

How can HEAL help you?

HEAL can provide you with information on the health impacts of:

- Air and water quality
- Hazardous chemicals
- Climate change
- Electro-magnetic fields
- Environmental injustice and social inequalities
- Mercury
- Noise pollution
- Nanotechnology
- Pesticides and biocides.

We invite you to be part of our alliance which directly contributes to both EU and WHO policy work on environment and health, namely:

- EU's Environment and Health Action Plan (EHAP)
- WHO Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE).

HEAL publishes a monthly newsletter and policy updates, a regular bulletin from our Chemicals Health Monitor project, and manages specialist e-working groups on our policy areas. To find out more, please send a message to info@env-health.org



HEAL/ Lisa Develtere

HEAL members at an event in the European Parliament to meet new MEPs.

Health and Environment Alliance is an international non-governmental organisation that aims to improve health through public policy that promotes a cleaner and safer environment.

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HEAL projects

HEAL has a variety of collaborative projects running in several languages which allow us to focus on specific areas of priority.

Chemicals Health Monitor - ensuring that scientific evidence on the links between chemicals and ill-health are translated into policy as quickly as possible. www.chemicalshealthmonitor.org

Sick of Pesticides - advocating for strong regulation of pesticide use for better health, especially to protect the most vulnerable groups in society. www.pesticidescancer.eu

Prescription for a healthy planet - bringing public health to the centre of the climate change debate, and uniting the international health community behind four principles: protect public health; set strong targets on emission reductions; promote clean energy; and fund global action. www.climateandhealthcare.org

Healthier Environments for Children - showcasing examples of good practice projects in children's environment and health throughout the 53 countries of the WHO European region. <http://cehape.env-health.org>

Know your Air for Health - communicating EU air quality information and alerts to allergy, asthma and COPD patients in Europe. <http://www.knowyourairforhealth.eu>

Stay Healthy, Stop Mercury - raising awareness of the potential health risks of environmental mercury pollution. Calling on the EU to show leadership in efforts to control environmental mercury pollution by securing a global ban on mercury. www.env-health.org/stopmercury

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Better health through a healthy environment



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The Health and Environment Alliance

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) raises awareness of how environmental protection improves people's health, and works to strengthen European policies. We do this by creating better representation of expertise and evidence from the health community in decision-making processes.

HEAL is a diverse network of over 60 citizens', patients', health professionals', women's and environmental groups. Our 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.

Join HEAL today
and help to create better health
through a healthy environment.

HEAL membership includes organisations from the not-for-profit sector and individual supporters.

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Advocacy

Bringing the voice of the health community to policy makers is among HEAL's key strategies. A few examples of our advocacy work are:

Healthier environments for children

Countries involved in the WHO Pan European process for Environment and Health helped to develop Europe's first Children's Environment and Health Action Plan (CEHAPE) in 2004. HEAL and our members played an integral part in its creation.

HEAL represents health non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on the steering panel known as the European Environment and Health Committee (EEHC).

Our good practice competition, part of this WHO process, showcases exemplary children's environmental health projects by NGOs across the 53 WHO European region countries.

Eliminating toxic chemicals in our environment

A new EU chemicals law, REACH, has major potential to improve public health and the environment. HEAL's Chemicals Health Monitor project works to ensure its strong implementation in a variety of ways.

For example, our Right to Know initiative, with information in many EU languages, helps people identify consumer products containing chemicals that may be harmful to their health. It also advocates that the phase-out of these chemicals should be decided under REACH as soon as possible.



Campaign postcards highlighting the adverse effects of pesticides on children's health were sent to politicians at key moments in the EU decision-making process.

Science to Policy

HEAL aims to bring significant, relevant and independent research findings to policy makers and the public in a format that fits their needs.

We do this by working with our partners and members to commission studies and undertake our own desk and community policy research. Our latest joint scientific reports include reviews of recent research on the effects of endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) on cancer and infertility; analytical research quantifying the benefits to health of stronger EU climate change policy; and a review of health risks of pesticide exposure in vulnerable groups.

HEAL also monitors and contributes to EU research projects as an official expert on the advisory boards of COPHES, New Generis, ERA NET, INTERASE, and HENVINET.



MEP Frédérique Ries joins our community hair sampling research on mercury.

Partnership

We value working with other organisations to compile data, gather expertise and produce sound results. HEAL is a member of the following expert groups and networks:

- **Green 10** – a group of the leading environmental NGOs active at EU level
- **IPEN** – a global network working for a "Toxics-Free Future"
- **EU Consultative Forum on Environment and Health**
- **EU Health and Environment Working Party**
- **EU Expert group on Indoor Air Quality**
- **WHO European Region Task Force on Climate Change.**

HEAL also has ongoing collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the WHO.