



Children & Youth Environmental Health Good Practice Case Study Call for good project examples

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Environment & Health: In 2004, the Ministers of Health and Environment of 53 countries in the European, Caucasus and Central Asian region signed the “Children Environmental and Health Action Plan for Europe” (CEHAPE). In 2010, at the 5th Ministerial Health & Environment Conference in Parma, Italy, the ministers committed to increase engagement of children & youth in improving environmental health.

Call for Good Practices: The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in cooperation with other international organisations involved in the Health & Environment policy process, is looking for Good Practices on youth and children’s involvement in environment and health issues.

What are your good practices?

How are Children & Youth working on environment and health issues in their schools, communities, sports associations and in policy processes? Specifically we are looking for activities and projects in the areas of:

- Healthier food
- Physical activity
- Creating green spaces
- Improving access to safe water
- Improving sanitation and hygiene
- Reduce smoking and other indoor air pollution
- Avoiding pollution by harmful substances
- Alternative mobility
- Protecting the environment
- Reducing CO₂ emissions and improving your health....

Send us a short concept: Please fill out the enclosed concept format, describing what children & young people are already doing in your country to improve environmental health. Please send it to karin.vohla@wecf.eu before Thursday, **15th December 2011**.

8 best concepts selected: Among all entries, the 8 best concepts will be selected and each will receive **500,00 USD** to prepare and present their good practice activity on 2 - 10 pages, before Friday, **6th January 2012**. The 8 good practices will be presented to the European Health and Environment Ministerial Board and Taskforce at their next meetings in 2012, and will be published on the websites of UNEP and partnering international organisations.

Eligibility: All type of organisations or groups working on improving Youth participation and Children’s Environmental Health, – for example schools, youth groups, non-governmental organisations – from one of the 53 countries in the larger European, Eastern European, South-Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian region can submit a concept. The activity should either be a well worked out concept, or already have started, or even been completed.

Good practices can be in the area of education, media, awareness raising, technical innovation, policy advocacy, mobilization of youth.

Concept categories: The “good practices” should focus on one of the categories described below:

Category	Description
1. Water and/or Sanitation (Regional Priority Goal 1 of the CEHAPE)	- Improving drinking water - Improving sanitation and hygiene conditions - Ecological waste water treatment - Protecting water sources
2. Physical Activity, Healthy Food, Safety (Regional Priority Goal 2 of the CEHAPE)	- Healthy food in schools and universities - Making physical environments safer and healthier for children - Increasing green spaces - Linking diet, obesity, education, facilities, transport ...
3. Indoor air and/or Outdoor air (Regional Priority Goal 3 of the CEHAPE)	- Improving indoor and outdoor air quality - No smoking - Eliminating indoor air pollution from chemicals - Non-motorized transport...
4. Chemicals and or Radiation (Regional Priority Goal 4 of the CEHAPE)	- Prevent and reduce chemical and radioactive hazards - Pesticide free schools and parks - Mapping locations with harmful waste...
5. Youth participation	- Youth involvement in policy processes - Youth initiatives on awareness raising - Youth public events...
6. Climate protection	- Reducing CO ₂ emissions and adapt to climate change - Increasing awareness and low on zero-carbon practices and the link to health, among children and youth

Selection criteria: Concepts will be scored 0 (inadequate) to 5 (excellent) on the basis of:

- ✓ **Relevance:** how well the project relates to children’s environment & health in Europe
- ✓ **Concrete outcomes:** how the project demonstrates tangible benefits to children’s environment and health
- ✓ **Information & awareness raising:** how the project has contributed to inform and raise awareness on children’s environment and health
- ✓ **Partnership/Multi-sectoral approach:** how well the project was able to involve other groups or bodies and other sectors
- ✓ **Transferability:** whether the project could be “scaled up” (extended) or replicated (copied) in other places or countries
- ✓ **Originality:** whether the project is novel and innovative
- ✓ **Cost-effectiveness** of the project



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