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RECOMMENDED

Protecting health in Europe from climate change

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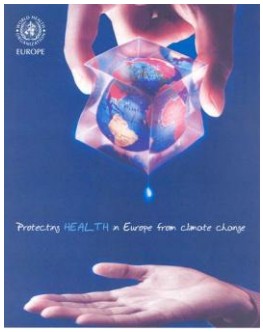
There is now scientific consensus that climate change affects health through changing weather patterns (for example, more intense and frequent extreme events) and indirectly through changes in water, air, food quality and quantity, ecosystems, agriculture, livelihoods and infrastructure.

The effects will be unevenly distributed, and the people at greatest risk include the poor, very young, elderly and/or ill. Climate change can also pose a threat to health security. Failure to respond could be very costly in terms of disease, health care expenditure and lost productivity.

This publication intends to stimulate debate and support an active response by providing up-to-date information on the health effects of climate change, as well as practical guidance on specific actions that decision-makers at different levels in health and other sectors can take now.



As long as climate change is not too rapid or strong, many of the health effects can be controlled by strengthening health systems. This can include strengthening preparedness, public health services and health security, advocating action in other sectors to benefit health, better informing citizens and leading by example.

Health systems need to strengthen their capacity to assess potential climate-related health effects, to review their capacities to cope, and develop and implement adaptation and mitigation strategies, and to strengthen a range of key areas of work – from disease surveillance and control to disaster risk reduction – that are essential for rapid detection of and action against climate-related risks.

CONFERENCES

18-19 August 2010
Well-being in the Information Society (WIS 2010)
Navigating the Fragmented Innovation Landscape
Turku School of Economics
Turku, Finland

The 3rd International Conference on Well-Being in the Information Society,
Navigating the Fragmented Innovation Landscape

Navigating the Fragmented Innovation Landscape conference is welcoming you to Turku in August 2010.

WIS 2010 looks for innovations and new fresh ideas in the cross-section of urban living, information society and health understood in a wide sense. The conference looks for contributions based as well on high-quality scientific research (research track) as on practical experience with the issues (industrial track).

The seminar is multidisciplinary in nature, and gives room for as well qualitative and quantitative analysis, empirical surveys, case studies as well as for conceptual work.

The idea is to allow for information and ideas exchange, and thus different interactive forums are a part of the WIS concept. The seminar is a place for as well scientists as practitioners to challenge, test and develop their thinking and actions on health enhancement in urban settings.

Areas of particular interest in WIS 2010 conference include, but are not limited to:

- e-Health
- Urban planning for health and sustainable development
- Measuring and documenting health and well-being
- Empowering and educating citizens for healthy living and equal opportunities
- Governance for health
- Safe and secure cities

The conference is organized by the University of Turku and Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association – WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities and Urban Health in co-operation with Åbo Akademi University, Social Insurance Institution of Finland and Turku University of Applied Sciences

http://www.marebalticum.org/brehca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=116&Itemid=139

20 - 21 May 2010, Brussels
The services of the European Commission (DG Research and DG Enterprise and Industry)
Square-Brussels Meeting Centre, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Innovation in Healthcare: from Research to Market. SMEs in focus

This conference jointly organized by the services of the European Commission (DG Research and DG Enterprise and Industry) will focus on SMEs operating in the health sector, and on the challenges and drivers affecting their innovative capacity.

It will provide a forum to highlight and discuss policy developments at European and national level, widening and enriching the research and innovation debate.

The programme, consisting of a number of plenary and parallel sessions, will be complemented by a small networking "fair" where associations and support structures will provide relevant information to the participants.

The outcome of the participative part of the conference will be an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities for those involved in healthcare-related research and innovation, particularly SMEs, which will be electronically published and sent to participants and other stakeholders.

Conference sessions include:

• EU funded health research: creating opportunities for SMEs & Innovation.
• Technology transfer: bringing healthcare-research to the market.
• Access to finance for SMEs
• Ingredients for Innovation : research & entrepreneurship
• Instruments in place to support SMEs applying for a marketing authorisation at the EMEA
• Experience of the centralised procedure, a case study of the Regulation on advanced therapies (1394/2007)
Commissioner for Research and Innovation **Máire Geoghegan-Quinn** will be among the speakers.

Further information, including registration guidance and a draft programme, will be available at the end of March 2010 on this website:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/health/home_en.html

OPEN CALLS FOR TENDER

Call for tender

Strengthening the EU disaster management capacity - good practices on disaster prevention ENV.A.4/SER/2010/0004: OJ 2010/S 37-053087

http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:53087-2010:TEXT:EN:HTML

The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) is launching 8 calls for tender today. The deadline for all tenders is 20 May 2010.

All tender documents can be found from this afternoon on the EAHC web-site.

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders.html

Short descriptions of the tenders are below. EAHC Health Unit Team

Call for tender n° EAHC/2010/Health/01 for concluding Multiple Framework Contracts with reopening of competition to support the Health Information Strategy

The objective of this call for tender is the conclusion of Framework Contracts with tenderers that are able to assist the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers and the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission in carrying out their activities related to health information. In particular, contractors will be asked to provide:

Health reports – they will cover topics included in the Health Strategy and pointed out by the Commission, and give relevant and well structured information based on best available evidence and solid data and indicators and **Health and economic analysis** – producing evidence on the numerous relationships between health parameters and socio-economic variables.

Call for tender n° EAHC/2010Health/04 concerning

Mental Health Systems in European Union Member States, Status of Mental Health in Populations and Benefits to be expected from Investments into Mental Health

This call for tender invites a study on mental health status and mental health systems in Member States which aims at continuing to support the implementation of the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being and the process of developing policy conclusions and recommendations from the outcomes of the five thematic conferences that are held in connection with the Pact implementation.

Call for tender n° EAHC/2010/Health/06 concerning the preparation of a report on health inequalities in the EU

The work to be prepared under this call for tender is to contribute to the implementation of the EU framework for action on health inequalities set out in the Commission Communication "Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities in the EU", COM (2009)567. The main objective of this call for tender is to produce a comprehensive report on health inequalities and the actions being taken to combat them in the European Union.

Call for tender n° EAHC/2010/Health/09 concerning the impact of Structural Funds on health gains

The purpose of this tender is to identify and collect information about how health considerations were taken into account in the designing and development of non health SF investments in the period 2007-2013 and to develop tools which will enable it to support in a practical way better integration of health considerations in regional development and subsequently, SF planning and implementation.

Additionally, the tender should also proceed to identify good practices in the way health related and non health related investments are linked together within the framework of a global strategy or regional master plan for ensuring growth and cohesion at the regional level. The results will be used in the preparation of the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 and to support Member States and regions in the period of the programming of their priorities for investment.

OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

European Civil Protection

Title: Preparatory Action 2010 Call for Proposals for a Preparatory Action on an EU rapid Response capability

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/echo/civil_protection/civil/prote/cp_prep_action2010.htm

Action: The aim of the Preparatory Action is to test innovative arrangements ensuring that key resources and essential equipment are made available during relevant periods and that they are deployed to respond to disasters in the framework of the Community Mechanism for Civil

Protection (the Mechanism) at the request of the Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC) of the European Commission. It covers any type of natural or man-made disaster and is intended to enhance the Community's collective preparedness for major disasters world-wide

Deadline: 15/04/2010

Title: Support for European cooperation in Education and Training (ECET)

Link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2010/call_ecet_2010_en.php

Action: This Call for proposals is divided in two distinct parts: Part A - Raising national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training; Part B - Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies

The objectives of the call for proposals are to support the establishment and implementation of coherent and comprehensive lifelong learning strategies and policies at national, regional and local level, covering and inter-linking all types (formal, non-formal, informal) and levels of learning (pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary, adult, initial and continuing vocational education and training), including links to other relevant policy sectors (e.g. employment and social inclusion), through:

- awareness-raising activities and the establishment of national and transnational fora and networks,
- to support the identification of the main critical factors influencing the successful putting into place of lifelong learning strategies and policies,
- to exchange experiences and good practice and to jointly experiment, test and transfer innovative practices in relation to the development and implementation of lifelong learning strategies and policies,
- to ensure strong institutional commitment, coordination, consultation and partnership with all relevant stakeholders and practitioners.
- to implement efficient and equitable lifelong learning strategies and policies to achieve social inclusion.

This call is open to organisations established in the countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Applications must be submitted by a legal person having the legal capacity.

Natural persons may not apply for a grant.

Beneficiaries can be national or regional ministries in charge of education and training, other public bodies and stakeholders' organisations active in the field of lifelong learning (pre-primary, schools, VET, higher education and adult learning).

Stakeholders' organisations include European, national and regional associations or organisations whose main activities or core responsibilities are directly linked to any education and training sector.

Deadline: 16/07/2010

Title: Erasmus Mundus

Link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2010/call_eacea_29_09_en.php
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:294:0018:0024:en:PDF

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

• Action 1A: Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMC)
• Action 1B: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD)

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

• Action 2 – STRAND 1: Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA instruments (former External Cooperation Window)

• Action 2 – STRAND 2: Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)

Action 3: Promotion of European higher education

• Projects to enhance the Attractiveness of European higher education

Deadline: 30/04/2010

Title: Lifelong Learning Programs

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc92_en.htm

Action: Transversal Programme: Key activity 1 — Study visits

Deadline: 15/10/2010

Title: Safer Internet program

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/funding/projects/index_en.htm

Action:

Safer Internet: To promote safer use of the Internet and new online technologies, to educate users, particularly children, parents and carers in this regard and to fight against illegal content and harmful conduct online.

Knowledge Enhancement Projects (KEPS) are projects within the general field of safer Internet and online technologies. The aim of these projects is to strengthen the knowledge base relevant to the Programme. They may be studies, surveys, assessments and investigations of a sociological, psychological, statistical, technical or otherwise relevant nature.

Deadline: 27/05/2010

Action 4.1: Online Victimisation of Children

Link:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/docs/call_2009/evaluators/iar_4.1_knowledge_enhancement_projects%20.pdf

Action: The Programme invites proposals for knowledge enhancement projects that aim to **enhance the knowledge of online-related sexual abuse of children**, in particular **online grooming** (the process by which a person befriends a child with the intention of committing sexual abuse).

The expected outcome of these projects is increased knowledge of the process which would feed into policymaking, child welfare work, and awareness-raising as well as providing topics for further actions and studies. It would strengthen the protection of children and formulate more effective preventive strategies.

The projects could be aimed at**: Victimisation of children** in the online environment: identification of the most vulnerable groups of children targeted for online abuse, the psycho-social impact on children of online victimisation, ranging from accessing potentially harmful material (eg. sexual and/or violent material) online to being abused; behavioural differences in use between age groups and gender; the relationship between young people's sexuality and online grooming; the profiling of online risk-taking behaviour by different groups of children; and the children's use of technology such as web cameras and cell phones.

Deadline: 27/05/2010

Action 4.2: To bring together social scientists and experts engaged in the field of child safety online at EU level

Link:
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/docs/call_2010/assess_forms/tn_research.pdf

Action: The purpose of action 4.2. is to identify areas of particular concern for child safety and of recommending effective ways of raising awareness and other practical action in the field. Proposers must present an analysis of the impact of the actions under the thematic network. Appropriate measures and indicators for assessing the impact of the activities are required.

Deadline: 27/05/2010

Title: Support to national activities aiming at the identification of good practices in combating discrimination and promoting equality

Link:
http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=249&furtherCalls=yes

Action:

This call is only addressed to the antidiscrimination contact points nominated under the PROGRESS programme in the 27 EU Member States, EFTA-EEA States (Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway), candidate and potential candidate countries (Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey).

Deadline: 19/05/2010

Title: Improvement of Gender Mainstreaming in National Policies and programmes

Link:
http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=250&furtherCalls=yes

Action: The applicant must be:

• A national authority, (priority will be given to the national ministry in charge of the equality between women and men policy but if this ministry is not in a position to submit a proposal, it can be carried by another ministry)

• or an Equality Body according to Directive 2002/73/EC11

The Equality Body must:

- be expressly mandated by the national ministry in charge of the gender equality policy in writing to assume responsibility for the implementation of the action. Proof thereof must be provided in the form of the documents referred to in the checklist;

- have its own legal status and be registered in one of the PROGRESS participating countries.

Deadline: 17/05/2010

Title: Establishment of 3-year framework partnership agreements with EU-level NGO networks in the areas of social inclusion, non-discrimination, gender equality, the integration of persons with disabilities and the representation of the Roma

Link:
http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=252&furtherCalls=yes

Action: Financial contributions may be awarded to a European-level organization

Deadline: 28/05/2010

Title: FP7 Research Program

Link:
http http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage#SP3-People

Action:

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-RG Marie Curie Reintegration Grants
Deadline: 2010-09-07

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IEF Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)
Deadline: 2010-08-17

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IIF Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
Deadline: 2010-08-17

FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IOF Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)

Title: Daphne III Program, Prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/doc/ag_call_2010_en.pdf

Action: CALL PRIORITIES

Street and peer violence – Identification of best practices, recommendations, education and campaigns involving young people on the issues of street violence, youth violence and related lifestyle issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and weapon-carrying.

Media violence – Targeted educational programmes and activities designed to increase children, young people and/or women's understanding of the potentially negative impacts of new technologies and to educate them on risks and solutions with the aim to ensure their well being and safety.

Corporal punishment of children – Awareness-raising and educational materials addressing the issue of corporal punishment of children in their homes and/or in institutional or quasiinstitutional settings throughout Europe.

Capacity building of law enforcement agents and legal practitioners related to intimate partner violence – Training and exchange of experiences with the view of building the

capacity of practitioners in the law enforcement, judicial and para-legal fields to assist women victims of intimate partner violence when in contact with the police or judicial system.

Field work at grass-roots level with involvement of children, young people and/or women, in particular programmes that aim to empower them to protect themselves and their peers against violence. Such programmes might specifically include training, counselling, formal and informal support group mechanisms and innovative ideas for developing a protective environment for children, young people and women.

Deadline: 30/04/2010