



Three Horizons for Health **Building sustainable, resilient and carbon-neutral health systems**



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Preliminary Programme

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Rationale

Health systems are called upon to respond to a two-fold challenge: on the one hand, to ensure quality, equity and continuity of care, and on the other, to reduce their environmental impact and strengthen their capacity to respond and adapt to climate change. The decarbonisation of healthcare is no longer a long-term goal, but a concrete necessity that requires strategic choices, operational tools, and strong coordination between levels of governance.

Aims

The event aims to offer a space for discussion among decision-makers, professionals and stakeholders to analyse how health systems can embark on paths towards environmental sustainability, keeping the health of people and communities at the centre. Through experiences and concrete cases, the day aims to link vision and implementation, highlighting both the opportunities and the main barriers to the transition. The combination of a session of strategic framing and sharing of experiences, followed by a participatory session and finally a round table discussion, is designed to foster the exchange, co-creation and emergence of key messages and recommendations useful to accompany the next steps towards more sustainable, resilient and future-oriented health systems. The contents and contributions that will emerge during the event will flow into a summary document to support reflections and next steps.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, March 5th

- 9.00 Reception and registration of participants
- 9.30 Institutional greetings and opening of the works
Rocco Bellantone, President - Istituto Superiore di Sanità



Alessio Nardini, Director General for Healthy Lifestyles and Relations with the Ecosystem - Ministero della Salute

Marina Maiero, Technical Officer WHO Climate Change and Health

Giuseppe Bortone, Director of the Department of Environment and Health - Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Laura Mancini, Director of the Ecosystems and Health Unit - Istituto Superiore di Sanità

10.00 SESSION 1 - THE THREE HORIZONS

Chairs: Ornella Punzo, Senior Researcher - Istituto Superiore di Sanità; Rachel Juel - ISS/Sapienza PhD Student

Horizon 1 - What decarbonisation guidelines are guiding health systems and what obstacles are holding back their implementation?

Andreas Ekvall, Senior Climate Manager - Health Care Without Harm

Horizon 3 - What does equitable, net-zero and climate-resilient healthcare look like?

Matteo Paganini, Doctor and Researcher - Emergency Medicine Consultant

Horizon 2 - What emerging decarbonisation practices in healthcare can accompany the transition from today to the future, with gradual and transformative interventions?

Robin Simpson, Head of Data Analysis - Greener NHS

Chiara Reno, Medical Officer - Evaluation Research and Health Services Policy Unit, Local Health Authority of Romagna

11.30 *Pause*

11.45 SESSION 2 - ROUND TABLE – GOVERNING THE TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE

Chair: *Laura Mancini*

Valeria Dusolina Di Giorgi Gerevini, Ufficio 4 Director - Health protection related to the ecosystem - Ministry of Health

Nicola Magrini, UOC Innovation, Evidence Synthesis and Clinical Research - IRCCS Policlinico di Sant'Orsola (Azienda Ospedaliero - Universitaria di Bologna)

Fabrizio D'Alba, Director General - Policlinico Umberto I, Rome

Velia Bruno, Director of the National Center for Clinical Governance - Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Lorenzo Sommella, Green Hospital Project Manager, Green Ambassador - Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital Foundation

12.40 *Summary of the morning's work*

Chair: *Walter Cristiano*

13.00 *Conclusion*

Chairs: *Ornella Punzo, Senior Researcher - Istituto Superiore di Sanità; Laura Mancini, Director of the Ecosystems and Health Department - Istituto Superiore di Sanità*

13.15 *Closing of the proceedings*



SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference venue

Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Aula Pocchiari - Viale Regina Elena 299, Roma, 00161

Online: The event will also be available online via Microsoft Teams. Speakers and attendees will be sent an



invitation e-mail containing the link to the video conference.

Official language

The official languages are **English** and **Italian**, with simultaneous **Italian-English** translation for online participants. Simultaneous translation will not be available for in-person participants.

Target audience

Physicians, National Health Service professionals, other Health practitioners, Engineers, Policymakers at national, regional and local level, etc.

Maximum number of attendants: 200

Registration and selection

To register, fill in and send **the form available at the following link** by 3 March: [APPLICATION FORM](#). Participation in the event is free.

In the application form, candidates must express their preference for participation in-person or online: those who have expressed a preference for participation in the auditorium will be selected based on priority of registration and until all available places are exhausted. Only those who receive communication will be admitted to the event. For those who will follow the event in the auditorium, attendance will be detected by recording entry and exit on the appropriate attendance register.

Participants who have expressed a preference to follow the event online will receive the link to the meeting and related instructions by e-mail. The detection of the presence of online participants will be carried out by verifying the connection logs. It is therefore recommended to specify your full name and surname when connecting to the videoconferencing platform. The lack of these identification data will not allow the detection of attendance at the event and the consequent issuance of the certificate.

Certificates

On request, participants who have attended at least 75% of the duration of the event and have filled out the online satisfaction questionnaire will be issued a certificate of participation that will be sent by e-mail.

For any further information about the conference, please contact the Organizing Secretariat.