

CLEAN TRANSPORT

EPHA's Partner's National Events Report

This report outlines the key events hosted by EPHA's national partners, showcasing their achievements in advocating for clean transport and air quality. Each partner organised impactful activities tailored to their national context, addressing public health concerns and policy gaps through workshops, conferences, and advocacy campaigns. The descriptions below provide a detailed look at these events, capturing how each organisation contributed to raising awareness, engaging stakeholders, and promoting solutions for a healthier and more sustainable future.

Polish Society for Health Programs (PTPZ)

PTPZ successfully hosted a national workshop for students focused on clean transport, covering critical topics such as smog, air pollution, and restrictions on diesel vehicles in urban areas. The event was directed at students engaged in fields related to clean transport, with participants from sociology, spatial planning, public health, and medicine. Recruitment was conducted via email, social media, and outreach to academic groups.



International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE)

ISDE focused on advocacy for stronger air quality regulations by engaging with Italian policymakers. They organised the XIV edition of the Italian Medical Days of the Environment on May 24 at the European Parliament Office in Rome. Medical and scientific experts presented a “Manifesto/Appeal” and recommendations for prioritising health in European environmental policies.

ISDE emphasised coalition-building through participation in local and national events, including a sustainable transport conference and a flash mob in Sardegna. Their efforts included calls for 30 km/h speed limits in cities to enhance public awareness. Reports, letters, and infographics were used to combat misinformation and promote policy changes aimed at preventing pollution-related diseases and reinforcing the ecological transition ahead of the European elections.

Bulgarian Association for Patients Defense (BAPD)

On May 6, BAPD held an event titled “Clean Transport – Our National Air Quality Control System Has Been Compromised,” addressing the challenges in Bulgaria’s clean transport initiatives. Chairman Plamen Taushanov, outlined a lawsuit won against the Ministry of Environment and Water for failing to protect citizens from air pollution, noting discrepancies in the placement of air quality monitoring stations. He highlighted alarming statistics, such as over 10,863 premature deaths in 2019 attributed to poor air quality in Bulgaria, positioning the country as the EU leader in cardiovascular disease-related deaths.