GLOBAL GREEN AND HEALTHY HOSPITALS

EUROPE

Join the largest sustainable healthcare network in the world and accelerate your progress towards becoming a truly sustainable organisation.





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# WHAT IS GLOBAL GREEN AND HEALTHY HOSPITALS?

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) is a worldwide community of more than 1,500 members in 75 countries, representing the interests of over 60,000 hospitals and health centres.

GGHH is the largest sustainable healthcare network in the world, focused on the interests and needs of healthcare sustainability practitioners.

Our members are using innovation, ingenuity, and investment to transform the health sector and create a healthy future for people and the planet. The European GGHH network is coordinated by Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe.

By joining GGHH your organisation will become part of a growing global sustainable healthcare movement, demonstrating your commitment to sustainable development.





### **EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS**

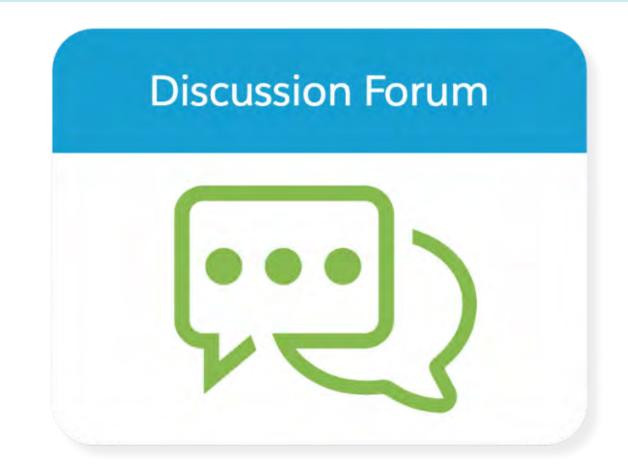


Access to GGHH Connect, an innovative, online member platform serving as your gateway to:



### **Hippocrates Data Center**

A cutting edge resource that puts the power of data management, goal benchmarking, and progress tracking into your hands. Hippocrates is the first international platform of its kind designed for the health sector to measure actions towards reducing its environmental footprint.



### GGHH discussion forum

Connect with GGHH members around the world - post questions, share resources, or join conversations across 12 topic areas.



### Guidance documents and other resources

Written and reviewed by leading experts from around the world, these resources cover a wide range of sustainable healthcare topics (e.g. sustainable procurement or carbon management). They are a fantastic starting point for helping GGHH members to reduce their environmental footprint.



#### Case studies

Search over 150 case studies from GGHH members around the world. Learn how projects were designed and implemented, challenges faced and lessons learned, and be inspired to implement your own initiatives.



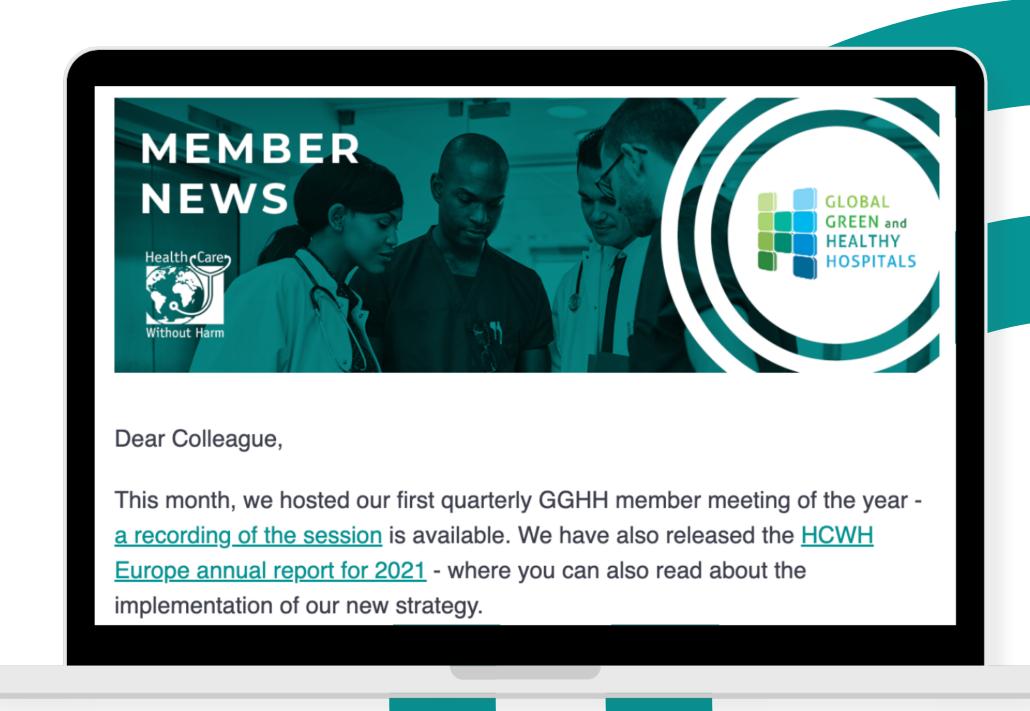
#### Webinars

Browse our collection of recorded webinars to learn about the latest sustainable healthcare trends, case studies, and projects, delivered by experts and GGHH members around the globe.



### Access to the GGHH Europe listserv and member-only newsletter

Be the first to learn about the latest sustainable healthcare news and opportunities, including upcoming events, webinars, conferences, funding and project opportunities, and news from other GGHH members around Europe.





### Quarterly GGHH Europe member meetings

Join other GGHH members from the region to learn about a specific sustainable healthcare topic, hear from experts, and connect with other leaders in sustainable healthcare.



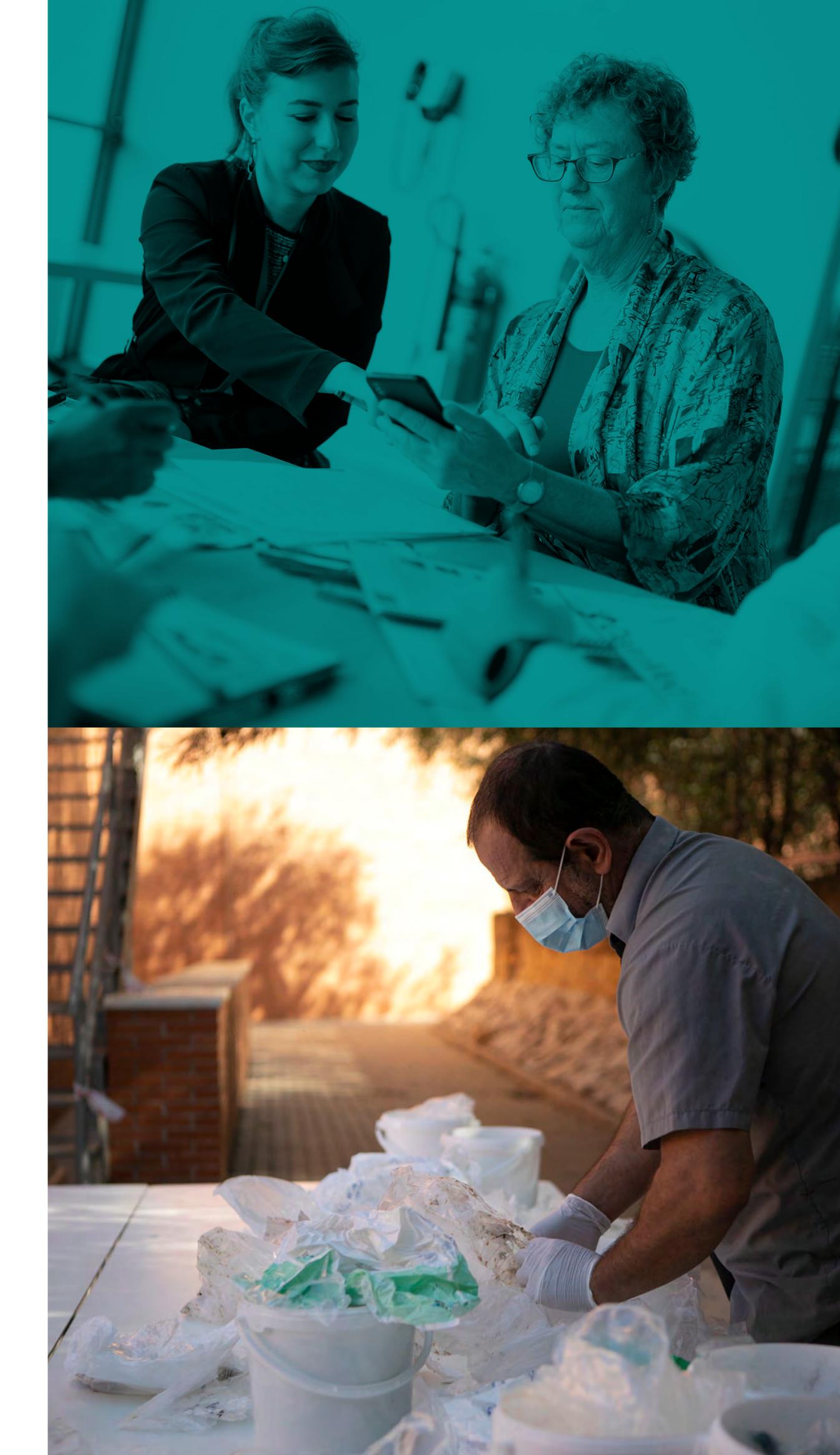
### Have your say in how HCWH Europe is run

As a member-led organisation, GGHH members in Europe can attend our Annual General Meeting and have full voting rights to elect new Board members and determine the strategic direction of the organisation.



### Participate in pilot projects

Members are often invited to participate in sustainable healthcare pilot projects, receiving hands-on support from experts around specific issues.





### Become a climate leader

Commit to effective climate action while building collective impact across countries and across borders by joining the Health Care Climate Challenge and Race to Zero, or taking the Cool Food Pledge.





Membership of GGHH in Europe means you can also participate in the <u>Health Care Climate Challenge</u>, and join a global coalition of healthcare institutions at the forefront of the transformation to climate-smart healthcare. Currently, the Health Care Climate Challenge has over 300 institutional participants, representing the interests of more than 22,000 hospitals and health centres in 37 countries.

An initiative of HCWH, the Health Care Climate Challenge engages and equips healthcare institutions – from small clinics to large health systems to ministries of health – to commit to effective climate action while building collective impact across countries and across borders.

## IRAGE TO ZERO

HCWH is honoured to be the <u>Race to Zero</u> healthcare partner. This United Nations-backed global campaign rallies non-state actors – including companies, cities, regions, financial and educational institutions – to take rigorous and immediate action to halve global emissions by 2030 and deliver a healthier, fairer, zero-carbon world. All members are committed to the same overarching goal: reducing emissions across all scopes swiftly and fairly in line with the Paris Agreement, with transparent action plans and robust near-term targets.

To date, over 50 healthcare institutions, representing the interests of more than 14,000 hospitals and health centres in 22 countries, have joined Race to Zero. As healers, they know that prevention and preparedness are essential to fighting the climate crisis and that the road to recovery begins with transformative climate solutions.

# COOL FOOD\*

HCWH Europe has partnered with the World Resources Institute (WRI) to bring their <u>Cool Food Pledge</u> to healthcare facilities across Europe. This collaboration aims to promote plant-centred food in healthcare to protect both patients and the planet. The Pledge helps dining facilities cut their food-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by shifting towards more plant-rich diets.

A quarter of all GHG emissions come from food production. By simply changing what we eat, we can make a difference to our climate.

The Cool Food Pledge helps members:

- Pledge their support for a science-based reduction target for diet-related GHG emissions
- Calculate the emissions from supplied food
- Develop the best plan to bring about change
- Promote their success

### ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Membership is based on an organisational commitment to HCWH's mission and goals and a desire to participate fully in helping to achieve them.

Membership is open to any organisation that delivers healthcare and social care services in Europe:

- Hospitals, health centres, and other healthcare facilities
- Health systems
- Government/Regional health service providers

Joining GGHH is completely free and there are no membership or other fees required. If your organisation does not fall into one of these categories, or you are unsure, please contact us at <a href="mailto:europenetwork@hcwh.org">europenetwork@hcwh.org</a>.







In just a few simple steps, you can join the largest sustainable healthcare network in the world and accelerate your progress towards becoming a truly sustainable organisation.

### Introductory call

Once you have completed the online application form, we will reach out to arrange an introductory call, during which we will tell you more about membership and its benefits.

### **Board approval**

The HCWH Board reviews all applications on a regular basis, and will review your application.

### Onboarding

We will add your primary and secondary contacts to the membership mailing list and monthly newsletter and introduce your organisation to existing members (via the monthly newsletter). We will also add your organisation's name to the member list on our website and create accounts for you and your team on GGHH Connect, providing you with support to start navigating the membership platform.

### Fill out the online application form

This will provide us with some background information about your organisation. Please note that completing the form does not automatically commit your organisation to membership.

### Send letter of intent to join

We ask potential members to send us a letter of intent to join the network. We will provide you with a template that you can use on your organisation's headed paper, sign, and return it.

### Welcome to the network!

Once approved by our board, we will send you an official welcome letter and a welcome pack that outlines the terms of membership and provides useful links to get you started.

Start enjoying the benefits, tools, and resources that GGHH has to offer!





If you have any questions about membership or would like more information, please contact europenetwork@hcwh.org.



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