

## **SWEDEN**

### **Report on UV activities June 2014 – May 2015**

#### **General research activities in your country related to UV health**

No general research activities have been performed in Sweden during this period.

The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority published a report (2014:49, only in Swedish) in which the societal cost for skin cancer 2011 were analyzed. The total cost of skin cancer 2011 was calculated to 170 million Euros in Sweden. 42 percent of this cost was due to loss of production and 58 percent was due to health care cost. The skin cancer diagnosis with the highest cost (90 million Euros) was malignant melanoma. One of the major conclusions in this report was that there is a lack of studies (for the Swedish context) where the cost effectiveness regarding preventive methods against skin cancer have been evaluated.

#### **New policies and legislations regarding UV exposure**

A General recommendation from the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning regarding outdoor areas intended for leisure activities at preschools, schools and other venues with similar operations came into force in February 2015. Apart from this general recommendation Sweden has not performed any new policies or legislations during this period.

#### **Areas of public concern and national responses**

Since 2005, the authority has performed an annual survey of sun habits and attitudes sent to 2000 people between ages of 18 and 74 in Sweden. From this survey we can see that there are no obvious trends in the public concern and nothing in this last study stands out clearly.

#### **New public information activities**

No new public information activities have been performed in Sweden during this period.