



Short presentation of the European Health and Environment Alliance

Could ECPCP be a member of HEAL ?

Why should Primary Care Paediatricians care about the environment ?

- Planetary health: everything is connected. As Humans we depend on and are connected to Dependence and associated with the many different life systems in water, air and earth.
- The climate crisis particularly affects the most vulnerable (elderly and disabled people, those with pre-existing conditions, children and pregnant women). Exposure to problematic chemicals also affects especially children and pregnant women.
- Burning coal fossil fuels leads to heat and air pollution (fine particulates). Air pollution is a big risk to health and contributes significantly to cardiovascular, respiratory and lung diseases and asthma.
- Global warming leads to rising sea levels with flooding of coastal regions and to extreme weather events such as storms, heavy rainfall, heat waves and droughts. The consequences are destroyed infrastructures, food and water shortages, political and social instability, resource conflicts, flight and displacement. All these factors have a fundamental impact on human health and well-being.

But there is also good news: many of the measures to protect to protect the environment and the climate are also beneficial to health.

Clean air, more active exercise, ban of endocrine disrupting chemicals, a low meat diet, greener car-free cities and intact nature protect the entire planet.



Health and Environment Alliance

- Leading European non for profit organisation dressing how the environment affects human health in the EU and beyond.
- HEAL is independent of political parties or commercial interests
- HEAL works to shape laws and policies that promote planetary and human health and protect those most affected by pollution, and raise awareness on the benefits of environmental action for health.
- Aims to bring independent and expert evidence from the health community to EU and global decision-making processes to inspire disease prevention and to promote a toxic-free, low-carbon, fair and healthy future.



Some examples for campaigns

CHEMICALS IN FOOD WRAPPINGS CAN IMPACT PEOPLE'S HEALTH: WE NEED MORE PROTECTIVE REGULATION

WHICH HARMFUL CHEMICALS ARE USED IN FOOD CONTACT ARTICLES AND MATERIALS?

- In Europe, some 8,000 chemicals can be used in articles packaging our food. Not all have been tested for toxicity.
- At least 63 substances that are used in plastic packaging are toxic for health, including endocrine disruptors.
- Consumer tests have found bisphenols, phthalates, or fluorinated compounds in various food packages.
- Scientific studies show how chemicals can move from packaging materials into our food.
- Paper, cardboard and printing inks used for food packaging are not regulated at the European level.

CHEMICALS USED IN THE PROCESSING AND PACKAGING OF OUR FOOD CAN:

- Cause cancer
- Harm reproduction
- Build up in our bodies
- Persist in the environment
- Affect DNA
- Disrupt hormones

GLOSSARY: FOOD CONTACT...

- ...ARTICLES:** the actual articles that contain or wrap our food, e.g. a yogurt cup, a juice bottle...
- ...MATERIALS:** the materials used in the articles, e.g. plastics, inks, paper, cardboard, coatings...
- ...CHEMICALS:** the chemicals entering in the composition of the food contact materials, e.g. monomers such as bisphenol A, additives such as phthalates, or fillers such as titanium dioxide.

#HealthNotToxics

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EU: No more toxic chlorpyrifos in our food. #BanChlorpyrifos

Hidden Price Tags
HOW ENDING FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES WOULD BENEFIT OUR HEALTH

CHOOSE HEALTH
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ALLIANCE (HEAL)

Why become a member of HEAL ?

- HEAL is an Alliance that directly contributes to both EU and WHO policy work on work on environment and health, including the WHO Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE)
- Be part of the independent voice on health and environmental issues in Europe, opportunity to create networks
- Increased visibility for the work of ECPCP on the European stage
- Health and environment information electronic updates to increase awareness on emerging health science, reports, policy discussions, conferences and other partner initiatives; including information through the Chemicals Health Monitor Bulletin
- Virtual working groups, Seminars, Conferences and Training Sessions through participation in one or more of HEAL's ongoing proceedings to learn and impart knowledge on activities, look for partners or expertise, and contribute to policy advocacy.



Become a member of HEAL

Better health through a healthy environment

Membership Conditions

- Membership to HEAL is open to non-governmental organisations and other not-for-profit organisations and professional bodies, whether local, regional, national, European or international. Applicants must be legally constituted pursuant to the laws and customs of their country of origin; have non profit-making purpose; and be independent of governments, political parties and commercial interests.
- Standard Membership Fee 300€/ans