



WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Implementation Framework for Phase VII (2019-2024)



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Background

What is the WHO European Healthy Cities Network?

- Founded in 1988
- Active and vibrant process and platform for inspiration and learning for cities working to contribute to health, well-being and health equity
- Key partner and vehicle of the WHO for delivering on global and regional agendas
- Dual approach



Strategic goals of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network

1. To promote action to put health high on the social and political agenda of cities
2. To promote policies and action for health and sustainable development at the local level that emphasize addressing the determinants of health, equity in health and the principles of the European policies Health for All and Health 2020
3. To promote intersectoral and participatory governance for health, well-being and equity in all local policies and integrated planning for health
4. To generate policy and practice expertise, good evidence, knowledge and methods to promote health in all cities in the WHO European Region
5. To promote solidarity, cooperation and working links between European cities and networks of local authorities, and partnerships with agencies concerned with urban issues
6. To increase the accessibility of the Network to all European Member States



Phase VI (2014-2018)

- **1300 cities/165 million people** supported by National Healthy Cities Networks in 28 countries
- 79 WHO flagship cities, plus 9 applicant cities, 16 expressed interest = **104 cities total**
- Phase VI – 2 International conferences, 2 Mayors Summits, 2 Annual Business and Technical conferences, 5 Meetings of the National Healthy Cities Networks, 3 training workshops/seminars, 2 partner WHO Collaborating Centres & 6 working groups
- Phase VII (2019 – 2024) marks over **30 years of knowledge, experience and innovation**



WHO European Healthy Cities Network – Phase VI (2014–2018)



1	Cork	IRE	53	Chisinau	MDA
2	Galway	IRE	54	Bucharest	ROM
3	Belfast	UNK	55	Frederiksberg	DEN
4	Carlisle	UNK	56	Flothei-Psychiko	GRE
5	Newcastle	UNK	57	Chapayevsk	RUS
6	Cheboksary	RUS	58	Burdur City	TUR
7	Liverpool	UNK	59	Osmangazi	TUR
8	Swansea	UNK	60	Riga	LVA
9	Østfold County	NOR	61	Mezitli Municipality	TUR
10	Horsens	DEN	62	Poznan	POL
11	Copenhagen	DEN	63	Trabzon Metropolitan	TUR
12	Kuopio	FIN	64	Skopje	MKD
13	Klaipėda	LTH	65	Brno	CZE
14	Jūrmala	LVA	66	Ljubljana	SVN
15	Cherapovets	RUS	67	Stupino	RUS
16	Izhevsk	RUS	68	Sant Andreu de la Barca	SPA
17	Dimitrovgrad	RUS	69	Waterford	IRE
18	Stavropol City	RUS	70	Barcelona	SPA
19	Eskişehir	TUR	71	Brussels	BEL
20	Gölcük	TUR	72	Derry City and Strabane	UNK
21	Yalova	TUR	73	Düsseldorf	DEU
22	Bursa	TUR	74	Gorki	BLR
23	Nilüfer	TUR	75	Kaunas	LTH
24	Kadıköy	TUR	76	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	SPA
25	Izmir	TUR	77	Rennes	FRA
26	Karşıyaka/Izmir	TUR	78	Stockholm	SWE
27	Amaroussion	GRE	79	Sunderland	UNK
28	Warsaw	POL	80	Samos	GRE
29	Lódź	POL	81	Turku	FIN
30	Dresden	DEU	82	Novosibirsk	RUS
31	Vienna	AUS	83	Municipality of Balçova	TUR
32	Győr	HUN	84	Jerusalem	ISR
33	Pécs	HUN	85	Podgorica	MON
34	Zagreb	CRO	86	Çankaya	TUR
35	Celje	SVN	87	Tirana	ALB
36	St Petersburg	RUS	88	Almaty	KAZ
37	Rijeka	CRO	89	Utrecht	NET
38	Udine	ITA	90	Lolland	DEN
39	Modena	ITA	91	Fredericia	DEN
40	Bologna	ITA	92	Osh	KGZ
41	Milan	ITA	93	Bishkek	KGZ
42	Rotterdam	NET	94	Djalal-Abad	KGZ
43	Székesfehérvár	HUN	95	Uralsk	KAZ
44	Vitoria-Gasteiz	SPA	96	Astana	KAZ
45	Villanueva de la Cañada	SPA	97	Aktobe	KAZ
46	Viana do Castelo	POR	98	Tashkent	UZB
47	Seiçal	POR	99	Nice	FRA
48	Novi Sad	SRB	100	Madrid	ESP
49	Sarajevo	BIH	101	Bremen	DEU
50	Ulyanovsk	RUS	102	Helsinki	FIN
51	Venice	ITA	103	Manchester	UNK
52	Denizli	TUR	104	Reykjavik	ISL

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● 79 Designated cities
● 25 Applicant cities

National Healthy Cities Networks – Phase VI (2014-2018)



Healthy Cities 21st Century



WHO Accredited

- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russian Federation
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

Non-WHO Accredited

- Baltic Region
- Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Slovenia
- Ukraine

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Key characteristics

- **Political** network – brand and movement
- **Values-driven** – equity and partnership
- Whole-of-city –**urban development**
- **Governance** and intersectoral action
- Global movement – WHO/Europe leading Region and model



Main challenges

- Aging populations
- Climate change
- Environmental challenges
- Inequalities, economic & social challenges
- Migration & urbanisation
- NCDs, health threats
- ❖ Local level politicians, systems, services and spaces need to manage and respond



Priorities for action

- Strengthened accountability from WHO to cities
- Commitment to urban development with health and well-being at centre
- Healthy Cities as partners for implementation of key WHO strategic priorities
- Local level tools for implementation





Phase VII: Goals and strategic approaches

Strategic Direction

- UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Health 2020
- WHO Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019-2023 (GPW 13)
- Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors
- Belfast Charter for Healthy Cities
- Overarching goals for Phase VII
- Core themes for Phase VII



UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

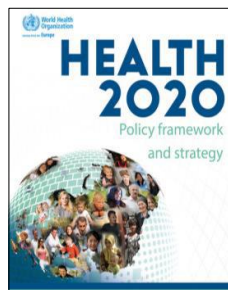


Health 2020

Strategic objectives

Working to improve health
for all and reducing
the health divide

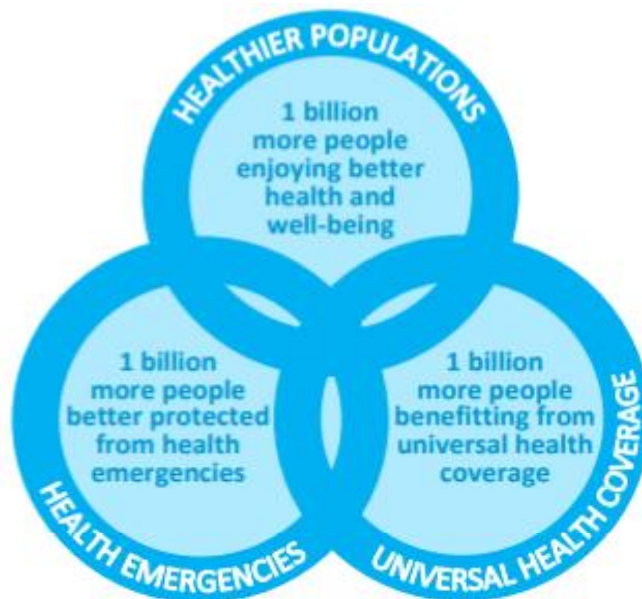
Improving leadership, and
participatory governance
for health



Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the WHO European Region

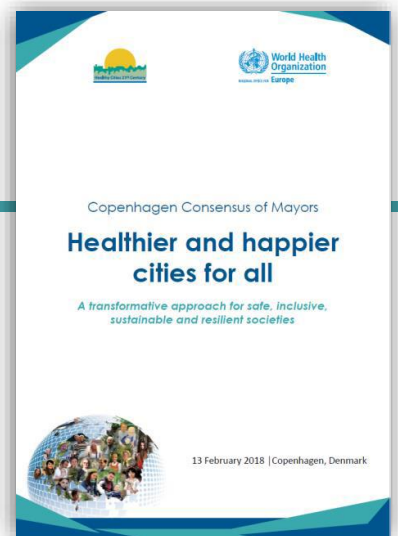


GPW 13



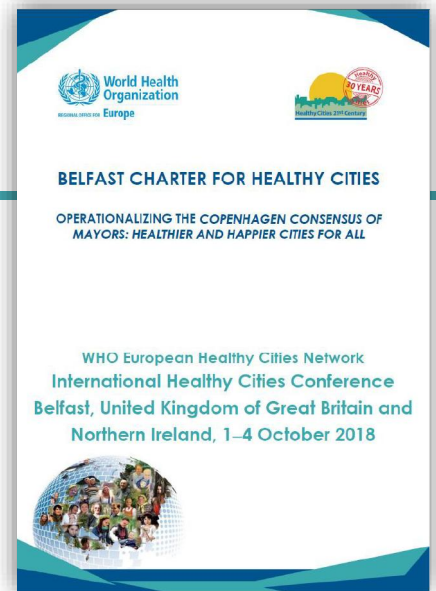
Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors

- Adopted in February 2018
- Its vision aligns fully with the 2030 Agenda and the GPW 13
- Transformative approach
- Serves to guide the work of the Network up to the year 2030



Belfast Charter for Healthy Cities

- Adopted in October 2018
- Strategic plan for Phase VII
- Fully aligned with GPW 13



Overarching goals for Phase VII

Goal 1: Fostering health and well-being for all and reducing health inequities

Goal 2: Leading by example nationally, regionally and globally

Goal 3: Supporting implementation of WHO strategic priorities

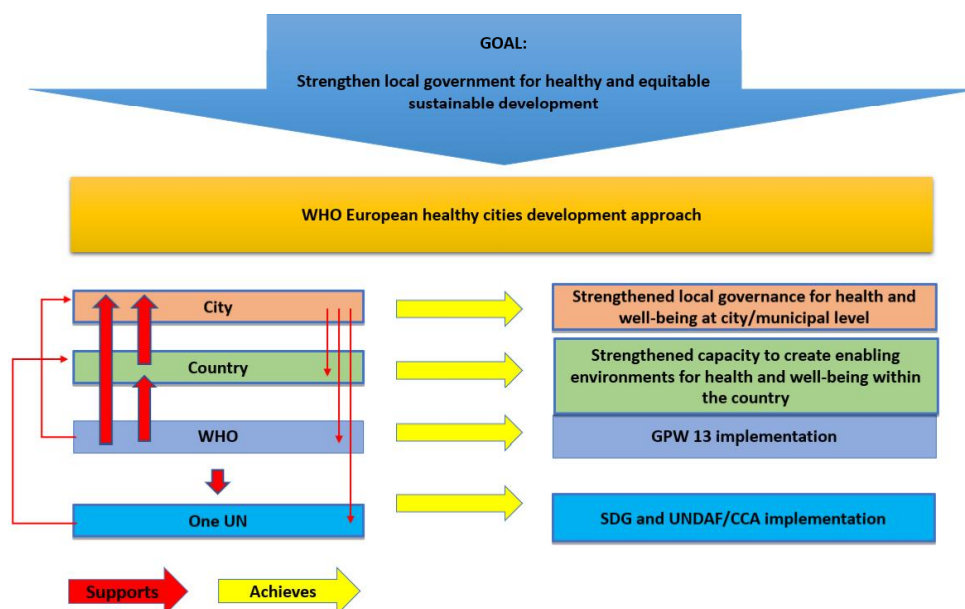


Core themes for Phase VII

1. Investing in the **people** who make up our cities;
2. designing urban **places** that improve health and well-being;
3. fostering greater **participation** and partnerships for health and well-being;
4. improving community **prosperity** and access to common goods and services;
5. promoting **peace** and security through inclusive societies; and
6. protecting the **planet** from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production.



WHO European Healthy Cities Development Approach



* CCA: Common Country Assessment; UN: United Nations; UNDAF: United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

Organizational Structure

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- Cities and national networks with expected numbers
 - Political Committee
 - Scientific and Advisory Board (2 committees – Scientific Committee + Advisory Committee)
 - Subnetworks, taskforces and working groups





Phase VII: Requirements



Designation of cities in Phase VII

City requirements



1. Sustained local support
2. Coordinator and steering group
3. City health profile
4. Phase VII analysis
5. City statement
6. Integrated planning for health and well-being

City requirements

7. Health-promoting, equitable and sustainable development
8. Partnership
9. Capacity-building
10. Attendance at Network meeting and other relevant WHO meetings
11. Attendance at meetings of mayors
12. Participation in networking activities
13. Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms



Process of city designation in Phase VII

Step	Cities that were members of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network in Phase VI	Other cities
1	City sends expression of interest to WHO, including commitments to the implementation framework for Phase VII and financial contribution	City sends expression of interest to WHO, including commitments to the implementation framework for Phase VII
2	City sends financial contribution to WHO	WHO accepts or declines the expression of interest
3	City submits full application to WHO (see Annex 3)	City sends financial contribution to WHO
4	Assessors carry out designation assessments on behalf of WHO	City submits full application to WHO (see Annex 3)
5	WHO accepts designation, formally communicates this to the city and informs the country's health ministry	WHO requests relevant background information and information to be provided by national networks
6	WHO issues Phase VII designation certificate	Assessors carry out designation assessments on behalf of WHO
7		WHO accepts designation, formally communicates this to the city and informs the country's health ministry
8		WHO issues Phase VII designation certificate

* At any stage in this process, WHO may seek further clarification or information from the city, undertake a city visit or carry on an interview with the Healthy City coordinator and lead politician.

Additional details for city designation in Phase VII

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- Expression of interest letters
 - Application for designation
 - Country quotas
 - Financial commitment



Cities checklist of documents

- **Council resolution supporting city participation in Phase VII**
- **Letter of commitment from the city mayor supporting city participation in Phase VII**
- **Phase VII city situation analysis document**
- **City development strategy analysis document**
- **City statement indicating how the city will benefit membership in Phase VII**
- **Curriculum vitae of coordinator**
- **Job description for coordinator**
- **Letter of commitment to this application signed by the chair of the steering or partnership group**
- **City health development plan**
- **City health profile**
- **Optional evaluation report**
- **Completed and signed Declaration of Interests form for the city coordinator**
- **Completed and signed Photo consent form**



Accreditation of national networks in Phase VII

Minimum national network requirements

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- Political commitment
 - National network coordinator
 - Formal organizational structure
 - Non-profit in nature
 - Steering committee with political representation
 - Annual activity plan



Minimum national network requirements

- Attendance at annual business meeting and technical conference
- Attendance at the annual national network meeting
- Annual financial contribution to WHO
- Complete and submit the annual reporting template
- Demonstrate the active participation of designated cities



Process of accrediting national networks in Phase VII

Healthy City element	Minimum requirements
1. Political commitment: endorsement of principles and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A political commitment or declaration to Health 2020 and the Phase VII goals, core themes and requirements
2. Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coordinator or focal point with technical and administrative resources and annual programme budget • A steering committee with city and national political representation and partners representing Phase VII goals and core themes • Formal organization of the national network under bylaws or a constitution • Clear membership requirements for cities that follow the four elements of Healthy Cities action
3. Products and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular business meetings with member cities • An action plan with visible evidence that the national network actively supports its member cities • A completed annual reporting template that reports on national network activities and contributions to Network publications and newsletters • Systematic monitoring and evaluation of the national network's annual programme of work or action plan • Dissemination of information and services to members
4. Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference • A website, an email address and access to WebEx videoconferencing • Two national network member cities to attend the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference on a self-funded or national network-funded basis, where resources permit • Proactive networking with other national networks as well as mutually beneficial networking with other networks or partners
5. Annual financial contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual payment to WHO

Minimum requirements for a city's application to a national network

- Mayoral commitment
- Political resolution
- Coordinator or focal point
- Steering committee with a political representative
- Evidence of Healthy Cities activities
- Attend meetings of the national network



Membership requirements for cities applying to be a member of a national network

Healthy City element	Minimum requirements	Ideal requirements (in addition to minimum requirements)
1. Political commitment: endorsement of principles and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A political commitment to the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors and the Phase VII implementation framework • Political commitment by the city mayor to participate in the national network through a council resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local partnership agreements with sectors, departments, institutions and nongovernmental organizations • Full commitment to work on Phase VII goals and core themes
2. Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A coordinator or focal point with administrative and office support and resources • An intersectoral steering committee with a city political representative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time coordinator and additional support staff to work in the healthy city office
3. Products and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of Healthy Cities activities, such as actions to address inequality in health, promote healthy living, support vulnerable groups, advance healthy urban planning, etc. • Annual report and annual reporting template submitted to the national network, and exchange of information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan or programme for delivering on the Phase VII framework • A city health profile, a city health development plan or the equivalent • The reflection of health and well-being in the overarching city development strategy or equivalent • A formal annual reporting mechanism and monitoring of progress
4. Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at national network meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at national network meetings and, where resources permit, the Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference • Active participation in national network training and learning events • A website and access to WebEx videoconferencing

Additional details for accrediting national networks in Phase VII

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- Accrediting national networks is a means of promoting consistency and high standards
 - The accreditation process comprises two components:
 1. One-page summary declaration
 2. Questionnaire for new national networks to demonstrate how they meet the minimum accreditation requirements



Additional details for accrediting national networks in Phase VII



- In submitting an application to WHO, national networks indicate that:
 - At least 70% of their members have endorsed the minimum national network accreditation requirements
 - That they are committed to working with and contributing to the Network
 - That they fulfil the minimum accreditation requirements of the Network
- Financial commitment to WHO of US\$ 1000 per year
- Accredited national networks will receive a WHO certificate at the end of Phase VII

National networks checklist of documents

- A list of the members of the national network that describes how they meet the minimum requirements for membership in the national network, including the political commitment
- An action plan of activities for the year ahead for the national network
- A 2–3-page Phase VII situation analysis report identifying the opportunities and challenges related to the goals and themes at the level of the national network and the priority issues for Phase VII
- The completed application form (Annex 6)
- The contact details, curriculum vitae and job description of the national network coordinator, specifying the technical and administrative resources available to the national network
- A list of members of the national network's steering committee (with title or function and whether they have decision-making authority), including political representatives
- A translated copy (or summary) of the national network's constitution, accepted by the steering committee and members
- A completed and signed Declaration of Interests form for the national network coordinator
- Completed and signed Photo consent form
- Support for Mayors campaign

Country quotas

Country	Population (million)	Maximum quota
Albania	2.9	2
Andorra	0.7	1
Armenia	2.9	2
Austria	8.7	6
Azerbaijan	10	7
Belarus	9.4	6
Belgium	11.5	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.5	3
Bulgaria	6.9	6
Croatia	4.1	4
Cyprus	1.1	1
Czechia	10.6	7
Denmark	5.7	5
Estonia	1.3	2
Finland	5.6	5
France	65.4	12
Georgia	3.9	3
Germany	82.4	15
Greece	11.1	7
Hungary	9.6	6
Iceland	0.3	1
Ireland	4.8	4
Israel	8.5	6
Italy	59.2	10
Kazakhstan	18.5	8
Kyrgyzstan	6.2	6

Country	Population (million)	Maximum quota
Latvia	1.9	1
Lithuania	2.8	2
Luxembourg	0.5	1
Malta	0.4	1
Monaco	0.03	1
Montenegro	0.6	1
Netherlands	17.1	8
North Macedonia	2.0	2
Norway	5.4	5
Poland	38	10
Portugal	10.2	7
Republic of Moldova	4.0	4
Romania	19.4	8
Russian Federation	143.8	15
San Marino	0.03	1
Serbia	8.7	6
Slovakia	5.4	5
Slovenia	2.0	2
Spain	46.4	10
Sweden	10	6
Switzerland	8.6	6
Tajikistan	9.2	6
Turkey	82.9	15
Turkmenistan	5.9	5
Ukraine	43.7	8
United Kingdom	66	10

Countries in which cities must pay the full financial contribution to the WHO

- Andorra
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- San Marino
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom



THANK YOU

