

BILBAO

Bilbao has undergone a huge transformation in the past two decades: from an industrial city built on the iron trade to a place where people enjoy walking and cycling, with a series of linked green spaces. Art, culture, festivals – and tourism as well – have taken centre stage. The iconic Guggenheim Museum takes all the attention, but there's much, much more beyond the building's shimmering surface. The Nervión river is the heart of the city. The banks of the river are dotted with elegant fin-de-siècle buildings and flanked with wide boulevards. Casco Viejo is the charming old town with cobbled streets and innumerable bars. The city is famous for its pintxos: tapas-like snacks displayed on bar tops, ranging from simple combinations of bread, ham, and cheese to more elaborate creations with seafood or vegetables. When you need a bit of breathing space, stop for a drink at Plaza Nueva, which has bars on all four sides. Bilbao is a very walkable city. No two points in central Bilbao are more than 30 minutes apart by foot. Bilbao is surrounded by mountains, and there is open countryside just a 20-minute walk from the city centre. Some slopes are a rather steep climb, but Artxanda has a funicular.



Bilbao International Airport offers more than 600 flights weekly, linking directly and in an average of 1 to 3 hours, with cities such as Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Lisbon, London, Milan, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Rome and Vienna. It also offers connections with the main cities in Spain. Bilbao–Abando railway station has long-distance trains running to Madrid and Barcelona, with local trains, trams and metro lines serving the city and wider area.

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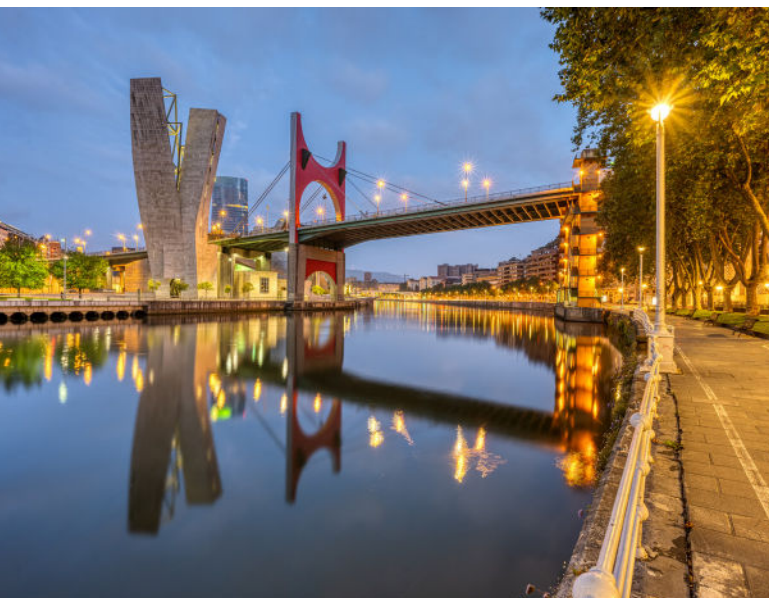
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Urban and global synergies: shaping the future of public health with climate resilience, equity and innovation



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WELCOME TO BILBAO 2026

The 19th European Public Health Conference in Bilbao, Spain, will explore and debate the current research and policy challenges of population health. For this conference we have decided to focus on the highly interconnected phenomena of urbanization, equity and climate resilience. Current demographic and urbanization trends show how over two thirds of the global population will live in urban settings by 2050. In Europe, 80% of the population already lives in city environments. Urban health research, innovation and practice have greatly improved in quality, quantity, and depth over the past 20 years. This

growth highlights the large and growing knowledge base that should be translated into policies to improve population health and reduce health inequities in cities worldwide. At the same time, social processes such as urbanization, urban renewal, segregation, and gentrification, to name a few, along with the uninterrupted advance of climate change pose evolving challenges to population health, health equity, and environmental sustainability in cities. These global realities set the stage for a particularly engaging conference.

The 19th EPH Conference will bring together researchers and public health practitioners across the globe who focus on varied health outcomes including re-emerging infectious diseases as well as non-communicable diseases. To conduct the most relevant and policy-oriented public health research and policies worldwide, we need to generate innovative data collection and analyses within interdisciplinary teams sharing data and results across cities. Designing meaningful research that can yield the types of evidence needed for urban policies and translating this evidence into population health improvement and health inequities reduction are pressing challenges in our urbanizing world.

Additional themes will further enrich the conference discussions:

1. How do we survive climate change? More than ever the climate crisis has shown its impact on population health worldwide. From climate displaced populations to heat waves in cities, floods and increased frequency and intensity of other extreme

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- climate-related disasters, the intersection of population health and the climate crisis represents a critical and growing area of study.
2. Public health diplomacy and conflicts: the fight for hope. At a time when international norms – including those governing health organisations – are being increasingly challenged, it is essential to reflect on how global health can serve as both a cornerstone of health protection and promotion, and as a vital instrument for peace, in Europe and across the world.
3. The city as a catalyst for change. Today, we know cities as places that can both threaten and promote health. Addressing urban health through the lenses of city environments and inequality can lead to major global public health improvements.
4. Providing equity in urban and rural settings. The research, methodologies, and translational challenges encountered in urban health provide valuable insights and opportunities for

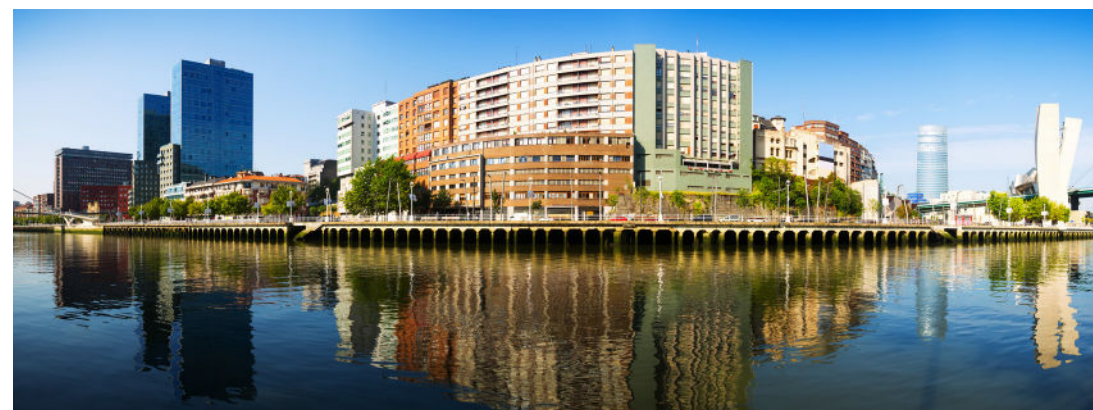
application in rural health contexts. Both areas are complementary and interdependent. One cannot thrive without the other.

5. Health by design. The health impact of urban design, planning and urban renewal is a relevant intersectoral and transdisciplinary topic that will be addressed during the conference.

The Basque and Spanish community of public health researchers, practitioners and policy makers are very excited to host the 19th EPH Conference and share the work we have been developing for decades in the interconnected areas of urban health, health equity and climate change.

DATE AND VENUE

The 19th EPH Conference takes place on 10–13 November 2026 at the Euskalduna Conference Centre in Bilbao, Spain, with pre-conferences on 10 November and the main programme from 11–13 November.



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- Share your latest initiatives and innovations
- Connect with key players in European and international public health

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Welcome Reception is held on Wednesday 11 November. The Social Evening is held on Thursday 12 November. Venues will be announced.

LANGUAGE

The conference language will be English.

SUPPORT TO DELEGATES

EPH Conference Foundation and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) offer various types of support to delegates of the EPH Conferences. Please check the website for details.

CONFERENCE FEES

You can register for the full conference, pre-conferences, or for a single day. Fees include morning and afternoon refreshments, and catered lunch package. Reduced rates are available for EUPHA members, delegates from Spain, students and trainees, and participants from LMICs.

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

PRE-CONFERENCES

Tuesday 10 November

09:00–10:30 Pre-conferences
Coffee/tea break
11:00–12:30 Pre-conferences
Lunch
13:30–15:00 Pre-conferences
Coffee break
15:30–17:00 Pre-conferences

MAIN CONFERENCE

Wednesday 11 November

09:00–10:00 Parallel sessions 1
Coffee/tea break
10:30–11:30 Parallel sessions 2
11:40–12:40 Opening Ceremony
Lunch / Lunch Symposiums
14:00–15:00 Plenary 1
15:10–16:10 Parallel sessions 3
Coffee/tea break
16:40–17:40 Parallel sessions 4
17:50–18:50 Plenary 2

Thursday 12 November

09:00–10:00 Parallel sessions 5
Coffee/tea break
10:30–11:30 Plenary 3
11:40–12:40 Parallel sessions 6
Lunch / Lunch Symposiums
14:00–15:00 Plenary 4
15:10–16:10 Parallel sessions 7
Coffee/tea break
16:40–17:40 Parallel sessions 8

Friday 13 November

09:00–10:00 Parallel sessions 9
Coffee/tea break
10:30–11:30 Plenary 5
11:40–12:40 Parallel sessions 10
Lunch – Lunch Symposiums, Join the Networks
14:00–15:00 Parallel sessions 11
15:10–15:55 Closing Ceremony

Abstract submission for Bilbao 2026

Join us in Bilbao for EPH 2026—share your work, connect with colleagues, and shape the future of public health. The EPH Conference offers excellent opportunities to learn from the latest research and practice, to network with experts and colleagues and to expand your professional horizons. We invite abstracts for workshops and single presentations across all areas of public health research, practice, policy, and education. Abstract submission is open from 1 February to 1 May 2026. Abstracts are considered for oral, pitch and poster presentations. Workshop proposals are considered for 60-minute sessions and for a Pecha Kucha 30-minute format. Don't miss your chance to present at Europe's largest public health event. For first-time or less experienced submitters, our Abstract Tutoring Programme offers guidance and support. Detailed instructions can be found on www.ephconference.eu.