

12th European Public Health Conference 2019 in Marseille, France:
“Building bridges for solidarity and public health”

**Workshop (6.O), 22 Nov 2019:
Greening the European Public Health
conferences, and beyond
- Intro -**

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Workshop key messages

2016: For an ambitious association like EUPHA, concern for the impacts of our own activities features amongst our core values; this ought to be reflected in ... our annual conferences ... EUPHA is challenged to prove that it has the profile and capacity to create positive example.

2019: For reasons of responsibility and credibility, professional associations need to care about their ecological footprint; EUPHA created a “Green Club” and explores practical measures ... Both resource consumption & emissions ... are considerable, calling for intensified action, e.g. ... awareness-building, and promotion of eco-friendly options.

Goal and objectives of „greening“ actions

Mid-range goals:

- To make EPH conferences environmentally benign and climate-neutral, while maintaining (or improving) their function
- To foster similar developments beyond EUPHA.

Immediate Objectives:

- Awareness-raising for conference attendees
- Advancing EUPHA's systematic efforts towards minimizing the ecological “footprint”.

Today's presentations

- Greening the European Public Health conferences – The Green Club (J Mamo)
- Using the WHO EURO checklist for healthy and sustainable meetings (D Zeegers Paget)
- Towards quantifying CO2 emissions from EPH conference travel (R Fehr, D Zeegers Paget, OCL Mekel, N Boss)

Key issues for discussion

1. What has been achieved so far?
2. What experiences were made, e.g. with tools?
3. What role for quantification, e.g., of emissions?
4. What options for further footprint reduction?
5. What (un-intended) impacts to expect?
6. What suggestions for 2020 World Congress?
7. What tasks lie ahead?