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OPEN DIALOGUE

**Building forward better in the aftermath of COVID-19
– health, environment, nature and climate change:
the building blocks of prevention, resilience and socio-
economic recovery of the WHO European Region**

**Wednesday, 17 February 2021
9:30 – 11:00 CET**



English with simultaneous
translation in Russian





BACKGROUND

How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed our understanding of the links between health, environment and human activities? Which have been its impacts on the environment and health agenda? How can we respond to these challenges and “build forward better”?

Answering these questions will be at the core of this open dialogue organized by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health in the context of the 10th meeting of the European Environment and Health Task Force. The dialogue will reinforce our understanding of the reality, the challenges, opportunities and building blocks of prevention, resilience and sustainable socio-economic recovery of the WHO European Region.

PROGRAMME

Moderated by the Chairs of the European Environment and Health Task Force,

Biljana Filipovic Dusic (Ministry of Environmental Protection in Serbia) and

Brigit Staatsen (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands)

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Dr Nino Berdzuli, Director of Division of Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Mr Marco Keiner, Director of Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

- **SETTING THE SCENE**

Professor **Harry Rutter**, Global Public Health, University of Bath

- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SHAPE, SUPPORT AND PROMOTE GREEN AND HEALTHY RECOVERY FROM COVID-19**

Dr Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Ms Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life, Directorate General Environment, European Commission

Dr Maria Neira, Director of Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO

Dr Nicholas Watts, Chief Sustainability Officer, National Health Service (NHS) England and NHS Improvement

- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- **CLOSURE**

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