



Better health through a healthy environment

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Recognition grows of the role of environment in health protection

By Génon Jensen, Executive Director, HEAL

In a European policy context which was focused on the financial crisis and economic recovery, HEAL succeeded in keeping environment and health issues on the agenda and contributed to key policy changes at the European Union level. Two developments in 2009 represented major strides forward on climate change and cancer, both of which we had been advocating for some time. One was the European Parliament's acceptance that health represented a key concern in climate change; the other, that environmental factors should be recognised on an equal footing with lifestyle factors in the new European Commission Communication on Action against Cancer.

Another breakthrough was the acceptance of defined timescales and targets for different policies to improve children's environmental health by European health and environment ministers taking part in the World Health Organization meeting in Parma in March 2010. HEAL, its members and other non-governmental organisations were probably helped in pushing for these targets by achieving a high and respected profile throughout the meeting. Quality plenary interventions and the colourful and moving presentation of winners of good practice projects were especially important.

In policy work on pesticides, the real progress had already come with agreement of new EU legislative package. The task for HEAL this year was to help stimulate proper implementation at the national level. We worked intensively with networks in France and the UK to reach municipalities, local government, schools and citizens with information on the health effects of pesticides and the need for reduced use, especially in public spaces where children learn and play.

We continued our work in making known the causal link between air quality and respiratory disease, including allergies and asthma, and renewed our call for an ambitious update of key EU legislation. Promotion of the issue was greatly helped by strong and effective partnerships with two key constituencies, namely patients and specialist medical professionals.

HEAL's profile was also extended through strong media coverage resulting from a regular flow of press releases. HEAL is now featured in a steady flow of published articles in EU, national and specialist press all the year around.

Last, but not least, 2009 was the year we began using Twitter and Facebook for outreach to citizens. We found that Twitter was particularly helpful in reaching opinion leaders during key events, such as the Copenhagen climate change talks while Facebook has stimulated a new constituency and discussion forum for our "Sick of Pesticides" campaign.

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“We are standing at a place where two rivers meet: a stream of emerging knowledge about what the combustion of fossil fuels is doing to our planet is joining a stream of emerging knowledge about what synthetic chemicals derived from fossil fuels is doing to our bodies...Investments in green energy are also therefore investments in cancer prevention”

Sandra Stiengraber, Living Downstream, 2nd ed



2009 at a glance

2009 was a busy year for HEAL in the European and international arena. With our extensive advocacy and communications work, HEAL worked to turn the tide in many policy areas for better health through a healthier environment.

- 7** **Reports published** – from climate change and health to pesticides in schools.
- 26** **Press releases** highlighting achievements made to benefit environment and health, findings of new research or shining the spotlight on progress or disappointing lack of political will to tackle the issues.
- 53** **Letters written to European Institutions**, urging action on environment and health issues.
- 9,000** **Toolkits, brochures and educational material distributed**
- 43** **Bulletins, newsletters or journals written or contributed to**
- 3,585** **Subscribers to HEAL news alerts**
- 500** **New followers on HEAL's new Twitter and Facebook accounts**
- 5** **New member organisations**
- 7** **Languages into which our work has been translated.**



About HEAL

Promoting human health and well-being through environmental protection, and increasing public participation in environment and health-related EU policy making.

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 65 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.

To achieve a safer, cleaner environment we work to promote human health and well-being through environmental protection, and to increase public participation in environment and health-related EU policy making. Our policy priorities include:

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

The processes – defining our remit. Our policy priorities are defined during our Annual General Assembly. Alongside our members, we identify current EU environmental policy opportunities, the potential for achieving health benefits, and the means to make health considerations more central to the debate.

Collaboration and communication. Much of our scientific expertise and understanding of international, European and national policies, which validates our policy positions, comes from our members and partners. In our advocacy work, we work closely with our members as well as other non-governmental and public interest groups to bring key findings to policy makers and the general public.

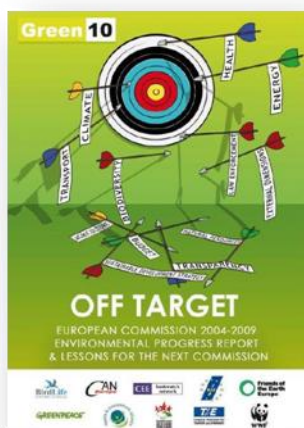


Putting Environment & Health on the EU agenda

Calling for a progressive environment and health agenda in Europe, and towards a better, healthier environment for our children

❖ HIGHLIGHTING THE POTENTIAL FOR A BETTER AND HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT TO THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND PARLIAMENT

Important changes in the European Institutions took place in 2009. To reach the new MEPs following the elections to the European Parliament in June 2009, and the new European Commission representatives in spring 2010, HEAL adopted a very successful, two-pronged strategy: close collaboration on activities with the Green 10 environment and health groups and our own initiative specifically related to our issues.



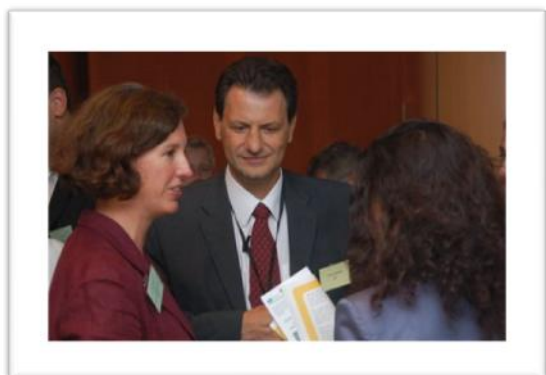
First, HEAL worked closely with its members and NGO partners in the Green 10, the top ten environmental groups working at EU level, to ensure health and environment issues are taken up both by new MEPs and the new Commission.

In June, the Green 10 published an environmental progress report of the 2004 – 2009 EU Commission and lessons for the incoming Commission. The report, entitled *Off Target*, assessed the Commission's performance in a number of areas that have an impact on the environment.

HEAL wrote the chapter on health, giving the Commission 5 out of 10 for effort. We argued that that despite achieving support for a global mercury ban and proposals to reduce air pollution, the Barroso Commission did not make enough progress on addressing the growing public health challenges stemming from the environment. *Off Target* was released on 10th June 2009 at a well-attended press conference in Brussels, it received wide-spread media coverage.



Meet Civil Society Exhibition in the European Parliament, Oct. 2009



Green 10 Parliamentary reception, Sept. 2009

HEAL was a key partner for two events designed to introduce members of Brussels environment and health groups to the new members of the European Parliament.

On the 1st September, as part of the Green 10, HEAL participated in a reception in the parliament, which offered high level networking opportunities with 32 MEPs attending. From the 5th – 8th October, as part of the Civil Society Contact Group, HEAL took part in the *Meet Civil Society* exhibition in the Parliament. The exhibition featured HEAL materials and since the evening cocktail event coincided with the HEAL AGM, gave members the opportunity to speak with Members of Parliament.

During the European Parliament elections campaign, HEAL developed a campaign asking MEPs and political parties to pledge to cleaner, safer and healthier environmental policies. These '8 wishes for putting people's health and environment first' received widespread support from political groups and raised awareness of HEAL and its priorities in important quarters. It provided a structure for HEAL to be in frequent contact with Members of the European Parliament to remind them of these commitments.

❖ CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AS A PRIORITY – HEAL AT WHO FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

HEAL invested heavily in preparations for the Fifth WHO European Region Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, the decisive conference for defining on environmental health strategies in Europe. The conference took place in Parma, Italy, 10-12 March 2010 and created a major opportunity for policy makers from the 53 Member States of the WHO Regional Office for Europe to discuss the latest evidence on how environmental factors are affecting health and the necessary political responses. Through well-planned collaboration with other key non-governmental groups, member states and the European Commission, HEAL sought to ensure ambitious commitments were made by the EU, its member states and neighbouring countries, and helped to promote involvement and engagement of the health community.

In the months leading up to Parma, **HEAL provided crucial policy input in the high-level preparatory meetings where the Ministerial Declaration was drafted.** HEAL and our member organisation, Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) representing Eco Forum, are the only NGOs on the organising committee of the series of high-level events that have taken place over the past 20 years to plan these events. This privileged position has allowed us to influence the agenda with our members' expertise and grassroots connections. For example, we highlighted the need to act on endocrine disruptors as an increasing health threat - this is now recognised in the Parma Declaration.

HEAL and WECF brought a delegation of over 60 representatives from the health and environment community to Parma. We collaborated with our member and partner organisations to make key interventions to the plenary.

HEAL member organisation, the *European Child Safety Alliance* gave an intervention on child accidents; French member organisation, *Réseau Environnement Santé* and the Dutch *Platform Health and Environment* spoke about the risks associated with toxic chemicals; and a group of HEAL members collaborated on the HEAL intervention on health and climate change, an important theme at the event.

The highlight of Parma conference: CEHAPE Awards for good practice in children's environmental health. HEAL, WECF, Eco Forum and ISDE Austria organised the 2nd good practice awards, the eight winning projects came from all corners of the WHO European Region. The awards were presented by ministers of environment and health from

different European countries as well as the European Commission (DG SANCO). The associated press conference ensured strong media coverage of the CEHAPE awards as well as an opportunity to ask direct questions to the Ministers.

"If we are to improve the health status of the population, we have to work very closely both with the physical and social environment, and all the determinants of health"
Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director, WHO Europe.





HEAL exhibition and side-events at Parma. Our stand was buzzing throughout the course of the event with many visitors learning about HEAL's activities and publications. Successful side events on youth participation, lung health and climate change were the result of collaboration with partner organisations, including WECF, European Respiratory Society, and International Society of Doctors for the Environment, Italy.

As the WHO Europe Environment and Health process has been instrumental in shaping the EU Environment and Health agenda, **HEAL's presence and policy input into the process has fostered synergies with our work on the future of the EU Action Plan on Environment and Health.**

Participants at the HEAL and ISDE Climate Coffee session, Parma 2010.

BRINGING THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH PROCESS

In 2009, a cornerstone of HEAL's work was supporting young people's involvement in the environment and health process. In July, HEAL organised a workshop with over twenty European young people on environment and health as part of the Be Healthy Be Yourself conference organised by the EU Commission, DG SANCO.

In September, HEAL hosted a CEHAPE delegate, Alina Bezhenar, for a six-month placement in the run up to the Parma Ministerial Conference. As part of her work, Alina developed a Youth and Environment Health Blog, giving updates on the preparations for the Parma Ministerial and raising awareness of environmental health issues which concern young people. In January, HEAL coordinated a workshop in Brussels for the CEHAPE Youth Network, aimed to help the youth representatives prepare for the WHO ministerial meeting in March.

During the Parma conference, HEAL and the CEHAPE youth delegation hosted a side event to highlight the ways in which young people have been involved in children's environmental health issues throughout the WHO European Region. A series of lively presentations and videos from young people across the region showcased concrete examples of how youth can significantly contribute to awareness raising and action on environment and health at local and national level. The youth adopted their own Ministerial Youth Declaration to set out their vision for a healthier Europe.



CEHAPE Youth present their environment and health projects to audiences at Parma, 2010

❖ PUTTING ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH CONCERNS ON THE EU AGENDA

Advocating for an EU-wide Human Biomonitoring Surveillance System. A key goal of the *EU Environment and Health Action Plan (EHAP)* is to promote such a system of measuring pollutants in the human body. At the end of 2009, the EU COPHES project to carry out a pilot HBM study finally took shape. HEAL has contributed significantly to this development by advocating for secure financial

and political support for coordinated HBM approach in Europe. HEAL has also been asked to be a formal partner to one of the projects and will be providing an NGO perspective and input into better linkages between HBM and EU policy frameworks. HEAL has shared widely biomonitoring study findings and contributed articles to key publications to raise awareness of the importance of this tool for health and environment policy.

❖ EU ACTION ON CANCER – THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

HEAL supports the growing body of science demonstrating that many cancers can be prevented by environmental policy. As the majority of environmental policy in the European Union is decided at Brussels level, the EU has a key role to play in environmental cancer prevention.

In June 2009, the European Commission launched a **Partnership for Action Against Cancer** and issued an official 'Communication' on Action against Cancer, in which for the first time it acknowledged that cancer prevention should address environmental and occupational causes on an equal footing with lifestyle considerations, such as smoking. HEAL was a major player in preparing the European Parliament's response in this area. A joint letter gathered together many of our member organizations behind the call to recognise the overall importance of environmental cancer causation. As a result, the European Parliament's resolution highlights environmental prevention as a policy solution.

One in three people in the European Union will develop some form of cancer during their lifetime, in children cancers are increasing by at least 1% every year.

HEAL also became a member of the EU Partnership for Action against Cancer. This forum brings together EU Member States and a wide variety of stakeholders to coordinate action on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, the prevention and health promotion workgroup of the Partnership does not yet acknowledge environmental prevention. However, HEAL hopes that opportunities to take up and integrate these issues may still arise in the coming year.



SICK OF PESTICIDES: ADDRESSING PESTICIDES AND HEALTH CONCERNS

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 CALLING FOR BETTER HEALTH PROTECTION FROM BIOCIDES

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Chemicals

The new EU chemicals law, REACH has potential to improve public health and the environment. HEAL works to ensure its strong implementation and to enable citizens to make better, healthier choices in the products they buy.

❖ THE CHEMICALS HEALTH MONITOR: GIVING CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO KNOW, RAISING CONCERNS ON EDCs

March 2009 saw the launch of the **Chemicals Health Monitor's *Right to Know* campaign**, which mobilises consumers to ask companies about harmful chemicals present in many consumer products. The campaign attracted international interest. An accompanying leaflet was developed and has been translated into Czech, Danish, German, French, Hungarian, Dutch, Slovenian and English. The launch received much interest from member and partner organisations and gained media coverage on EuroNews television and Belgian and Czech television.

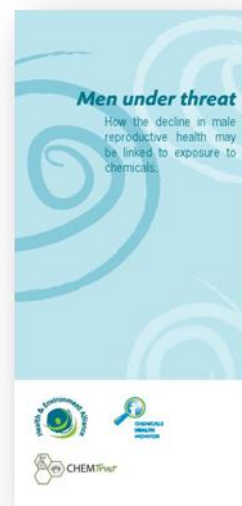
Current EU chemicals law only considers the effects of a single chemical when assessing possible health risks. Yet scientific evidence is mounting on the health impacts when several substances interact. This year, HEAL and our partners have significantly raised awareness among policy-makers and citizens on the hazards of such **chemicals mixtures and on cumulative effects** and called for better regulation. HEAL helped flag up a major scientific study on the effects of chemical mixtures and received widespread media coverage including EU policy press information services, Euractiv and ENDS Daily.

Simultaneously, HEAL has increased activities on **Bisphenol A**, a chemical which is found in many everyday products, including baby bottles. HEAL brings the latest scientific evidence on BPA health harms to policy-makers, for example by giving a presentation at a conference in the European Parliament in March 2010. We also collect information on the various activities of our members and partners, and keep them updated about the latest EU developments.

With the launching of the report [*Male reproductive health disorders and the potential role of exposure to environmental chemicals*](#) we were able to bring the latest scientific evidence about harmful chemicals to policy-makers. The report, commissioned by CHEM Trust, is written by one of the world's leading experts in reproductive biology, Professor Richard Sharpe of the Medical Research Council (MRC) in Edinburgh, UK. The report received wide media coverage including in the Daily Mail and BBC television. HEAL has developed an accompanying brochure on [*Testicular dysgenesis syndrome*](#) for the public.

HEAL also continued its work on **REACH implementation** with participation in many REACH stakeholder meetings and fora. HEAL and our member organisations have provided input into public consultations such as the Second Nominations to REACH Candidate list or in meetings with the members of the new Commission cabinets.

Further chemicals issues that HEAL worked on last year included joint NGO work on Revision of Directive on Restriction of Certain Dangerous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ROHS) with work on a [*position paper*](#). The partnership with the US Collaborative on Health and the Environment CHE was also strengthened (HEAL is CHE's EU partner, and contributes regularly to the CHE newsletter and scientific conference calls).





Climate change

Working to bring health to the heart of climate change policy to ensure win-win approaches that improve health and quality of life for both present and future generations.

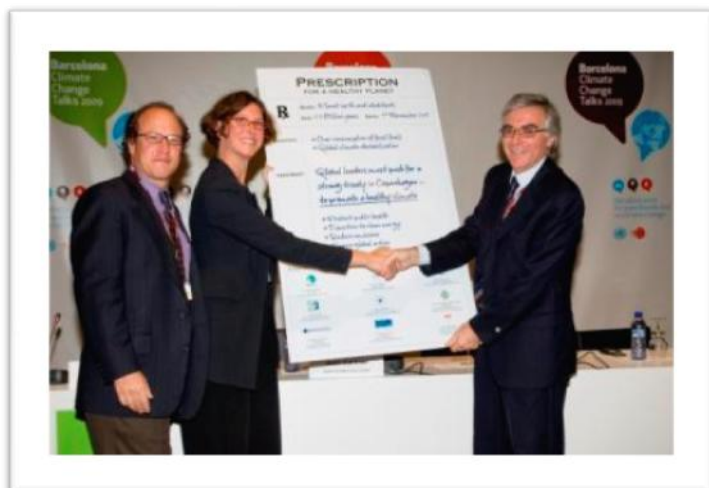
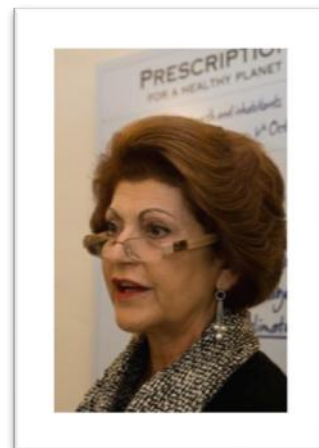
❖ PRESCRIBING FOR A HEALTHY PLANET - BRINGING HEALTH INTO THE HEART OF CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS

Climate change policy has kept EU decision-makers and HEAL busy in 2009. Health is being forgotten in the international climate change talks, despite the fact that climate change is likely to eclipse the major known pandemics as the leading cause of death and disease in the 21st century. **In October, HEAL initiated the "Prescription for a Healthy Planet" in Europe**, a campaign to outline key strategy objectives and policy recommendations for the climate talks.

The Prescription diagnoses the global threats to public health that climate change poses while urging the world's governments to negotiate a strong, binding agreement. The Prescription allows **health care leaders from around the world to speak with one voice**, and insist that a global climate agreement must protect both the planet and public health. The Prescription is designed to also act as a rallying point for action beyond the December United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change talks in Copenhagen.

At the European launch event, a giant Prescription was presented to the then European health commissioner, Androulla Vassiliou

with presentations from Jo Leinen MEP (Chair of the EP Environment Committee ENVI) and Dr. Peter Liese MEP (Coordinator for the EPP Group in the ENVI Committee). The latter took up the messages on climate change and health a few weeks later. Part of what made this event so successful was the partnership with medical professionals, including from the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the Climate and Health Council and the Standing Committee for European Doctors, who addressed key EU policy makers and were available to speak to the press who attended the event.



In November, **the European Parliament adopted amendments on "health"** in its position on the COP15 Copenhagen Climate negotiations – recognising for the first time the future impact on health of climate change but also the need for health-friendly climate change policy. This represented a long-awaited success as a result of HEAL's advocacy work.

The same month, we launched the Prescription to the international community during the Barcelona UNFCCC climate meeting, presenting the Giant Prescription to Dr Roberto Bertollini of World Health Organization. He spoke about his support for the campaign work by groups such as HEAL and later displayed the Prescription on the WHO exhibition stand. The

event was covered in the British Medical Journal and resulted in considerable media coverage in the Spanish language press. This collaboration with WHO was part of ongoing mutual support between HEAL and WHO on climate change. HEAL has since

contributed to the development of messages on health and climate change for different WHO stakeholders and to the content of WHO's European Regional Framework for Action on Climate Change. By the end of November, over two hundred international medical organisations and individuals had signed the Prescription through the new website www.climateandhealthcare.org

In December, HEAL led a health delegation at Copenhagen climate negotiations. The delegation, made up of several top medical experts as well as representatives from major health advocacy groups, called for the Copenhagen treaty to protect public health, set strong targets on emission reductions, promote clean energy, and mandate major funding for developing countries to address the climate crisis. The presence of health NGOs during the talks ensured that the health community became a constituent part of the global civil society movement on climate change. Articles about health were published in both the Copenhagen civil society publication and in the newsletter of the European Climate Action Network (CAN E). HEAL has since been invited to take part in strategic discussions by the Global Campaign for Climate Action (GCCA).



Some key scientific research findings on health and climate change became widely known when HEAL collaborated with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in August to promote their position statement on lung health and climate change. This resulted in wide dissemination within the health community and media coverage in the medical press, including the British Medical Journal, a leading Italian national newspaper, and many important health advocacy outlets. The joint initiative helped to cement a partnership that was key to the launch of "Prescription for a Healthy Planet" two months' later.



Indoor and outdoor air quality

Advocated for the highest possible level of health protection, in particular for vulnerable groups, in the EU based on the World Health Organisation's Air Quality Guidelines (AQG). Stressed the need for an EU approach to tackle healthy indoor air.

As part of our work on the implementation of EU Air Quality law, HEAL expanded the **website** www.KnowYourAirforHealth.eu working closely with HEAL member organisation, European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association (EFA). The website now provides information on national and local air pollution in English, French, Italian, Finnish, Lithuanian and Czech, and is an indispensable reference for citizens who are concerned about health impacts from air pollution. HEAL also raised its voice to call for swift adoption of other crucial EU legislation on good air.

In July, HEAL and its partners in G10, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and Transport and Environment (T&E) sent a letter to the President of the EU Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso calling on him not to further delay the Euro VI air pollution standards for heavy goods vehicles. At the same time, we produced a joint position paper highlighting the huge problems posed to health from air pollution from fine and ultrafine particles. We also continued our calls for the urgent revision of the EU Directive on National Emissions Ceilings (NEC), a key air quality law.

In Europe alone, air pollutants are estimated to cause close to half a million premature deaths each year.



[www.Know your air for health.eu](http://www.KnowYourAirforHealth.eu)

While outdoor air quality has received a lot of (political) attention, awareness on healthy indoor environments and indoor air pollution is still low. As part of its goal to remedy this situation, HEAL and the WHO European Region published the 2nd edition of **Directory of Agencies providing Information on Damp and Mould to the Public** in October. HEAL also took part in the Commission working group on Indoor Air Quality, reiterating the call for an EU Green paper on Indoor air.

HEAL has also continued to highlight the link between **air pollution and climate change**. Achievements in this area include a presentation in the European Parliament at the conference on Asthma and Allergies in December, and subsequently contributing an article to the Parliament Magazine, which appeared in January 2010.

HEAL has maintained a strong relationship with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and together we have continued to monitor research, policy developments and provide advocacy opportunities on air quality and health developments. The main focus this year was contributing to ERS activities for the Year of the Lung 2010, to raise international public and political awareness about the importance of lung health. During the WHO Parma Ministerial Conference in March, HEAL participated in a well-attended launch event entitled *Environmental influences on children's respiratory health*, which saw presentations from leading respiratory doctors. The event gained the attention of WHO and European policy-makers, and good coverage in several EU publications.





Communications - Spreading the word!

HEAL is now a recognised voice in EU and international discussions on environment and health. Last year saw some exciting developments which led to an increased visibility of HEAL and our priority themes.

In 2009, HEAL cranked up our media outreach, sending out a record number of 26 press releases – many of which were sent out in several languages. The majority were picked up by the Brussels and international media as well as member and partner newsletters.

Publication of new HEAL brochure: [Better health through a healthy environment](#), outlining HEAL's policy activities, campaigns and mission. It is available in [English](#), [Russian](#), [Italian](#), [German](#) and [French](#).

Launch of monthly policy updates, providing an overview of the latest EU and international developments of the issue, HEAL's activities and information about how to become involved further. These updates have received very positive feedback from high-level decision-makers, fellow NGOs and other interested individuals.

Strengthening international exchange of information: HEAL continues our partnership with the news service of the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE news) - an international partnership committed to strengthening the scientific and public dialogue on the impact of environmental factors on human health. This year we began a further partnership with the **WHO Public Health and Environment news service** (PHE news), which now features a section with the latest HEAL activities.



2009 also saw the rapid expansion of our social media presence. In December, we joined Twitter, gaining a following of over 500 in the first five months. Twitter feeds during crucial moments of the Copenhagen Climate Summit and the WHO Parma Ministerial greatly increased our visibility on the web. The Sick of Pesticides Facebook page continues to spark discussions and has proven to be a crucial tool in outreach to citizens, with membership growing every week.

❖ NEW SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS



HEAL Twitter page - <http://twitter.com/HealthandEnv>



Sick of Pesticides Facebook page – [Sick of Pesticides](#)



Who we are

HEAL is a coalition of organisation, networks and institutes that share the aim of putting health at the centre of environment policy, especially at the European level.

❖ OUR STRUCTURE

HEAL's governing bodies are the General Assembly of all members and the Executive Committee, which is elected for a two-year mandate.

In 2009, the HEAL **Executive Committee** included the following members:

- **Marie Christine Dewolf** (HEAL President) Hygiène Publique en Hainaut (Belgium)
- **Tamara Steger** (Vice-President) Centre for Environmental Policy and Law (Hungary)
- **Peter van den Hazel**, International Network for Children's Health, Environment and Safety (the Netherlands)
- **Dave Stone** (Treasurer) Natural England (UK)
- **Monika Kosinska** European Public Health Alliance (Belgium)
- **Henriette Christensen** Pesticides Action Network Europe (Belgium)
- **Peter Ohnsorge** European Academy of Environmental Medicine (Germany)

❖ OUR MEMBERSHIP

HEAL membership has been growing steadily since our launch in 2003. Five new members joined in 2009 making a total of 63 members.

HEAL's membership includes national organisations in 30 countries both within the EU member states and the wider European region, as defined by the World Health Organization. Our membership networks spread from national to European to international.

Member organisations represent a wide range of medical and health professionals, environmental health practitioners, patients, women and consumers groups.

All member organisations are not-for-profit and most are non-governmental, public interest organisations that have joined HEAL as full members. Associate members include health professionals' associations, expert institutes and regional public health authorities. To increase our contact with interested members of the general public, including scientists and young people, HEAL is now planning to launch a new category of individual and international supporters for anyone who shares our goals and mission.

❖ INDEPENDENCE

HEAL develops its policy positions with the help of its public interest members, many of whom are themselves membership organisations. When our position is contrary to proposals made by different authorities, we bring our policy statements to the discussions with our supporting arguments.



Members 2009

[Action for Breast Cancer Foundation \(ABCF\)](#) Malta
[AKUT](#) Luxembourg
[Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment](#) Armenia
[Association for Environmental Health](#) Hungary
[Association for Research and Treatments Against Cancer](#) France
[Breast Cancer UK](#) United Kingdom
[Cancer Prevention and Education Society](#) United Kingdom
[Center for Reproductive Health and Environment "Perzent"](#) Uzbekistan
[Centre for Environmental Law and Policy](#) Hungary
[Centre Local de Promotion de la Santé du Brabant Wallon \(CLPS-BW\)](#) Belgium
[Chartered Institute of Environmental Health](#) United Kingdom
[Croatian Nurses Association](#) Croatia
[Department of Earth Sciences and Clinical Microbiology](#) Sweden
[Dutch Monitoring Network for Health and Environment](#) Netherlands
[Dutch Platform Health Environment](#) Netherlands
[Earth Forever Foundation](#) Bulgaria
[ECHO, ecology, cultural understanding, health org](#) Slovenia
[ECO Counselling Centre Galati](#) Romania
[Eco-Accord](#) Russia
[Eco-sense](#) Macedonia
[EcoTox](#) Armenia
[European Academy for Environmental Medicine](#) Germany
[European Child Safety Alliance](#) Netherlands
[European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Association \(EFA\)](#) Belgium
[European Lung Foundation](#) United Kingdom
[European Public Health Alliance](#) Belgium
[European Respiratory Society](#) Belgium
[Green Doctors - ISDE UKRAINE](#) Ukraine
[Greens for Montenegro](#) Montenegro
[Greens of the Republic of Poland \(Zieloni RP\)](#) Poland
[Health and Environmental Care Technical Organisation](#) Belgium
[Health Care Without Harm Europe](#) United Kingdom
[Health Development Promotional and Educational Centre](#) Serbia
[Hygiène Publique en Hainaut](#) Belgium
[Initiativ Liewensufank \(IBFAN Luxembourg\)](#) Luxembourg
[Institute for Ecological Modernisation](#) Bulgaria
[Inter-Environnement Wallonie](#) Belgium
[International Network on Children's Health, Environment & Safety \(INCHES\)](#) Netherlands
[International Society of Doctors for the Environment \(ISDE\)](#) Switzerland
[Irish Doctors' Environmental Association \(IDEA\)](#) Ireland
[International Society of Doctors for the environment \(ISDE\)](#) Austria
[London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#) United Kingdom
[Macedonian Association of Doctors for the Environment](#) Macedonia
[Mouvement pour les Droits des Générations Futures \(MDRGF\)](#) France
[My right to know foundation](#) Bulgaria
[Natural England](#) United Kingdom
[Network Children's Health and Environment](#) Germany
[North West Health Brussels Office](#) Brussels
[Ökoszolgálat - Ecoservice Foundation](#) Hungary
[On Crossroad Foundation / Válaszúton Alapítvány](#) Hungary
[Pediatric Cultural Association](#) Italy
[Pesticides Action Network Europe](#) United Kingdom
[PIN Partnership-Information-Networking for Health](#) Croatia
[Public Fund Maternity and child protection](#) Kyrgyz Republic
[Réseau Environnement Santé \(RES\)](#) France
[Society for Sustainable Living](#) Czech Republic
[Stichting Ecobaby](#) Netherlands
[Sustainable World Foundation](#) Bulgaria
[The Union of Ecologists Eco-Protection](#) Macedonia
[The Women's Environmental Network](#) United Kingdom
[University of Medicine Department of Environmental Health](#) Romania
[Women and Mothers against Violence](#) Bulgaria
[Women in Europe for a Common Future](#) Germany



Finances

HEAL is funded through our membership fees and grants from the European Commission, governments and international organisations, such as the World Health Organization, and by private foundations.

HEAL's financial year runs from 15 March 2009 to 14 March 2010. The audit was carried out by an independent auditor's company, Clybouw, Reviseurs d'Entreprise, on June 10 2010 and approved by the HEAL Annual General Assembly on 4 October 2010.

<u>Income</u>	€
European Commission	379,699.00
Other grants (foundations, members contribution, governments)	228,504.00
Membership fees	10,165.00
Other income	10,656.16
<u>Total Income</u>	629,024.16

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Subcontractors	-152,835.85
Personnel costs	-361,623.65
Activity costs	-23,090.70
Travel and subsistence costs	-25,883.88
Office costs	-48,011.80
Other costs (depreciation, bank charges)	7,413.28
<u>Total expenditure</u>	-618,859.16

Reserves of the year	10,165.00
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❖ HEAL TEAM 2009 – 2010

The HEAL Secretariat is based at the heart of European Union decision-making in Brussels.

Lisette van Vliet, Toxics Policy Advisor

Anne Stauffer, Policy Manager

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Jeanette Kaltschmied, Admin and Finance Officer

Diana Smith, Communications and Media consultant



TEMPORARY CONTRACTS

Vicki Hird - Sick of Pesticides Campaign Coordinator (UK)

Aurèle Clemencin - Pesticides & Cancer Campaign Coordinator (France)

Alison Cohen - Chemicals Health Monitor Project Assistant.

Alina Bezhenar - Health and Environment Youth Coordinator

THIS YEAR WE SAID GOODBYE TO; **Monica Guarinoni**, Deputy Director; **Hana Kuncova**, Chemicals Health Monitor Project Coordinator and **Christian Farrar-Hockley**, Senior Climate Policy Officer. We wish them all luck for the future.

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