

EU ACTION PLAN 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'

Pathway to a Healthy Planet for All

Director Quality of Life (ENV.C)

Action Areas Ensuring stricter Improving health Boosting change implementation and well-being across **society** and enforcement **Enablers** Towards zero Living within pollution from our **planetary** production and boundaries consumption Tracking **progress**, Promoting anticipating trends worldwide change and mainstreaming **Thematic**

priorities



Flagships – integrated initiatives

1. Reducing health inequalities through zero pollution

2. Supporting urban zero pollution action

3. Promoting zero pollution across regions



4. Facilitating zero pollution choices

5. Enforcing zero pollution together

6. Showcasing zero pollution solutions for buildings



7. Living Labs for green digital solutions and smart zero pollution





9. Consolidating the EU's Knowledge Centres for zero pollution



Improving health and well-being

Flagship 1: Reducing health inequalities through zero pollution

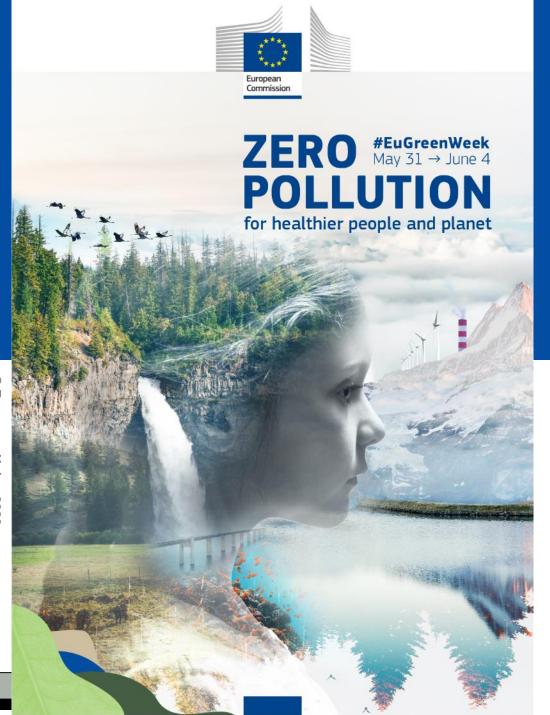
Inequalities Registry and the Atlas of Demography are regularly fed with pollution monitoring and outlook data and that, by 2024, the need to have an Inequalities Register identifying trends, disparities and inequalities across EU regions is also assessed for other pollution-related diseases, to help target interventions at EU, national and local level. This will also enable people to compare how much pollution affects their health across the different regions where they live, study and work.



Other key actions

- Improving air quality (revising Directive to address new WHO guidelines)
- Addressing indoor air quality (assess pathways and policy options)
- Reducing noise (report on Noise Directive and address sources)
- Ensuring clean water (implement Drinking Water Directive and evaluate Bathing Water Directive)
- Depolluting soils
- Safe and sustainable consumer products (through Chemicals Strategy)





More information:

- **Zero Pollution webpage**
- Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform
- Analysis of open public consultation
- Contact: <u>ENV-ZERO-POLLUTION@ec.europa.eu</u>

Your input is welcome!



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EC recommendation on SARS-CoV2 variant monitoring in wastewater

Member States are encouraged to:

Put in place a surveillance system by 1st October 2021



Cover a 'sufficient part of the population

At least above 150 000 inhabitants

2 samples a week

to be adapted to local circumstances/stage of the pandemics

Rapid collection and transfer of the results to Health authorities

Use common methods sampling and analysis

