Fourth Strategic Planning Meeting of the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition

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Scope and Purpose

Launched in Florence, Italy, in 2012, and legally established in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2014, the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition (EEHYC) is a direct result of the commitments made by the Member States of the European Region through the Parma Declaration to “ensure that youth participation is facilitated across all Member States at both national and international levels”. The Coalition aims to ensure that young people's environment and health needs and priorities are recognized and represented at all levels – specifically, within the European environment and health (EEH) process.

The Fourth Strategic Planning Meeting of the EEHYC convenes following the Meeting on Strategic Development, Strengthening Cooperation between Established National Platforms and EEHYC and Increasing involvement in WHO programs (Bonn, Germany, 21-22 September 2015). The main purpose of the meeting is to take stock conclusions of the latest EEHYC meeting and kick-off the preparations for the Second EEHYC General Assembly and the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health. Based on the main objective, the EEHYC meeting will be structured so as to:

- Internal management of the Coalition, including activities and communication strategy for 2016 and to critically evaluate successes and challenges of the Executive Board.
- Prepare for the Second EEHYC General Assembly;
- Discuss and approve the strategy of National Environment and Health Youth Platforms expansion in the WHO European Region;
- Review and discuss the work plan for the preparatory process for the Sixth Ministerial Conference, taking stock of the results and feedback proposed by the Focal Points of the National Youth Platforms during the latest EEHYC meeting;
- Prepare for the additional meetings and strengthening partnerships: COST Action (IS1408) Working Group Meeting (Budapest, Hungary, 3-4 March 2016); Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 8-10 June 2016); 28th Annual Conference of International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (Rome, Italy, 1-4 September 2014), WHO Regional Committee for Europe Copenhagen, Denmark 12–15 September 2016, Austrian Youth Forum (Vienna, Austria, 17-19 October 2016), Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Bern, Switzerland, November 2016).