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Better health through a healthy environment

Join the Health and Environment Alliance today!

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is the leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects health in the European Union. We demonstrate how policy changes can help protect health and enhance people's quality of life.

HEAL has over 65 member organisations, representing health professionals, patients, citizens, women, youth and environmental experts, help to bring independent expertise and evidence from the health community to different decision-making processes. Members include international and Europe-wide organisations, as well as national and local groups.

We have a strong track record in increasing public and expert engagement in EU and World Health Organization (WHO) debates and decision-making processes on environment and health.

Our commitment to our membership and our mission entails:

- Monitoring policy within EU institutions to identify threats and opportunities for environment and health
- **Running advocacy campaigns** to bring the voice of the health community to policy makers
- Following policy-relevant research and making it accessible
- Facilitating public and stakeholder participation
- Building capacity through publications, conferences, workshops, and training.

Membership to HEAL is open to non-governmental organisations and other not-for-profit organisations and professional bodies, whether local, regional, national, European or international. Applicants must be legally constituted pursuant to the laws and customs of their country of origin; have no profit-making purpose; and be independent of governments, political parties and commercial interests.

We invite you to be part of our alliance which directly contributes to both EU and WHO policy work on environment and health, namely, the EU's Environment and Health Action Plan (EHAP), key environmental legislation and the WHO Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE).

See who our current Members are on our website at www.env-health.org!

Benefits of HEAL membership

By becoming a Member of HEAL, your organisation will benefit from a multitude of services, including:

Access to the EU policy makers and up to date information on developments through HEAL's Brussels based Secretariat coordination and expertise.

Dissemination of your news in our website and monthly electronic newsletter which is subscribed to by over 4000 key environment and health stakeholders in Europe and globally, including EU officials, national policy makers, research and scientific communities, journalists, NGOs and other community groups.

Representation and collaborations on European and International Forums through various partnerships with the World Health Organisation, the European Commission, as well as NGOs involved in other sectors such as consumers, farmers, women's groups, transport and so on.

Health and environment information electronic updates to increase awareness on emerging health science, reports, policy discussions, conferences and other partner initiatives; including information through the Chemicals Health Monitor Bulletin and the Pesticides & Health e-news.



Virtual Working Groups, Seminars, Conferences and Training Sessions through participation in one or more of HEAL's ongoing proceedings to learn and impart knowledge on activities, look for partners or expertise, and contribute to policy advocacy. Key issues include:

Chemicals Policy EU Environment and Health Action Plan Public Participation Children's Environment and Health Climate Change Bio-monitoring Environmental Cancer Prevention Shale Gas Fracturing

In-depth information on specific areas of priority through HEAL's collaborative projects, such as:

Chemicals Health Monitor: <u>www.chemicalshealthmonitor.org</u> Cancer & Environment: <u>www.environnement-et-cancer.com</u> Sick of Pesticides: <u>www.pesticidescancer.eu</u> Prescription for a Healthy Planet: <u>www.climateandhealthcare.org</u> Healthier Environments for Children: <u>http://cehape.env-health.org</u> Know your air for health: <u>www.knowyourairforhealth.eu</u> Stay Health, Stop Mercury: <u>www.env-health.org/stopmercury</u>

Membership Fees

The standard HEAL membership fee is €300 per year.

For organisations from the Central and Eastern EU Member States (Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Malta, Cyprus, Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Czech Republic, Slovakia) HEAL offers a phased approach to the membership fee, wherein **the 2011 fee is €100** and each subsequent year the fee will increase by €50 until the standard fee is reached.

To receive a HEAL Membership Application Form, or should you have any questions please contact us.

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