackle challenges related to the emerging tiger mosquitoes and related arboviruses?”*
05.N.04
- Workshop 7: *“Sufficient indoor AirQuality in hospitals and low energy consumption”*
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- Workshop 9: *“Empowering the care sector for sustainable care”*
05.N.02
- Workshop 10: *“Climate action as a window for opportunities: HIAP, WIAP and climate health co-benefits”*
05.N.06

17.00-18.00 Small reception

Multifunctional Space (Polyvalente Ruimte) – 00.D.004

Wednesday 17 September 2025

- 9.30-11.00** Session 5
- Workshop 1: *“Health governance on climate change (Part I)”*
03.N.05
 - Workshop 4: *“Preventing overflowing of healthcare capabilities by preparing for floods”*
03.N.06
 - Workshop 5: *“Return on Investment of healthy and resilient health infrastructure?”*
03.N.07
 - Workshop 3: *“How to tackle challenges related to the emerging tiger mosquitoes and related arboviruses?”*
03.N.08
- 11.00-12.30** Session 6
- Workshop 1: *“Health governance on climate change (Part II)”*
03.N.05
 - Workshop 2: *“Heat health action plans - from theory to practice”*
03.N.06
 - Workshop 5: *“Return on Investment of healthy and resilient health infrastructure?”*
03.N.07
 - Workshop 8: *“Implementing an adaptive ventilation (IAQ) strategy in residential care facilities”*
03.N.08
- 12.30-13.00** Wrap up of the past three days
Karine MOYKENS, Secretary General of the Department of Care
“Looking back and looking forward”
Multifunctional Space (Polyvalente Ruimte) – 00.D.004
- 13.00-14.00** Lunch (grab and go if required)
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