







The fourth Bonn Dialogue on Environment and Health

# Risk communication for environment and health

14 October 2022

10:00-11:30 Central European Summer Time (CEST)



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The WHO European Centre for Environment and Health (ECEH), under the auspices of the <u>Environment and Health Process</u>, is holding the fourth of a series of high-level Bonn Dialogues on Environment and Health.

This event will focus on effective risk communication for environment and health and will describe the latest trends, theories and concepts for efficient communication between science, policy and stakeholders.

The discussion will take advantage of the recently issued WHO report <u>Effective risk</u> <u>communication for environment and health</u>, realized within the framework of the European Union Health Environment Research Agenda for Europe (HERA) project.

Healthy environments are key to improving health and saving lives. The response to COVID-19 and other health, climate and environment hazards has produced considerable research, experience and knowledge on effective risk communication relevant to environment and health.

The main objectives of this Dialogue are:

- to take stock of the latest evidence from risk communication for environment and health practices;
- to exchange views on policy opportunities and emerging approaches to design and implement policies and measures that promote efficient risk communication.

This event is open to members of the Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF), to HERA project participants, and to anyone working on risk communication for environment and health issues in national, regional and local governments – including researchers, communication experts, educators, students, policy advocates, managers and civil society representatives – as well as to the general public.

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### **Provisional programme**

#### Welcome and introduction

10:00-10:10

Introduction by the WHO Secretariat

Dr **Sharon Alroy-Preis**, Head of Public Health Services, Ministry of Health, Israel: Introducing the importance of communicating environment and health risks

#### **Keynote speeches**

10:10-10:40

Dr **Glenn O'Neil**, Faculty, Media Research, Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland: Effective risk communication for environment and health

Mr **James Creswick**, Technical Officer, Communications, WHO ECEH: The WHO approach to risk communication on environment and health

#### Round table - case studies and lessons learned

10:40-11:15

Moderated by Dr **Sinaia Netanyahu**, Programme Manager, Environment and Health Impact Assessment, WHO ECEH

Dr Sharon Alroy-Preis, Head of Public Health Services, Ministry of Health, Israel

Dr **Tamás Szigeti**, Head of Laboratory, Air Hygiene Laboratory, National Public Health Center, Budapest, Hungary

Mr **Christian Pollhammer**, Officer of the Styrian Provincial Government, Health, Nursing, and Science and Care Management Department, Medical Directorate, Austria

Ms Anne Stauffer, Deputy Director, Strategic Lead, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)

#### Participants' responses, questions and answers

11:15-11:25

#### **Closing remarks**

11:25-11:30

Concluded by Mr James Creswick