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Climate change litigation: A Guide for public health professionals

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At the European Public Health Conference, the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), the Faculty of Public Health (UK), the Groningen Centre for Health Law, and the Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health (Netherlands), the Global Network for Academic Public Health, World Federation of Public Health Association and other partners will launch a guide on climate change litigation for public health professionals.

Public health professionals and scientists have been at the forefront of generating evidence on climate change and its impact on people and planet. Yet despite the clear facts, and the remarkable scientific and technological discoveries, there continues to be lack of volition and action.

In many areas of public health policy, legal action and litigation have delivered significant and long-lasting impacts. Examples include tobacco control, increasing access to treatments for HIV, and addressing air pollution. Litigation is a well-established part of public health's advocacy toolbox. It is a strong domain of legal policy and practice in many countries, and increasingly in international courts and tribunals.

Climate change litigation is thus becoming an integral part of securing climate action and justice. By using litigation to oblige governments and private sector polluters to address the climate emergency, claimants have been pushing for more ambitious regulations, opposing regulatory steps or new plans and proposed developments, or even requesting compensation measures for human harm.

Moreover, climate litigation creates opportunities for public scrutiny and debate, raising awareness around governments' inaction or harm caused by private sector polluters.

The Guide makes a timely and important contribution to building the competence and capacity of public health professionals around climate change litigation, supporting strategic partnerships, and encouraging leadership to protect and promote the health of people and planet.

This and more will be discussed in a workshop on Saturday 11 November, 11:40 – 12:40 (Dublin time), Liffey Meeting Room 3 (Level 1).

[More information about this session](#)

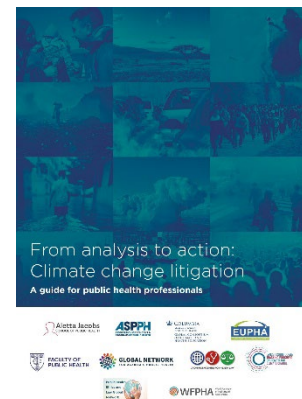


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EUPHA

The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. Our network of national associations of public health represents around 25,000 public health professionals. EUPHA contributes to the preservation and improvement of public health in the European region through capacity and knowledge building. We are committed to creating a more inclusive Europe, narrowing all health inequalities among Europeans, by facilitating, activating, and disseminating strong evidence-based voices from the public health community and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals to achieve evidence-based change.

EPH Conference

The European Public Health (EPH) Conference is an annually organised scientific conference on public health issues in Europe. Each year the conference is organised in a different country by the EPH Conference Foundation in close cooperation with one or more local partner(s). The conference actively seeks a larger partnership with other European NGOs, international health organisations and institutions. EPH Conference Foundation was established in May 2013 as a non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation at the initiative of the European Public Health Association. The Foundation is managed by the independent Executive Board.

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