



EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH PROCESS



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POLICY FRAMEWORK



World Health Organization (WHO)

- HEALTH 2020
- Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - 17 "Global Goals" with 169 targets

Government of Albania / Ministry of Health

- National Strategy for Development and Integration
- Programme of the Government of Albania



The Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030



Environment and health in Europe

06/17

1.4 m

1.4 million deaths in the WHO European Region are caused by environmental risks, corresponding to at least 15% of Europe's total deaths.

50%

Around half of these deaths are due to outdoor and indoor air pollution.

50 m

Altogether, European citizens annually lose 50 million years of healthy life due to environmental risks.

In Europe, environmental risk factors are responsible for around

26% of ischemic heart disease

25% of strokes

17% of cancers.

Cardiovascular deaths and diseases from environmental exposures are 3 times higher in lower-middle income countries than high-income countries.

Sources: Preventing disease through healthy environments: a global assessment of the burden of disease from environmental risks, Geneva: WHO; 2016 (http://www.who.int/quantifying_ghimpacts/publications/preventing-disease/env/).

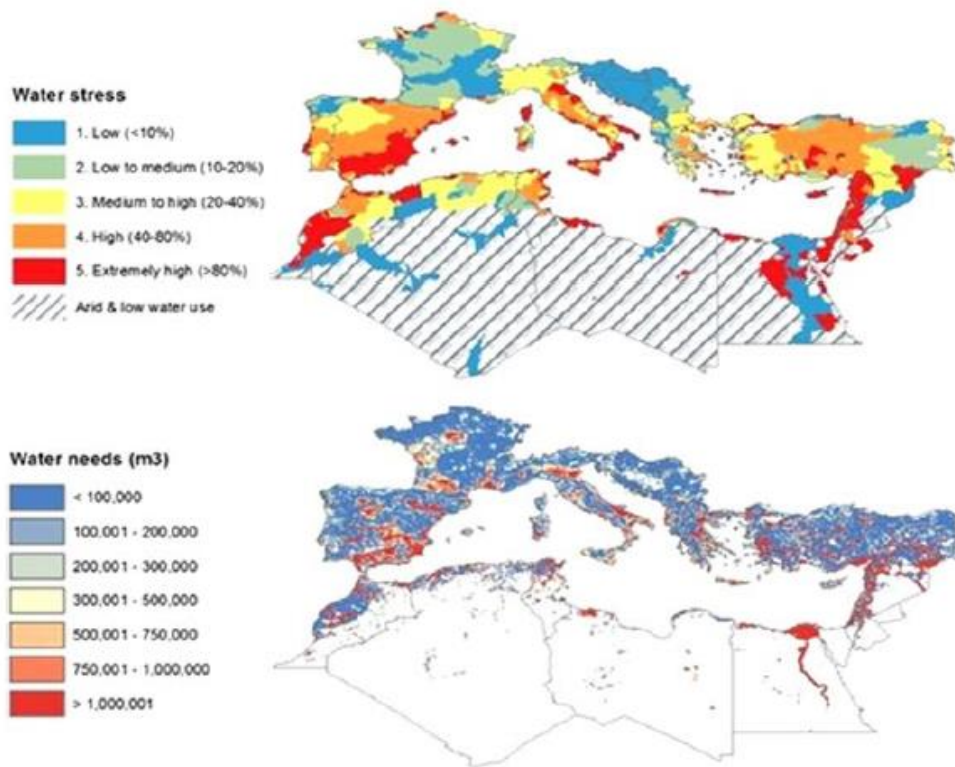
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Five public health priorities

- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Waste
- Chemical Safety
- Air Quality
- Climate Change

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Water stress



Water and energy footprint of
irrigated agriculture in the
Mediterranean region
A Daccache et al 2014

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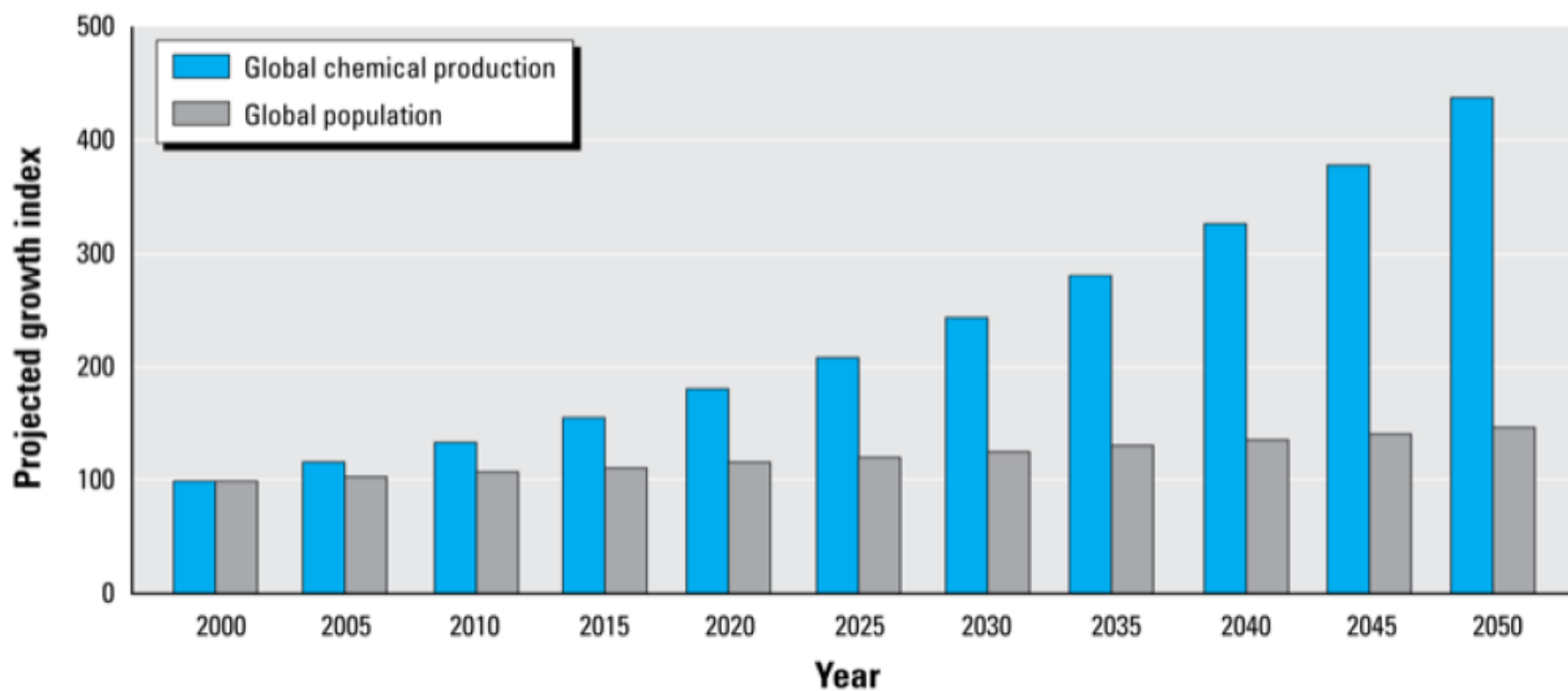
Waste

- 2–6% of the population are affected by waste-related exposures
- Air emissions of CO₂ and air pollutants have measurable health impacts, costing between €4–63 per ton of disposed waste
- Legacy of Industrial contamination – in EEA alone: at least 2.5m contaminated sites of which up to 350,000 in need of remediation



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Chemicals

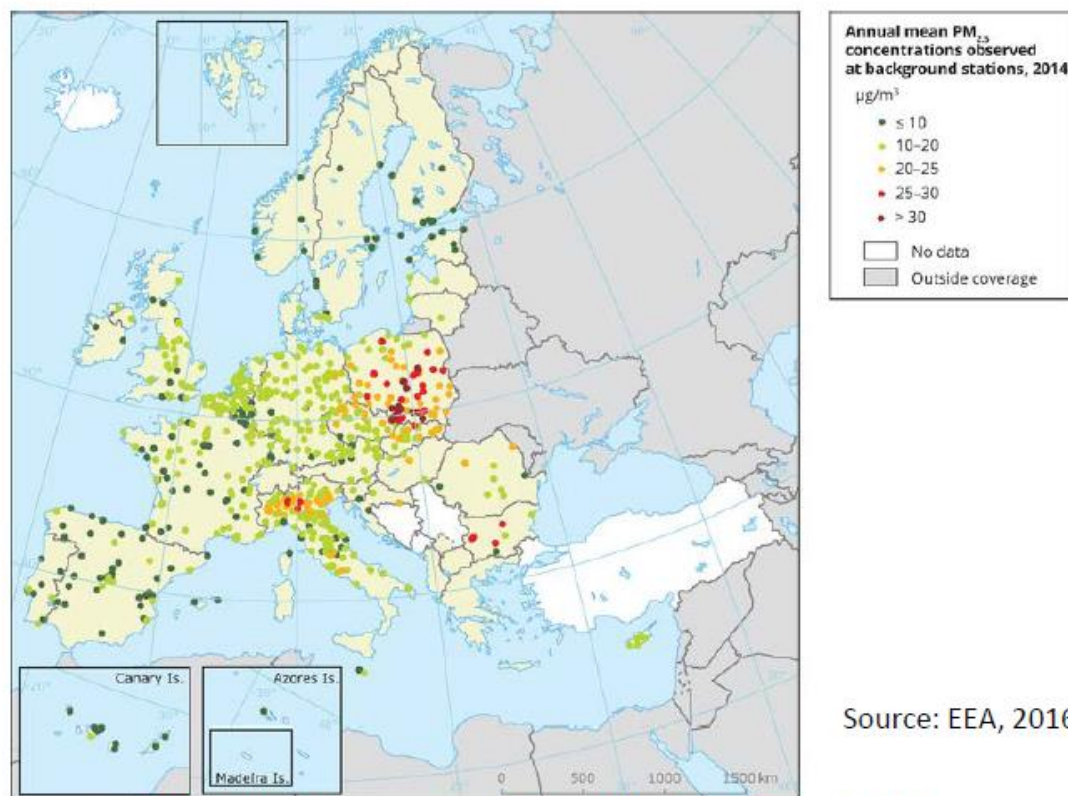


(American Chemistry Council 2003; OECD 2001; United Nations 2004)

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Air quality – an urban problem

- Household energy
- Transport
- Industry
- Agriculture



Source: EEA, 2016

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Climate Change

- Warming of the climate
- Increased frequency and severity extreme weather events
- expected to cause over 250 000 additional deaths annually in the World between 2030 and 2050
- Migrating species, including disease vectors

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CATEGORY 3. PROMOTING HEALTH THROUGH THE LIFE-COURSE

Programme area: Health and Environment



- National workshop on Small scale water supplies conducted (September 2016).
- Support to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure on the participation of the Albanian delegation to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 14-16 November 2016).
- Support to the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders on the collection of data and completion of UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS).

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Programme area: Health and Environment (cont.)

- Needs Assessment and training of experts from health and environment on environment and health indicators completed.
- The Advocacy poster on clean air is prepared, printed and distributed.
- WHO facilitated and provided support to the intersectorial working group, under the coordination of MoH, for the preparation of the National Guideline on Water Safety Plans (WSPs) in Small Scale Water Supply Systems (SSWSS) in Albania and the Roadmap for its implementation.

CATEGORY 5. PREPAREDNESS, SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE

Programme area: International Health Regulations



- Albania underwent an independent external evaluation for the Implementation of IHR. The external evaluation took place from 5-9 September 2016. The Evaluation Report was shared with Albanian authorities within 2016.



DECLARATION OF THE SIXTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Ostrava Declaration

We, the ministers and representatives of Member States in the European Region of the World Health Organization (WHO) responsible for health and the environment, with the WHO Regional Director for Europe, in the presence of the Regional Director for Europe of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and of high-level representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and of the European Union, other United Nations and intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations

Have come together ... to shape future common actions to decrease the burden of diseases caused by environmental factors for current and the future generations...

Faleminderit per vemendjen!
