

Mediterranean Hospital Needed for Low-Carbon Healthcare Project



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Health Care Without Harm Europe is seeking a public hospital in the Mediterranean region to join their latest climate-smart healthcare project, [Low-carbon healthcare in the Mediterranean region](#).

The project will help to develop the Mediterranean as a best-practice region for low-carbon healthcare in Europe supported by progressive environment and health policies.



Healthcare's Footprint

The global healthcare sector's climate footprint is equivalent to [4.4% of global net greenhouse gas emissions](#), contributing to climate change, which negatively impacts the health of the very communities the sector serves. There is, therefore, a powerful incentive for the healthcare sector to take action – first, to reduce the volume of its greenhouse gas emissions, and second, to become a leading advocate for societal and political action on climate change.

As global temperatures are increasing, so are the negative health impacts, and the Mediterranean region already faces specific threats from climate change (eg extreme heat waves and rising sea levels), but also has many opportunities to prevent or reduce emissions (eg with solar energy and energy efficient cooling). This project aims to address these opportunities and challenges and facilitate the transition to low-carbon healthcare by working with hospitals in the Mediterranean.

Project Outcomes

Participating hospitals will be supported to establish internal carbon management teams and plans, facilitate knowledge and best practice sharing, and also encourage replication across the Mediterranean region through a low-carbon healthcare toolkit that can be used by other hospitals.

The toolkit produced will be presented alongside case studies from the participating hospitals at the 2021 European Healthcare Climate Summit, hosted in the Mediterranean region. Policy recommendations will also be developed in consultation with a broad range of relevant expert stakeholders from both within and outside of the Mediterranean healthcare sector. These policy recommendations will help to identify the legislative changes necessary to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon healthcare in the region.

Participation Details

No fee or financial contribution is required, but places are limited; the project will cover participants' travel and subsistence expenses, as well as hands-on support to develop Carbon Management Plans, case studies and policy recommendations.

Please note that this project will be carried out in English. It is therefore important that participants are comfortable working and communicating in English (the materials produced will be translated into the languages of participating hospitals).

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Mireia Figueras Alsius (mireia.figuerasalsius@hcwh.org)

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