

## **The Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE)**

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The Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE), recently adopted by the Member States of the WHO European Region at the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health "The future for our children" (Budapest, 2004), provides a framework for Member States to plan and take action to improve children's environmental health. The action plan is comprised of four Regional priority goals (RPGs) that Member States have agreed to monitor region-wide and addresses health effects arising from inadequate water and sanitation (RPG 1); mobility, transport, physical activity and injuries (RPG 2); indoor and outdoor air pollution (RPG 3); and hazardous chemical and physical agents (RPG 4).

The action plan will be complemented by a "Table of actions" that presents countries with a "menu of actions" and their relevant evidence base as well as an evolving catalogue of country case studies offering an inventory of practical implementation experiences to encourage sharing of knowledge about planning and implementation of actions to improve children's health and environment.

A mid term review of the CEHAPE will take place in 2007 and countries will have the opportunity to assess progress action plan implementation as well as share experiences.

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