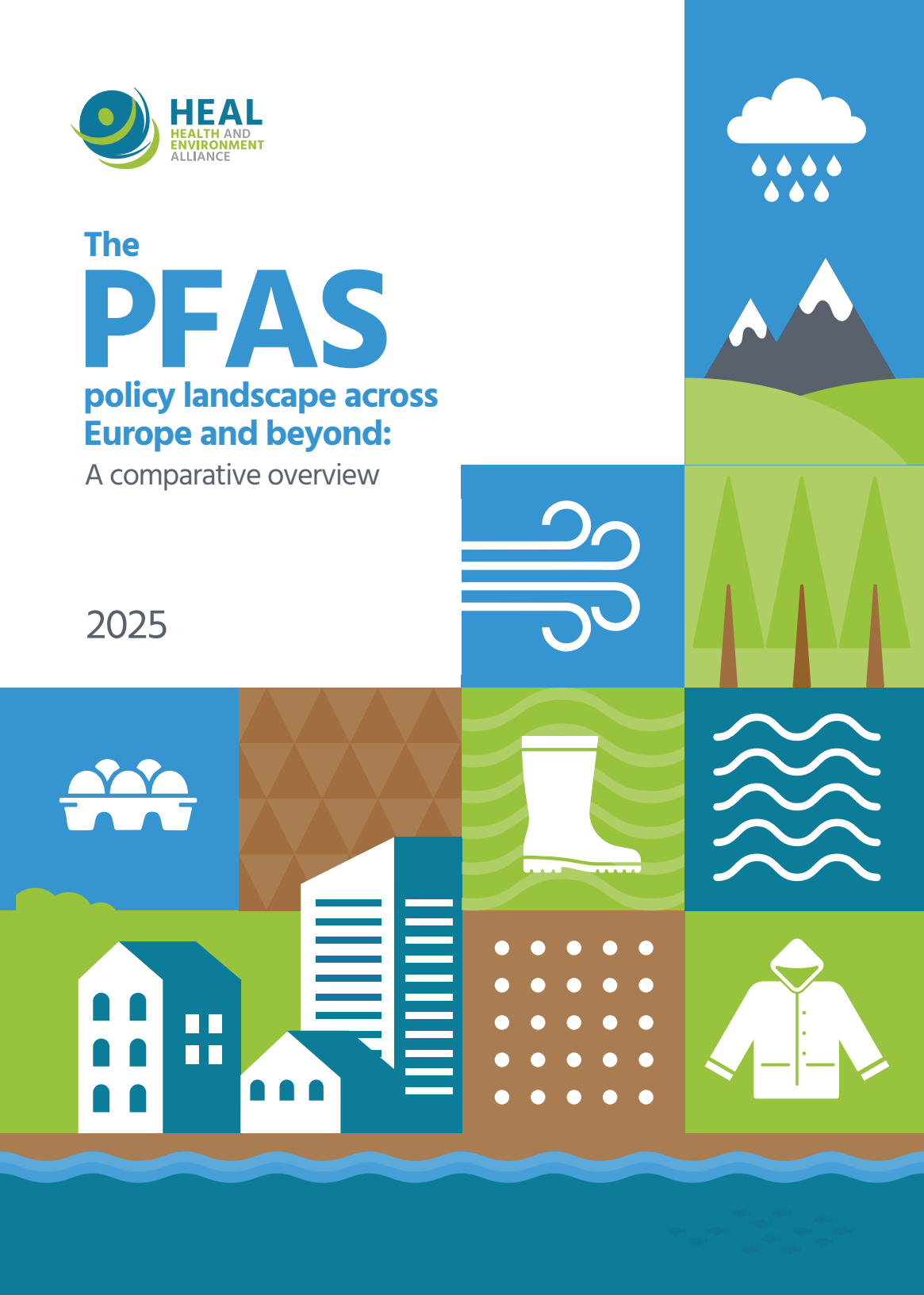
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The growing body of evidence on the serious health impacts of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and the extent of their persistent contamination is alarming. Studies show PFAS exposure to be linked to certain types of cancers, thyroid disease, immune dysfunction, altered response to vaccines, liver disease, cardiovascular complications, and hormone disruption. Vulnerable populations are especially at risk.

HEAL commissioned a report from Milieu Consulting SRL to **provide a comprehensive overview of the policy and regulatory action being taken at the national level to address PFAS contamination.** The report gives information on PFAS national actions plans and measures in drinking water, consumer products and food products for the EU 27 countries, EEA/EFTA countries and Australia and the USA.

EU member states are following markedly different approaches to restrictions on specific uses, monitoring, information and complementary measures.
While some countries are implementing National Action Plans, **most member states have minimal or no policy in place, creating an uneven health protection landscape across Europe.**

The findings reinforce why a comprehensive and robust EU restriction under REACH is needed to curb PFAS contamination and ensure equal health protection for all Europeans.

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