Environmental noise - the underestimated public health problem

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Abstract

WHO considers environmental noise – noise resulting from road, rail and air traffic – to be the second-biggest environmental health threat. Harmful levels of noise affect millions of European citizens.

This event will address the latest scientific findings on the negative impacts of noise on human health, and provide recent information on the exposure of European citizens.

WHO is finalizing the environmental noise guidelines for the European Region, which recommend levels at which interventions are suggested to protect citizens. European legislation to address environmental noise requires noise mapping and action planning to mitigate its negative effects. The recent evaluation showed that this legislation is fit for purpose, but its implementation is significantly delayed.

Following the presentations, participants will have the opportunity to ask for clarifications on health evidence and discuss existing and future policy options to combat environmental noise in Europe.

Main organizers

- European Commission Directorate-General for Environment

Partners

- WHO European Centre for Environment and Health
- European Environment Agency

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