

Building Urban Futures Better in the WHO European Region

13 September, 8:00–9:00, Jaffa

In the aftermath of COVID-19, major investments are being made across the Region to revive the economy and reduce inequalities that have been increased by the drastic responses that have been deployed to respond to the pandemic. Cities are the place where major opportunities exist for this reconstruction to deliver multiple societal gains. This event will explore how cities can recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build resiliency also in face of global environmental and climate change challenges. Member States will have the opportunity to hear the experiences of senior city representative and representatives from Member States and international organizations, on challenges and initiatives for building urban resiliency to the threats posed by environmental and climate risks.

Programme

This parallel session is co-hosted by: Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe; Dr Nino Berdzuli, Director, Division of Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe; and Ms Chen Arieli, Deputy Mayor, Tel-Aviv-Yafo, Israel

Facilitator of the session: *Dr Sinaia Netanyahu, Programme Manager, Environment and Health Impact Assessment, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

7:30 *Coffee, pastries and fruit will be served*

Welcome and introduction by co-hosts

8:00–8:05 *Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe;
Dr Nino Berdzuli, Director, Division of Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

8:06–8:12 *Ms Chen Arieli, Deputy Mayor, Tel-Aviv-Yafo Municipality, Israel*

Statements and panel discussion: accelerating progress to promote resilience

8:13–8:17 **Zero Pollution: Policies on cleaner air in cities**
Ms Veronica Manfredi, Director, Zero Pollution, DG Environment, European Commission

8:18–8:23 **Urban resilience in UN Habitat**
Dr Graham Alabaster, Head of Geneva Office, United Nations Human Settlement Programme, Office of the Executive Director

8:24–8:28 **The importance of the environment in the protection and promotion of health**
Ms Brigit Staatsen, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Netherlands

8:29–8:33 **Sustainable resources, climate and resilience in urban settings.**
Mr Holger Robrecht, Deputy Regional Director, Sustainable Resources, Climate & Resilience, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, European Secretariat

8:34-8:41**A round of take-home messages**

8:42-8:45

Summary and next steps*Ms Francesca Racioppi, Head of Office, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health***Practical information****Zoom link**<https://who.zoom.us/j/94850135548>

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Languages

The parallel session will be in English with Russian interpreting.

Documentation

- [Urban planning for resilience and health: key messages \(who.int\)](#)
- [Review of indicator frameworks supporting urban planning for resilience and health \(who.int\)](#)
- [Urban planning for health – experiences of building resilience in 12 cities \(who.int\)](#)
- [Urban planning, design and management approaches to building resilience – an evidence review \(who.int\)](#)

