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## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH



### Climate crisis, heat stress, infectious disease threats: Health impacts and solutions in Europe

Wednesday 9 November 2022, 14.00 – 15.00 CET, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

The **climate crisis is increasingly affecting our health and wellbeing**. In August this year, around the same time when millions of Europeans suffered from **record-breaking high temperatures**, new research published in the science journal *Nature* suggested that climate change can aggravate over half of known **human pathogenic diseases**<sup>1</sup>.

Developed under the [European Climate and Health Observatory](#) initiative, the new European Environment Agency report **‘Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases’** puts these two threats in sharp focus, and it outlines solutions in policy and practice.

Coinciding with the launch of the report, **this online webinar** will provide you with the report’s **key findings**, and with **insights into related EU policy responses and developments**. You will also have the opportunity to **discuss** ways of minimising climate-related health threats through more resilient health systems, and adaptive actions in health sector and other policy areas.

The webinar is organised jointly by the European Commission and the European Environment Agency.

**Register now following this [link](#)**. Once registered, you will receive an automatic email from Webex event, with the link and the registration ID to join the webinar on Wednesday 9 November. Technical support is available at [sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu).

We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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<sup>(1)</sup> <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-022-01426-1>

The EU Health Policy Platform will host a live webinar, following this **agenda**:

14.00 – 14.05	<b>Welcome</b> John Middleton, President of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
14.05 – 14.20	<b>Presentation of the report ‘Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases’</b> Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency
14.20 – 14.30	<b>Climate change and public health</b> John Ryan, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG SANTE
14.30 - 14.40	<b>EU climate adaptation policy and health</b> Clara de la Torre, Director-General, European Commission, DG CLIMA
14.40 - 14.55	<b>Q&amp;A - Discussion</b>
14.55 – 15.00	<b>Conclusive remarks</b> John Middleton, President of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region



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