



OUR IMPACT IN 2023-2024

A HEALTHY PLANET FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE

To achieve a strong Europe, we need leaders who are unafraid to prioritise health

As a new European policy cycle begins, HEAL will continue to act as a watchdog and as a partner in building a more health-protective approach for our communities today and tomorrow. To do this, we will keep advocating for science-based environmental health policies, building on the successes we achieved in 2023-2024.



To learn more, read our full annual report at www.env-health.org/2023-2024-annual-report

Three key HEAL achievements for environmental health last year

1 **Achieving clean air for health**

Air pollution is the single largest environmental risk to health. Together with our partners in the health sector, we have secured a more health-protective Ambient Air Quality Directive revision. This is a major step towards clean air across Europe, in the short- and long-term.

2 **Securing stronger regulation of harmful chemicals**

Low levels of exposure to hazardous chemicals, such as endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), can result in cancer, infertility, and impaired immune, hormonal and reproductive systems. The introduction of hazard classes for EDCs in the legislation on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemical substances (CLP) is a significant win for HEAL and the EDC-Free Europe campaign coalition HEAL hosts.

3 **Shaping environmental health policy in Europe**

HEAL helped shape the Budapest Declaration on Environment and Health, which was adopted at the 7th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, organised by WHO Europe in Budapest, Hungary. The declaration aims to accelerate the just transition towards resilient, healthy, equitable and sustainable societies, and prioritise action on health challenges related to climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.