



WHO European Healthy Cities Network
2023 Annual Healthy Cities Business Meeting
and Technical Conference

Health and Well-being for All:
Celebrating 35 Years of the Healthy Cities Movement



Call for abstracts

Deadline for submitting abstracts: Friday, 28 June 2023

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is delighted to invite abstract submissions for the **Annual Business and Technical Conference** scheduled for **21–23 November 2023** in **Utrecht, Netherlands**. As the WHO celebrates its 75th anniversary, the forthcoming conference marks the 35th anniversary of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network, a reason to celebrate our growth into a renowned worldwide movement. The exclusively in-person 2023 Conference topic and themes will be closely linked to this celebration and will focus on the theme of **Health and Well-being for All: Celebrating 35 Years of the Healthy Cities Movement**.

The abstract, which refers to papers and materials submitted for the book of abstracts and the various sessions of the three Conference days, must be related to one of the subthemes mentioned below.

Main theme

Health and Well-being for All:
Celebrating 35 Years of the Healthy Cities Movement

Subthemes

Prosperity & Planet

- Thriving Together: Navigating Health in the Well-being Economy
- One Health, One Future: Moving Towards Planetary Well-being

People & Participation

- Leaving No One Behind: Advancing Health in a Digital Era
- Power of Cities: Delivering an Inclusive Mental Health Agenda

Place & Peace

- Urban Futures: Co-creating Sustainable Places for All Generations
- Learning from Experience: Fostering Resilient Cities in the Face of Emergencies

Abstract proposal guidelines

- The call for abstracts will have the following two options for submission:
 - (1) Thematic papers (scientific articles and case studies)
 - (2) Capacity-building, training and workshops.
- The abstracts should be submitted in English.
- All submissions must have a lead speaker, who will serve as the primary point of contact for the submission.
- Abstracts must have a summary of 250–350 words.
- To submit multiple abstracts, you must fill out a separate form for each abstract.
- Abstracts must be submitted via an online form.

- Preference will be given to submissions that address the Conference themes and illustrate three or more of the following:
 - innovative solutions
 - strategic approaches
 - comprehensive and systematic approaches
 - intersectoral approaches
 - life-course approaches
 - community-based initiatives
 - work that has been evaluated and lessons learned.

The deadline for abstract submission is 28 June 2023. After the peer-review process of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Scientific Committee, successful applicants will be informed whether their abstract has been accepted by 1 August 2023.

All selected abstracts will be published in the book of abstracts and will be available at the Conference. This information and further details are available at the website:

<https://hcn2023.eev-gu.nl>.

[PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT HERE](#)

The online form is available through the hyperlink above or use the attached QR code.



The WHO European Healthy Cities Network was launched in 1988 as a political, cross-cutting and intersectoral initiative that directly collaborates with cities across the WHO European Region. The Network's annual conference showcases the quality and impact of the network in the European Region and beyond by bringing together researchers, practitioners and policy-makers to discuss important public health issues, perspectives, methods and findings, thus contributing to the ongoing conversations on creating healthier, more equitable cities.

This year's theme also follows the principles outlined in the Geneva Charter for Well-being adopted in December 2021. The Network strongly supports the Charter in its efforts to create well-being societies and its urgency to act on all levels to tackle the interlinked crises we face today. This year also marks the fifth year of adopting the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors and the six P's: people, place, participation, peace, prosperity and planet. These are as relevant as ever to guide the Network on its path to achieving health and well-being for all. This year's Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference aims to capitalize on the momentum generated by the previous year's topic of One Health.

The six themes of Phase VII (2019–2025) work plan for the WHO European Healthy Cities Network are:

People: a human focus to societal development that gives priority to investment in people to improve equity and inclusion through enhanced empowerment.

Place: the social, physical and cultural environments that align to create a place that is actively inclusive and that facilitates the pursuit of health and well-being for all.

Participation: ensuring the participation of all individuals and communities in the decisions that affect them and the places in which they live, work, love and play.

Prosperity: enhancing community prosperity and strengthening assets through values-based governance of common goods and services.

Planet: ensuring that the protection of the planet is at the heart of all city policies, both internal and external.

Peace: promoting peace through inclusive societies that focus on places, participation, prosperity and the planet while putting people at the centre of all policies and actions.

