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**Susana Paixão** has a PhD in Geography, by the University of Coimbra (UC), and a Master in Environment Education, by the UC. She is an Environmental Health Specialist by the Coimbra Health School/Coimbra Polytechnic Institute (ESTeSC/IPC). Has a Bachelor in Hygiene and Environmental Health and has a Honors degree in Environmental Health by ESTeSC/IPC. She is a researcher at the Center for Studies in Geography and Spatial Planning (CEGOT).

Susana is a Adjunct Professor of Environmental Health, she is currently Head of the Environmental Health Department at ESTeSC/IPC. Started the activity in 1999 and has been a career professor since 2007. She held positions of Environmental Health Technician at the Regional Directorate for the Environment of the Central Portugal from 1997 till 2003 and in the Health Center of Pombal county from 2003 to 2007.

In March 2018 has been elected as President Elect from the International Federation of Environmental Health. She colaborates with the "International Journal of Sanitary Engineering Research" of Slovenia, "International Journal of Recent Research in Arts and Sciences" from Macedonia and "Hygeia - Brazilian Journal of Medical Geography and Health" of Brazil . She develop research in the area of Environmental and Occupational Health, with particular interest in waste management and circular economy.

**Tadeusz Jędrzejczyk** has is medical doctor degree, by Medical University of Gdańsk. He has a speciality on public health. He is an author and co-author of several research papers on public health, healthcare management, organization and finance.

He worked as deputy director of University Medical Center in Gdańsk for Clinical Affair. He also worked for National Health Fund, including CEO position (2014-2016). Now he works for Public Health Department and Biuro for Clinical Affair of Medical University of Gdańsk. He is the preident of Public Health Advisory Commity by President of the City of Gdańsk. He is coordinator of the project Clean Air for Health in Polane, run by European Public Health Alliance.



**Alexander Simidchiev** is a medical doctor who is passionate about lung health. He is a physician and innovator working towards a vision of integrated and prophylaxis orientated healthcare systems, enabled by the digital networks of the information age. A practicing pulmonologist he teaches pulmonary medicine at Sofia Medical University. He currently also lectures on the concept of "digital medicine" at the Medical University of Plovdiv. Alex is an elected member of the National Executive Board of the Bulgarian Respiratory Society, and one of the first East European members of the European Respiratory Society. He is a clinical consultant for the Airlief AQI App.

His dedication towards population health is additionally fueled by his commitment to the future health of his children and grandchildren. This led him to co-found with colleagues, patients and friends "Air for Health" - a Bulgarian NGO focused on spreading knowledge and evidence based interventions related to the health consequences of air pollution in Bulgaria. "Air for Health" successfully participated as a local partner in Unmask My City Sofia. Alex was invited to share this experience as a panel member at the Global Climate and Health Summit in San Francisco earlier this year. "Air for Health" is an active member of HEAL and ECSA (European Citizen Science Association).





**Wojciech Hanke,** MD, PhD Deputy Director for Research Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland; Professor at the Department of Environmental Epidemiology, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland, physician with the background in occupational and environmental epidemiology.

He has been involved in several research projects in the area of the health effects of air pollution on developing foetus and child.

He is a head of the of a team of researchers reviewing the health risks of air pollution and options to minimize them. The team was established by the Council of National Health Programme in Poland and is supporting Ministry of Health in multispectral efforts to reduce the air pollution.

**Dr med. Piotr Dąbrowiecki**. is a doctor, specialist in internal diseases and an allergist. He work in the Clinic of Infectious Diseases and Allergology at the Military Medical Institute in Warsaw.

For 10 years he have been studying the impact of air pollution on human health. He is also the chairman of the Polish Federation of Associations for Asthma Allergies and COPD.



**Dr. Tadeusz Zielonka** MD, PhD. is a specialist in lung diseases and internal medicine, and assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, at the Medical University of Warsaw. Tadeusz is President of the Warsaw-Otwock Branch and a member of the Board of the Polish Society of Lung Diseases.

This Society was founded in 1934 and brings together about 1100 respiratory specialists. In addition, he is also a doctor accredited the Embassy of France in Warsaw. Dr. Zielonka is the author of over 650 articles and 150 reports of lung diseases and medical ethics.

He also organizes and lectures for periodic educational sessions in the field of lung diseases as well as workshops on spirometry, smoking cessation, bronchoscopy and radiological within the postgraduate education of physicians.





**Anne Stauffer** is HEAL's Director for Strategy and Campaigns. She leads HEAL's activities on climate change, energy and air quality and provides strategic input for HEAL's organizational development, advocacy and engagement of stakeholders across the European region. She has 10+ years of working on environmental health issues and has led HEAL's members and partners advocacy on key policy files including the EU's Environmental Action Programme (7 EAP), the National Emissions Ceilings Directive (NEC – on air quality) and EU-Parliament climate resolutions.

Anne has been a member of the DG Environment Stakeholder expert group on EU air policy, the DG SANCO Indoor air quality expert group and contributed to various EU research projects such as ESCAPE, SINPHONIE, APHEKOM, ERA-ENVHEALTH. In 2013, she received the Clean Air in London Award for her contribution to improving air quality in London. She has also been a member of HEAL's high-level health delegations to the UNFCCC COP negotiations.

Weronika Michalak is HEAL's Health and Energy Programme Manager in Poland. Her main activities are coordinating t communications and outreach activities to raise awareness among health actors, public and the media on health impacts of air pollution from domestic coal burning, transport and Polish coal-fired power plants. She coordinates Unmask My City and Beyond Coal Campaign in Poland.

Weronika is co-author of numerous HEAL Poland publications and author of many articles on the air pollution health impacts and needed regulations to improve Polish air quality. She is frequently quoted or interviewed by national and international media, regularly speaks at conferences and events where she raises awareness on the smog health effects and advocates to implement effective regulations to tackle air quality problem in Poland (i.e. she was a speaker during COP21 conference in Paris, Clean Air Summit in Kraków, Dum Spiro Spero conference in Warsaw, Forum for Local Governments or Economy Forum in Katowice).





Vijoleta Gordeljevic is HEAL's Health and Climate Change Coordinator and Focal Point for Healthy Buildings and Energy Poverty.She leads HEAL's global work around the health impacts of climate change and coordinates the organization's engagement with international institutions such as the WHO and the UN as well as international member organisations.

She is furthermore in charge of HEAL's EU-level policy and communications activities around health-promoting buildings and energy poverty for which she is working around key policy files including the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. Vijoleta has been heading HEAL's high level health delegation to the UNFCCC COP negotiations where she has also been a regular speaker at a number of highlevel events. Vijoleta holds an MSc of Science in Health Economics, Policy and Law with a focus on Global Health Economics.