



# ERA-ENVHEALTH

## MONTHLY NEWSFLASH



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### PROGRESS REPORT AND SUBMISSION OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EC PERIODIC REPORT

<b>THIS MONTH'S NEWS:</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2009</b>
<b>GA MEETING IN ROME IN SEPTEMBER 2009</b>
<b>WP1 PREPARATION OF THE FINAL REPORT</b>
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ERA-ENVHEALTH started in September 2008 with 16 environment and health research programme managers from 10 countries. Its 1<sup>st</sup> EC periodic report was submitted in October 2009. During this 1<sup>st</sup> year, the necessary tools and structures for efficient management of the project have been put in place (quality manual, project progress indicators, ...) and the project is progressing in line with its objectives.

ERA-ENVHEALTH has developed a shared vision and improved exchange of knowledge and expertise between countries through access to data at the European level ([website](#), [expert](#) and [research databases](#)). The "Environment and Health Research Database" is online, providing an information management tool to structure and facilitate access, analysis and exchange of information on Environment and Health research programmes and projects in Europe. It provides a widespread overview of the activities in this field, increasing the visibility of E&H research in Europe.

The "Expert database" identifies relevant scientific experts in E&H.

The originality of ERA-ENVHEALTH is that a first call for proposals was launched at the start of the project on: "Health vulnerability resulting from future climate change impacts on soil-water ecosystems, land use and water resources at regional scale". 2 projects were selected for funding. This 1<sup>st</sup> call gives a strong framework for future transnational calls and provides excellent learning ground for the ERA-ENVHEALTH consortium.

Finally, the project's External Advisory Committee (EAC) has been set up with 8 members who met for the first time at the annual General Assembly meeting in Rome in September 2009.

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#### REMINDER:

#### NEXT DEADLINES

- **9 December 2009: Five priority themes: actual and future**
- **Mid-January 2010: Final comments on WP1 report: emphasis on discussion and conclusions**
- **February 2010: Deadline for submission to EC of WP1 report**
- **February 2010: Deadline for submission to EC of the research database and guidelines for the users**

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Rome, 23 September 2009, EAC dinner

### NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS: MONTHLY NEWSFLASH

WP5 addresses the dissemination and communication strategy of the project. It ensures participation of the various stakeholders and ensures they have access to the results. The project aims to bring in new contributors through effective promotion of the project objectives, progress and results. The project logo, designed by high school students in Sweden, adds an educational dimension to the project's identity. A leaflet and posters have been created, distributed and presented in various events. The project website is online: [www.era-envhealth.eu](http://www.era-envhealth.eu) and updated regularly. And now a monthly newsflash is being implemented. **Please do not hesitate to contribute.**

#### ZALIG KERSTFEEST

##### Project poster



Project leaflet

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN ROME, SEPTEMBER 2009

The General Assembly (GA) meeting took place this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. It was kindly hosted by ISPRA in Rome. This meeting was preceded by a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with the External Advisory Committee (EAC) members and followed on the 25<sup>th</sup> by a workshop organised by RIVM for WP2 on prioritisation criteria.

This year's annual GA meeting was well-attended and widely enjoyed event. It was very successful and enabled us to measure the motivation, implication and interest in the project. Many very interesting ideas came out of the discussions, on the scientific and communication side of the project in particular.

This first discussion with the EAC members revealed interesting points for enhancing the project's impacts. These included: better integration of the strategic objective of evidence-based policy-making with a particular focus on theme definition; and implementing fast, concise and efficient through flow of information in order to increase dissemination.



Rome, Italy, 25 Sept. 2009

## WP1 – INFORMATION EXCHANGE: FINAL REPORT

The information from 13 countries on 41 organisations, 49 programmes and 464 projects entered into the E&H research database last summer is being analysed by UVZ and UBA for the final overview of research programmes and projects. A wider scope will be achieved in the final report when compared to the draft overview (published in April 2009) as the second phase of the information requests was extended to non ERA-ENVHEALTH partners, thus aiming to provide an overview and description of the Environment and Health research landscape in the EU. The information gathered in this way is to be used to identify and prioritise key strategic issues in E&H.

We would like to thank all partners and the other non-ERA-ENVHEALTH organisations for their collaboration in collecting information on the E&H programmes and projects in Europe and would like to remind partners that the first draft of the analysis (not yet the discussion and recommendations) has been sent for comments before the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. A second round of comments is expected in mid-January with an emphasis on the finalisation of the recommendations and conclusions of this final WP1 report on E&H programmes and projects.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**23 FEBRUARY 2010: 6<sup>TH</sup> WP LEADER CONFERENCE CALL**

**FEBRUARY 2010: 1<sup>ST</sup> EVALUATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 2010: GA MEETING IN THE NETHERLANDS**

## WP4 – FUNDING JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALLS: CREATION OF THE EVALUATION STEERING COMMITTEE

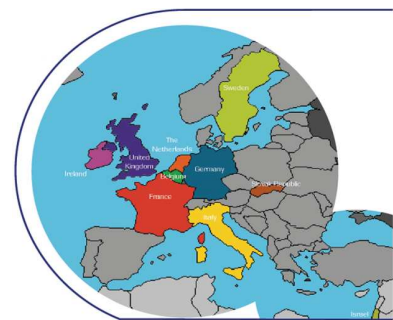
A first call was launched in 2008, funded by 3 partners. It resulted in the selection of 2 projects, providing a practical experience and good case study for transnational collaborative working in funding research. This first call will therefore be evaluated in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of its process, measure performance and efficiency and help suggest solutions that would improve the management of the calls. This evaluation is a keystone to appreciate the adequacy between policy-making needs and research results and outcomes. In addition, it is, to our knowledge, a novelty in ERA-NETs. It will

be a 2-step evaluation: in 2010 looking at the process and in 2012 looking at the follow-up and impacts. An Evaluation Steering Committee is to be set up to pilot and supervise this evaluation. It will meet 3 times in 2010 and will be composed of 11 members: one representative of each of the 3 financing partners, 3 representatives of non-financing countries members of ERA-ENVHEALTH, **2 representatives of the ERA-ENVHEALTH External Advisory Committee**, the President of the 1st call scientific evaluation committee and the 2 leaders responsible for the WP and Evaluation task.

**Volunteers are still requested.**

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The search for new partners has started.

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