Environment and Health in the Western Balkan Countries

Linkages between environment and health: the main regional issues

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Environmental impact on health as the common challenge of WB countries

Source: Map taken from the EEA Publication: Healthy Environment, Healthy Lives: How the environment influences health and well-being in Europe (WHO data)
Years of life lost per 100,000 population, attributable to PM2.5 and NO2

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Waste generation and management in WB countries

Rubbish-Covered Lake Brings to Light Balkans Waste Problem

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Chemical safety in Western Balkans

Table 1: Political dimension of REACH

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Thoughts for the discussion

• Take common intercountry actions performed both by professional and expert institutions and communities and by decision makers in the area of environmental impacts on health with the support of international organization (UNEP, WHO, UNECE, EC, Individual donor countries)

• Providing scientific evidence on environmental impacts of health based on local data to advise evidence based decision making by using these data (support of international organizations is crucial).

• The needs for capacity building on environmental health risk and impacts assessment

• Possible areas for common activities in transfer of knowledge and capacity building in environmental health risk assessment: air quality and health; health risks of chemical pollution of water including industrial waste water discharges; waste management activities and health; the impact of industrially contaminated sites on the health of nearby living populations; the role of health sector in chemicals management etc.
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