

CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE GREATEST THREAT TO HEALTH

BUT TACKLING IT IS THE BIGGEST PUBLIC HEALTH OPPORTUNITY

WHO IS AT RISK?

All populations, but some are more vulnerable than others



Children



Elderly



Those already ill



Those living in poverty

CLIMATE CHANGE RISK FACTORS FOR OUR HEALTH



UV Radiation



Animal or plant allergens



Ozone, particulate matter



Heat



Animals: vectors, reservoir animals



Environmental media: food, water

Non-communicable diseases

Communicable diseases

PHASING OUT POLLUTING FOSSIL FUELS IN FAVOUR OF CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Healthy energy without coal power, swift decarbonisation for health, stopping of subsidies for fossil fuels.

MORE EFFICIENT & HEALTHIER BUILDINGS

Put health at the heart for renovating and climate proofing the EU's existing building stock

CHANGED FOOD PRODUCTION AND DIETS

Decrease the risk for cardiovascular disease and cancer through reduced meat consumption, which also leads to less climate-harming emissions from agriculture.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION: WALKING AND CYCLING

Prioritise walking & cycling and other measures that will boost health. Diesel cars are not a healthy solution.

Actions from the health sector

Health sector and health decision makers have to sit at the table whenever policy proposals and measures on climate change, energy, transport, agriculture etc. are negotiated and decided. Tackling social and health inequalities should be a priority.

Health professionals should get involved and speak up about the health effects of climate change and the opportunities for mitigation.

