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
- Non-communicable diseases
  - UV Radiation
  - Animal or plant allergens
  - Ozone, particulate matter
  - Heat
- Communicable diseases
  - Animals: vectors, reservoir animals
  - Environmental media: food, water

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.

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.

MORE EFFICIENT & HEALTHIER BUILDINGS
Put health at the heart for renovating and climate proofing the EU’s existing building stock.

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.

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