



Bringing adaptation solutions to life: Inspiring climate adaptation action today for a resilient future

Invitation to #ECCA2021 webinar: Climate change and health: promoting wellbeing through climate action Wednesday May 26, 13:30-16:00 CEST (online)

This webinar is one of nine ECCA2021 webinars on critical climate change adaptation challenges. It presents state-of-the-art knowledge on the effects of global warming, linked to heat stress and other climate hazards, on our health in a European context, and discusses how alternative policy options and measures can help safeguard the health and wellbeing of citizens through climate action.

European countries and the European Union are called upon to recognise the need to enhance their adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change. Climate change adaptation requires implementing policies to promote effective, socially acceptable and practical solutions that limit adverse health effects while also encouraging social and cultural processes to drive behavioural change. Last, but not least, climate change adaptation must go hand in hand with greenhouse gas mitigation to reap potential co-benefits and avoid costly trade-offs.

Programme

13:30 Introduction by moderator Sonja van Renssen, Managing Editor of Energy Monitor and freelance climate energy & environment journalist based in Brussels.

13:40 Health risks from climate change – impacts and urgency of climate change and health in Europe

Climate change and health – what is at stake for Europe?

Dr. Kristin Aunan, CICERO Center for International Climate Research

What are the main health effects of hot weather? Q&A with Professor Annette Peters, Helmholtz Zentrum München

Effects of heat on mortality – current and projected health burden for Europe

Professor Antonio Gasparrini, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

14:10 Discussion and open exchange with the audience and invited experts



- Ilona M. Otto, Professor, University of Graz, Austria
- Anne Stauffer, Director for Strategy and Campaigns, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), Brussels
- Ingrid Coninx, project manager, Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands

Short break

14:45 Adaptation solutions and best practices

Heat-health action plans in Europe as effective prevention strategiesDr. Vladimir Kendrovski, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Effective prevention and adaptation strategies for reducing heat-related health risks – examples from Italy and beyond

Dr. Francesca de'Donato, Department of Epidemiology Lazio Regional Health Service - ASL Roma 1

Promoting actions to prevent health risk during heatwaves: lessons from public and stakeholder interviews in France

Q&A with Karine Laaidi, Santé Publique France

- 15:15 Discussion and open exchange with the audience and invited experts
 - Marija Jevtić, Professor, Faculty of Medicine University of Novi Sad, Serbia
 - Miriam Weber, PhD Senior policy advisor and healthy city coordinator Utrecht and chair of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network environment and health working group, Netherlands

15:35 The role of the European Climate and Health Observatory in promoting climate adaptation

Dr. Hans-Martin Füssel, expert - climate change vulnerability and adaptation, European Environment Agency (EEA)

Health co-benefits of climate action

Dr. Ian Hamilton, Executive Director, Lancet Countdown

15:55 Wrap-up with outlook and messages for policy

Virginia Murray, Professor, Head of Global Disaster Risk Reduction; Public Health England

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This webinar is organised by webinar champion Kristin Aunan, CICERO Center for International Climate Research, Norway





