



PROJECT INFORMATION

Sensitization and capacity building for the topics environment and health in the context of the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals embrace many aspects in the context of environment and health.

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Background

Environmental pollution such as air contamination, impure water and noise have an influence on human health. The European Environment and Health Process (EHP) of the WHO-Region Europe serves, since the end of the 1980s, to strengthen an international exchange in this field of interest. The aspects of environment and health are an important component anchored in the Agenda 2030 adopted by the nations of the world in September 2015. The Agenda is necessary as a means of implementing the global aims of a sustainable development, the SDGs. To this end the Agenda stipulates 17 areas in which the SDGs shall stimulate circumspect activities.

Project details

The project carried out several-day workshops in each partner country on the interrelated topics of environment and health, thereby focussing in particular on an implementation of the SDGs. In addition, a regional Workshop for all three countries gave the opportunity to relevant ministries and experts to discuss and network. A desk-study, upraised for each country, determining the respective national status of the environment, situation of health and target SDGs provided a sound basis for the discussions. The workshops such contributed towards enhancing the expertise in this field of interest in the partner countries, and to promote an exchange of knowledge and cooperation.

Environmental pollution has considerable consequences for human health. For this reason, strong communication in the fields of environment and health, the explanation of the interrelationships, and the interdisciplinary exchange between various ministries and their partners are particularly important.

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