

Consultation and report launch on the implementation of health impact assessment and assessing health in environmental assessments

17 February 2022, 11:00–13:00 CET (virtual)

Health impact assessment (HIA) and health assessments in environmental assessments play a crucial role in identifying the links between policies, plans, programmes, and projects performed in different sectors and their implications for human health. This public consultation meeting will bring together Member State representatives and environment and health assessment practitioners to discuss the challenges and opportunities of HIA implementation and an enhanced assessment of health impacts within environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) processes.

The importance of assessing the health implications of policies and projects across sectors has been recognized for more than two decades and requires multi-sectoral and multi-discipline approaches.

WHO will launch a report “Learning from practice – Case studies of health in EIA and SEA across the WHO European Region”, and present preliminary results of an online survey on HIA implementation in countries in the Region. In the second part of the meeting participants will be free to engage in group discussion and contribute with their knowledge and practical experience.

The preliminary survey results will be available in advance.

The documents will be in English only, but Russian interpreting will be provided for the event.

Please register at the following link:

https://who.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yygc3XgFSv2YHe-csXuXqg



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10.45	Open Zoom Meeting
11.00–11.15	<p>Opening and welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome by WHO (WHO, Francesca Racioppi) ▪ Welcome by UNECE Secretariat (UNECE, Tea Aulavuo) <p>Rationale and context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aim of the consultation meeting (WHO, Dr Sinaia Netanyahu)
11.15–11.40	<p>Launch of the Report on Good practice case studies of health integration in environmental assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background and methodology (BCA, Ben Cave) ▪ Case studies and conclusions (University of Liverpool, Prof. Thomas B Fischer) <p>Q&A</p>
11.40–12.00	<p>Updates on the implementation of HIA and health in EIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background on WHO work on HIA and health in environmental assessments (WHO, Dr Julia Nowacki) ▪ Overview on HIA and health in environmental assessments across the WHO European Region (WHO/University of Southern Denmark, Dr Gabriel Gulis) <p>Q&A</p>
12.00–12.40	<p>Open discussion on how to enhance HIA and HA in EA implementation (facilitated by Julia Nowacki/Gabriel Gulis/Thomas Fischer in 3 subgroups)</p> <p>A. Requirements for enhanced implementation of HIA and health assessments in environmental assessments – their implications for environment and health authorities;</p> <p>B. Defining impacts on human health within projects, programs, plans and policies – capacity needs and knowledge gaps in environment and health authorities, related institutions, and/or education; and</p> <p>C. The relation of standalone HIA and the integrated assessment of human health in environmental assessments – to what extent HIA should be applied and how to assure a high quality of the assessment?</p>
12.40–12.55	Reporting back from subgroups
12.55–13.00	Conclusions/meeting summary and farewell (WHO, Dr Sinaia Netanyahu)

