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EFPA participates in COP31 in Antalya

The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) takes place in Antalya, Türkiye, from **9 to 20 November 2026**.

EFPA, as a non-governmental organisation with observer status under the UNFCCC, has accredited a group of experts to bring the voice of European psychology to COP31.

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EFPA strengthens its collaboration with WHO in the European Region

On 30 October 2026, during the 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC76), the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) was announced as a Non-State Actor (NSA) in Official Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO).

This development marks an important step in EFPA's engagement with WHO and its contribution to regional health policy.

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EFPA highlights the role of psychology in WHO's work on noncommunicable diseases and well-being

At the 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC76), held in Copenhagen on 27–29 October 2026, the World Health Organization presented a discussion document entitled *Toward a strategy and action plan for tackling noncommunicable diseases and advancing well-being through health promotion in the WHO European Region 2028–2037*.

In its written statement, EFPA welcomed this initiative and particularly supported the development of a distinct but complementary Regional Mental Health and Well-being Strategy. The statement was also endorsed by the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS), reflecting a shared commitment to comprehensive, evidence-informed approaches to physical health, mental health and well-being.

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EFPA calls for psychological science to be integrated into WHO's roadmap on artificial intelligence

At the 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC76), held in Copenhagen on 27–29 October 2026, the World Health Organization presented its *Roadmap for Action on Artificial Intelligence in Health in the WHO European Region 2026–2033*.

In a joint written statement with EuroHealthNet, the European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), EFPA welcomed the roadmap and called for psychological and behavioural science to be integrated across all four of its strategic areas.

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Ageing is living: WHO adopts a new strategy for healthier, longer lives

At the 76th session of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, 53 Member States unanimously adopted *Ageing is living: a strategy for promoting a lifetime of health and well-being in the WHO European Region 2026–2030*.

The strategy highlights four key areas for action: preventing ill health and maintaining capacity throughout life; transforming health and long-term care; creating age-friendly environments; and challenging ageism.

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As the global community gathers for COP31, *European Psychologist* is pleased to make five articles from our forthcoming special issue, **"Climate Crisis and the Human Factor"**, freely available.

The special issue builds on the work of the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations AISBL (EFPA) Expert Reference Group for Psychology and Climate Change and its 2024 opinion paper, "Climate Crisis and the Human Factor: 10 Psychological Keys to Unlocking Climate Action."

The European Psychologist is an official journal of the EFPA.

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- Predicting Climate Adaptation Intention and Collective Climate Action: A Supervised Machine Learning Approach
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WHO - Artificial intelligence and liability in health systems across the WHO European Region

The rapid adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) in health across the WHO European Region is introducing technologies with increasing levels of complexity, opacity and autonomy, creating new challenges for patient safety, accountability and liability.

This policy brief identifies critical challenges for the current liability arrangements for AI-enabled health technologies and proposes measures to strengthen accountability and patient protection.

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