

# 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.



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