## **EHP** Partnership for Health Sector Climate Action

Solution Exchange: Climate-Friendly Transport in the Health Sector

Date: **5 November 2024** Time: **9:30–11:30 am CET** Registration link <u>here</u>

Join the EHP Partnership for Health Sector Climate Action for a solution-focused discussion on national and local interventions to reduce health sector transport emissions. Experts will deep dive into issues such as patient travel, staff travel, and health sector freight, sharing knowledge, lessons learned, and actionable insights within broader national contexts and sector-specific initiatives.



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Given its scale and influence, the healthcare sector plays a pivotal role in climate action. Currently, healthcare systems account for approximately 4.6% of global greenhouse gas emissions, underscoring the need for urgent action to mitigate their contributions to climate change and air pollution.

Of the total global healthcare footprint, 7% correspond to transport, encompassing the fleets of health services including ambulances and other patient transport, staff commuting and healthcarerelated freight. Tackling these areas is essential to lowering the sector's carbon footprint, setting a powerful example of leadership in promoting and protecting public health and advancing the response to climate change.

In this first deep-dive, the EHP Partnership for Health Sector Climate Action will bring together the experiences of five countries from the WHO European Region to exchange insights, strategies, and lessons learned in the journey towards advancing climatefriendly transport solutions.

During a two-hour interactive discussion, participants will hear how health sectors have developed transport-related carbon footprints and will learn more about the role played by innovations such as digital health, active travel and decarbonising vehicle fleets. Experts will share their experiences, highlight actionable strategies, and engage in dialogue on the challenges faced.

By participating in this deep-dive, attendees will gain practical insights on solutions and discover opportunities to incorporate these innovations within their own national contexts. The discussion will be of interest to professionals in the transport and health sectors committed to climate action, to climate policymakers looking to expand national efforts, and to local and regional health sector managers.

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