

NGO Strategy Conference

Taking Stock of Progress since the Budapest 4th Ministerial Conference on Environmental and Health

11-12 June 2007



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Pan-European Coalition of Environmental Citizens Organisations





Organised



- HEAL Health and Environment Alliance
- Eco-Forum
- WECF
- Agu - Austrian Doctors for a Healthy Environment
- Financed by:
 - Austrian Government
 - HEAL
 - WECF
 - AGU





Aim this meeting

- Participants: NGOs, INCHEs, CEHAPE winners
- Highlight good practice to improve children's environmental health (CEHAPE awards)
- Identify key challenges and key recommendations
 - by Regional Priority Goal
 - by region
- Prepare report to Intergovernmental Midterm Review, June 14 2007 (14:00)



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Environment and Health process for Europe



- Health and Environmental Ministers
- 53 European countries
- Coordinated by WHO (Europe - Rome/Copenhagen)
- NGOs represented by
 - Health NGOs (HEAL Health and Environment Alliance)
 - Environmental NGOs (Eco-Forum via WECF)
- Industry
- Trade Unions
- Youth





Budapest 2004



The future of our children”

Why children?

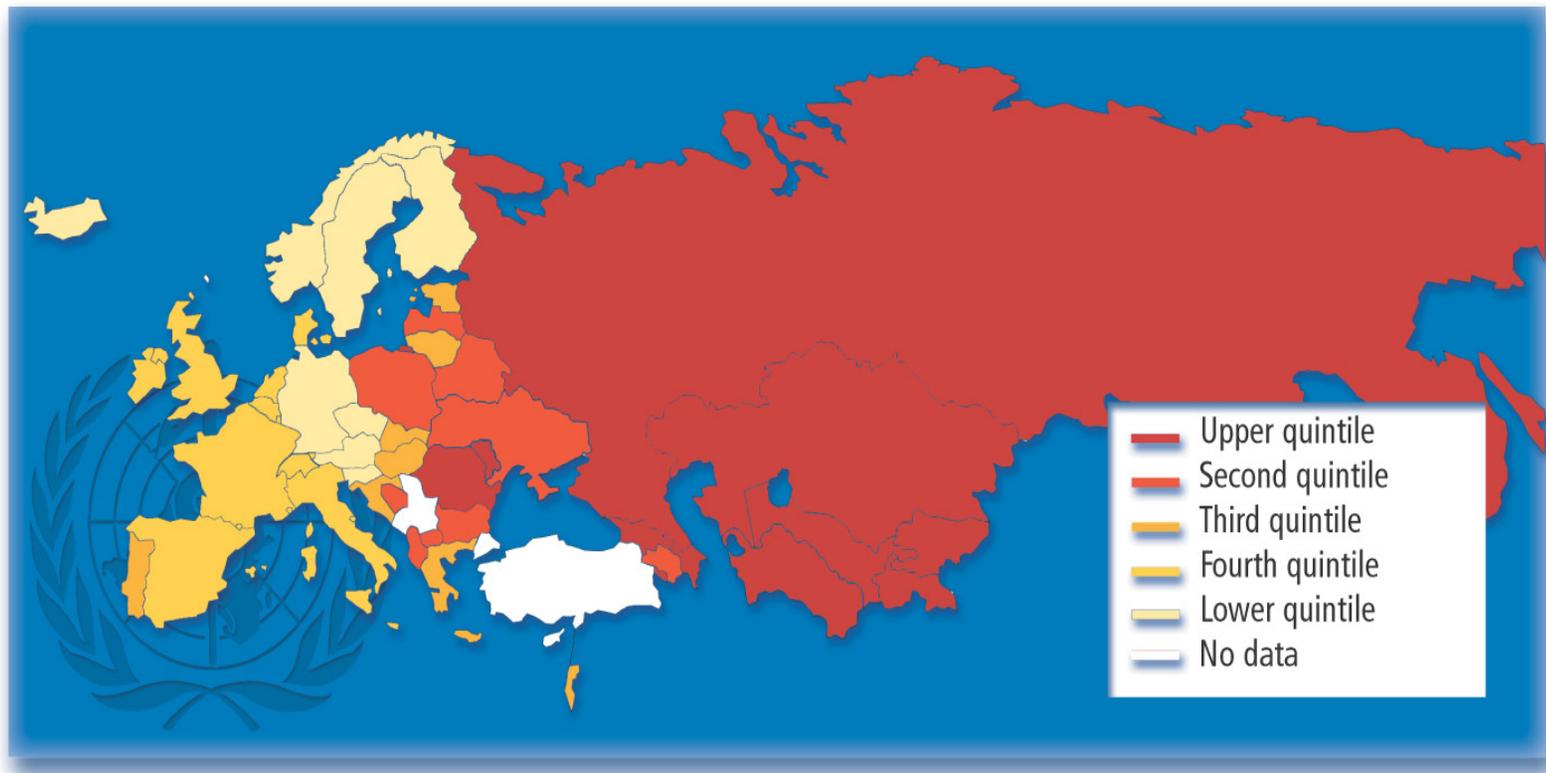
- Over 40% of the global burden of disease attributed to environmental risk factors falls on children under five years of age
- Children are more exposed than adults to many environmental factors



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Probability of Dying Before Age 5



Source: WHO Regional Office for Europe



Taking Stock Budapest Ministerial Conference 2004



- **Two main outcomes**
 - 1. Ministerial Declaration
 - 2. CEHAPE - Children's Environmental Action Plan Europe
 - annexed Table of Actions
 - Member states committed to have child specific action plans by 2007

- **NGO and Youth declaration**

We are mid-way to the next ministerial conference Rome 2009



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Focus CEHAPE: Regional Priority Goals - RPGs

Environmental Risks and Related Diseases

RPG 1: Reducing gastrointestinal disorders with safer water and adequate sanitation

RPG 2: Protection from injuries and increased mobility to combat obesity and reduce accidents

RPG 3: Reducing respiratory disease and asthma by improving air quality and outdoor air quality

RPG 4: Protection from hazardous chemicals and physical and biological agents to reduce disease (e.g. neurodevelopmental disorders, birthdefects, cancer...)

NGOs involved





IMR June 13-15 2007



- What achieved since 2004?
- Prepare next conference 2009, Italy
 - Key theme - other issue or CEHAPE
 - Financial mechanism
 - Tools (table of action)
 - CEHAPE audit of economic strategies
- More public attention for children's environmental health - press events
- NGO present best cases - CEHAPE awards
- NGO present key recommendations



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Programme

Monday 11.06.2007

2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Registration, Welcome, Coffee

3.00 – 3.15 p.m.

Plenary (Large Redoutensaal):

Introduction to Conference: Children's environment and health: how far have we come?

3:15 – 4.30 p.m. 2 parallel sessions

Each parallel session will feature the CEHAPE Award winners and a panel discussion on challenges and way forward

Small Redoutensaal

Middle Lounge

RPG I: Reducing gastrointestinal disorders with safer water and adequate sanitation

Chairs: Sascha Gabizon, Women in Europe for a Common Future & Diana Iskrevva, Earth Forever Bulgaria

RPG II: Protection from injuries and increased mobility to combat obesity and reduce accidents

Chair: Hanns Moshammer, ISDE Austria

4.30 – 4:45 p.m. break (coffee at the posters)

4:45 – 6.00 p.m. 2 parallel sessions

RPG III: Reducing respiratory disease and asthma by improving indoor and outdoor air quality

Chairs: Peter Helms, European Respiratory Society & Christian Farrar-Hockley, Health & Environment Alliance

RPG IV: Protection from hazardous chemicals and physical and biological agents to reduce disease

Chairs: Genon Jensen, Health & Environment Alliance & Olga Speranskaya, Eco Accord

6:00 p.m. end of sessions

7:00 Evening: Reception for participants hosted by the Mayor of Vienna

Tuesday 12.06.2007

9.00 – 9:45 a.m.

Significance of developmental neurotoxicity for children's environmental health
Philippe Grandjean (Harvard School of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark)

9:45-11:00 a.m.

**Reporting back from the parallel sessions and
preparation for NGO Reporting at IMR**

11:00-11:30 Break (coffee) and printing of the final draft

11:30-13:00 World Café discussion on the way forward for CEHAPE

1.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. End of Meeting

Evening: Reception hosted by the Ministry of Environment

Web site publication of NGO and youth activities on CEHAPE

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Healthier environments for children

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Search engine:

Implementing CEHAPE

52 national governments have promised to work on four priorities set out in the Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE).

- ▶ Access to safe water
- ▶ Fewer injuries, more exercise
- ▶ Clean air, cleaner lungs
- ▶ A chemically-safe environment

You can find information on governmental activities on the official WHO web map on the implementation of Budapest commitments.



NGOs are helping to make things happen. This website shows how.

- ▶ Campaigns and projects
- ▶ Cooperation with national governments
- ▶ Providing feedback to WHO and the European Union

Latest news:

- ▶ NGO input into CEHAPE Task Force meeting, 16 - 17 October 2006
- ▶ Danish government launches chemical information campaign for mothers
- ▶ European Child Safety Alliance launches Child Safety Good Practice Guide

CEHAPE in progress by country

Your country:



Events:

- ▶ 22nd EEHC meeting, 27-28 November 2006
- ▶ EPHA conference on Clean Environment - Healthy Children in Poland
- ▶ Workshop on youth participation, Oslo, Norway, 10-11 March 2006

The Health and Environment Alliance is an international non-governmental organisation

NGO CEHAPE implementation website

www.cehape.env-health.org

Joint invitation

- INCHES - HEAL reception
- City Hall of Vienna, Wappensaal
- 19:30
- Lichtenfelsgasse 2, Feststiege II
- Follow: local organiser Hanns Moschammer

Thank you!

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civil society

- 2 Representatives on the steering committee EEHC (European Environmental Health Committee)
- 2 Youth Representatives
- Presentations by NGOs at CEHAPE meetings to Member States
- Participation in dialogue sessions between Ministers and Civil Society reps
- Press events and exhibitions at ministerial conferences
- Awards for best practices, including NGOs

CEHAPE Best Practice Award

- Organised by HEAL and ISDE Austria
- Sponsored by the Austrian Government

Objective:

- To highlight and reward innovative projects in CEHAPE implementation and youth participation across the Region and Priority Goals

Five prize categories:

- Four RPGs and youth participation