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# Climate Change and the challenges for public health: Engaging the Regions

## EUREGHA Perspectives and conference recommendations

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# Introduction

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- EUREGHA Perspectives

*"Think globally, act locally"*

- EU and Member state recommendations
- Local and health actor recommendations



# EUREGHA Perspectives

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- Climate change is a huge public health challenge
- Action is required at all levels
  - Provision of healthcare services and delivery of care is carried out at local and regional level
- “Making climate change a health story”
  - Co-benefits of addressing health and climate change
- Role of EUREGHA



# EU and Member State Conference Recommendations

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- 1. Achieve 30% cut in EU Greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.
  - IPCC recommendations
  - Will require technical solutions – health benefits
- 2. Raise awareness and communicate information on sustainable solutions for health care sector
  - Achieve a reduced demand for emission causing activities
  - Virtuous circles e.g. sustainable building practices
  - Learn to live within our environmental limits



# EU and Member State Conference Recommendations

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- 3. Ensure availability of key climate change facts and information to health actors and settings
  - Positive CC actions by health services and systems → improved health → cost savings → re-invest in prevention
- 4. More work needed on co-benefits
  - Possibility to reduce EU disease burden



# Local Authority and Health actors Conference Recommendations

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- 1. Use their expertise and standing to increase awareness and action to achieve 30% cut
  - Climate and Health Council
  
- 2. Promote “Greening” of health services
  - Win – win opportunities!
  - Knock on effects



# Local Authority and Health actors Conference Recommendations

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- 3. Play a key role in local adaptation plans
  - Establish and influence
  
- 4. Promote and share local good practice
  - [www.greeninghealthcare.net](http://www.greeninghealthcare.net) database
  - [www.Eu-hospitals.net](http://www.Eu-hospitals.net)
  - EUREGHA actions



So how do we take these  
recommendations forward?

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