

HENVINET

Health and Environment Networking Portal

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HENVINET Project Goals

HENVINET will support policy making to protect the health of populations and individuals. The main objective is to establish a long-term co-operation between researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders in the area of environment and health research and assessment.

HENVINET will review policy and disseminate knowledge on environmental health issues based on research and practices. The focus is human health and the possibility of improving health as well as reducing the apparent increase in the prevalence of certain diseases. The four priority diseases and disorders ("topics") targeted by HENVINET are: Asthma and allergies, Cancer, Neurodevelopmental disorders and Endocrine disrupting effects.



HENVINET Portal Objectives

To facilitate the project goals of supporting informed policy making by integrating environment and health issues, the project has created a networking portal which is designed specifically for joining the global environment and health community. With a range of innovative tools for locating and accessing expertise, sharing knowledge, views and networking with peers, HENVINET empowers a multi-stakeholder approach to addressing the most pressing environment and health issues at hand. The HENVINET portal provides environment and health professionals and stakeholders anywhere in world with the ability to:

- **Network with peers:** Engage with a community of scientists, policymakers and stakeholders to share expertise, views and information.
- **Access the experts:** Search for and pinpoint specific expertise, and efficiently communicate and discuss concerns and specific topics with renowned experts.
- **Tackle global challenges:** Effectively collaborate within self-forming communities and forums that bring together a relevant portfolio of experts and stakeholders to address the issues at hand.
- **Set the agenda:** Shape the agenda of the Environment and Health community by participating in forums discussing hot-topics of today and tomorrow.
- **Share opportunities:** Advertise conferences, symposia, research calls, job opportunities and the like to a broad range of professionals.

Portal Tools to Meet Objectives

To meet the objectives of the portal and goals of the project, the following primary tools were designed for the portal to best encourage effective networking and communication between environment and health professionals:

Profile

Your page for professional and biographic information where you can also post statements, documents, images, links, and RSS feeds to share with your contacts. Your page organizes all your contacts within the PORTAL network, and displays the PORTAL groups you are linked to.



Groups

Join groups relevant to your professional areas of interest and begin networking with others in your field. Via groups you can receive information and updates for your areas of interest, and post messages to others.



Contacts

Find existing registered contacts and search the members' lists for new contacts based on geographical region or interest area. Invite new members to be your contacts and begin sharing information, discussing issues, and networking.



Forum

Discussion forums are the place to ask questions, find answers, discuss problems, and post statements about specific issues. Forums are organized according to the various groups of the portal.



Events

Add, view, and comment on upcoming events in the environment and health field.



News

Stay informed on recent important news items throughout the world, as well as happening on the portal forums.



Join the HENVINET networking community in three easy steps:

- 1) Register at www.henvinet.eu
- 2) Create your profile
- 3) Participate and network

Participating organisations

- Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU), NO
- National Veterinary Institute (NVI), NO
- The Ecobaby Foundation, NL
- University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, UK
- Public Health Services Gelderland Midden, NL
- Food and Environment Research Agency, UK
- Slovak Medical University, SK
- Institute of Food Bioresearches (IBA), RO
- Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and the Environment (ENEA), IT
- World Health Organization (WHO) - European Centre for Environment and Health, INO
- University of Hertfordshire, UK
- Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), NL
- Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), FI
- Directorate General Joint Research Centre (JRC), INO

- Piemonte Region, IT
- Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, CR
- Umeå University, SE
- Slovak Technical University, SK
- Norwegian School of Veterinary Science (NVH), NO
- Stockholm University, SE
- University of Southern Denmark, DK
- Wageningen University, NL
- National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos", GR
- University of Oslo, NO
- Argentinean Association of Doctors for the Environment (AAMMA), AR
- Peking University School of Public Health, CN
- Integral University, IN
- National Cancer Research Institute, Genoa, IT
- Thekwini Municipality, ZA
- National Institute for Public Health of Mexico (INSP), MX
- National Institute of Health (ISS), IT
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