

# Environment and Health Network

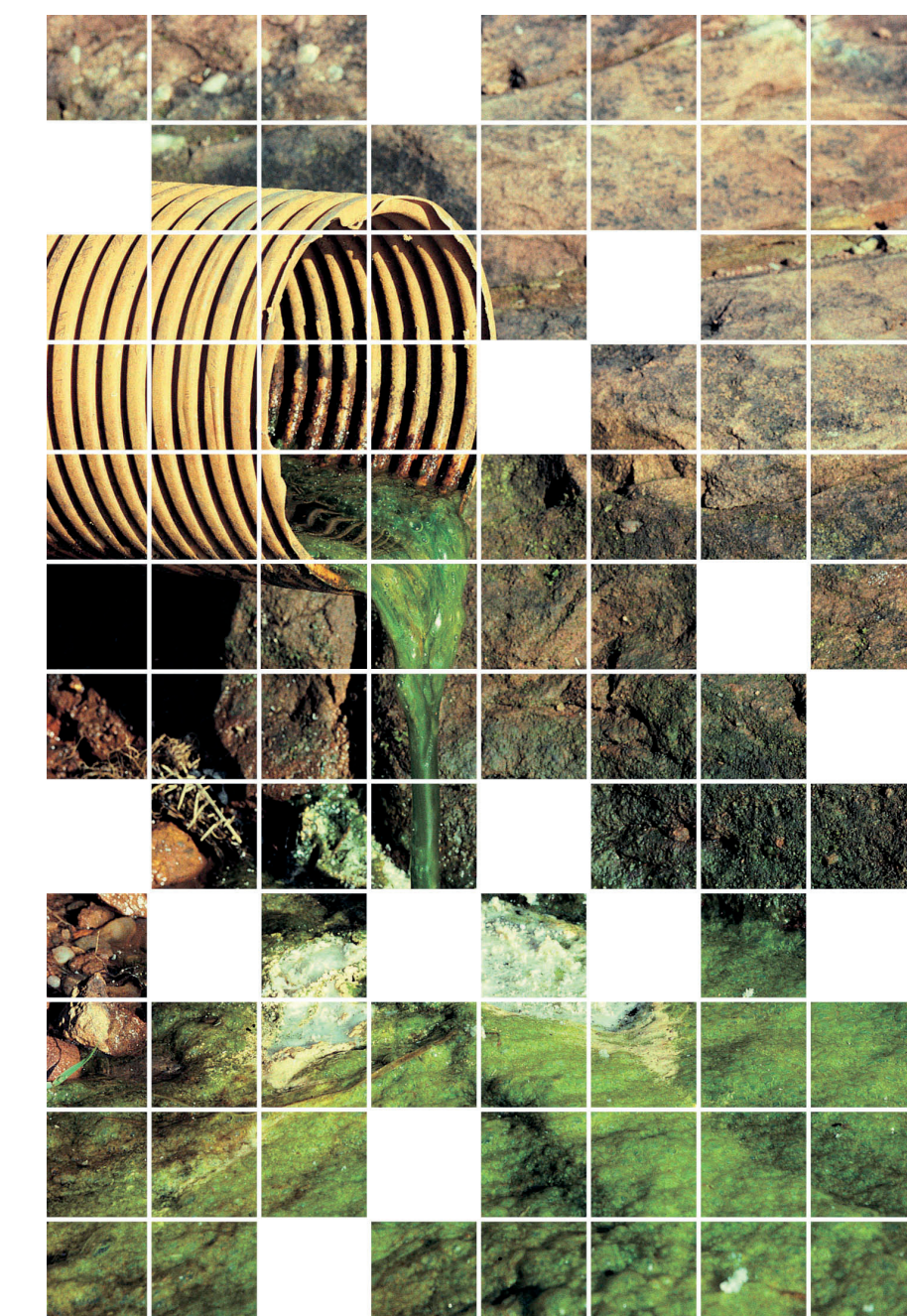
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## Why HENVINET?

**HENVINET** will support policy making to protect the health of populations and individuals. The main objective is to establish a long-term co-operation between researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders in the area of environment and health research and assessment.

**HENVINET** will review for policy purposes and disseminate knowledge on environmental health issues based on research and practices. The focus is human health and the possibility of improving health as well as reducing the apparent increase in the prevalence of certain diseases. The four priority diseases and disorders ("topics") targeted by HENVINET are: Asthma and allergies, Cancer, Neurodevelopmental disorders and Endocrine disrupting effects.

**HENVINET** will also review and support validation of decision-support tools and research results, and will provide structured information overview that may be utilised by other actors relevant to work in the environment and health field.



## Who are you?

- Are you a policymaker, a scientist or a specialist working in the health and environment field?
- Do you wish to expand your knowledge and network in the environment and health research arena?
- Do you wish to benefit from being part of the HENVINET external advisory group, which includes stakeholders on the European level?
- Are you part of another important group of stakeholders at the national level such as the environment and health agencies, the National Institutes of Public Health or from an agency responsible for environmental health monitoring?
- Are you working with ongoing projects in the field of environment and health?
- Is your organisation specifically focusing on one of the themes of HENVINET?

**In the area of environment and health, constant mutual influencing between science and policy is very important.**

## The aims of HENVINET

- Review methodologies, findings and conclusions of ongoing and recently completed research projects, to support the implementation of the European Environment and Health Action Plan and national plans.
- Review the existing decision support tools and Suggest validation methodologies and exploitation strategies for decision support tools.
- These two inputs will lead to identification of gaps, to definition of validation studies, and finally to developing a basis for wider use of the tools.

## HENVINET as a source of information

**We are building an internet site: [www.henvinet.eu](http://www.henvinet.eu), to provide:**

- News and announcements
- Events calendar
- Scientific reports
- Search engine
- Interactive database for information on environment and health issues and a web-based tool to facilitate information gathering and access to information.

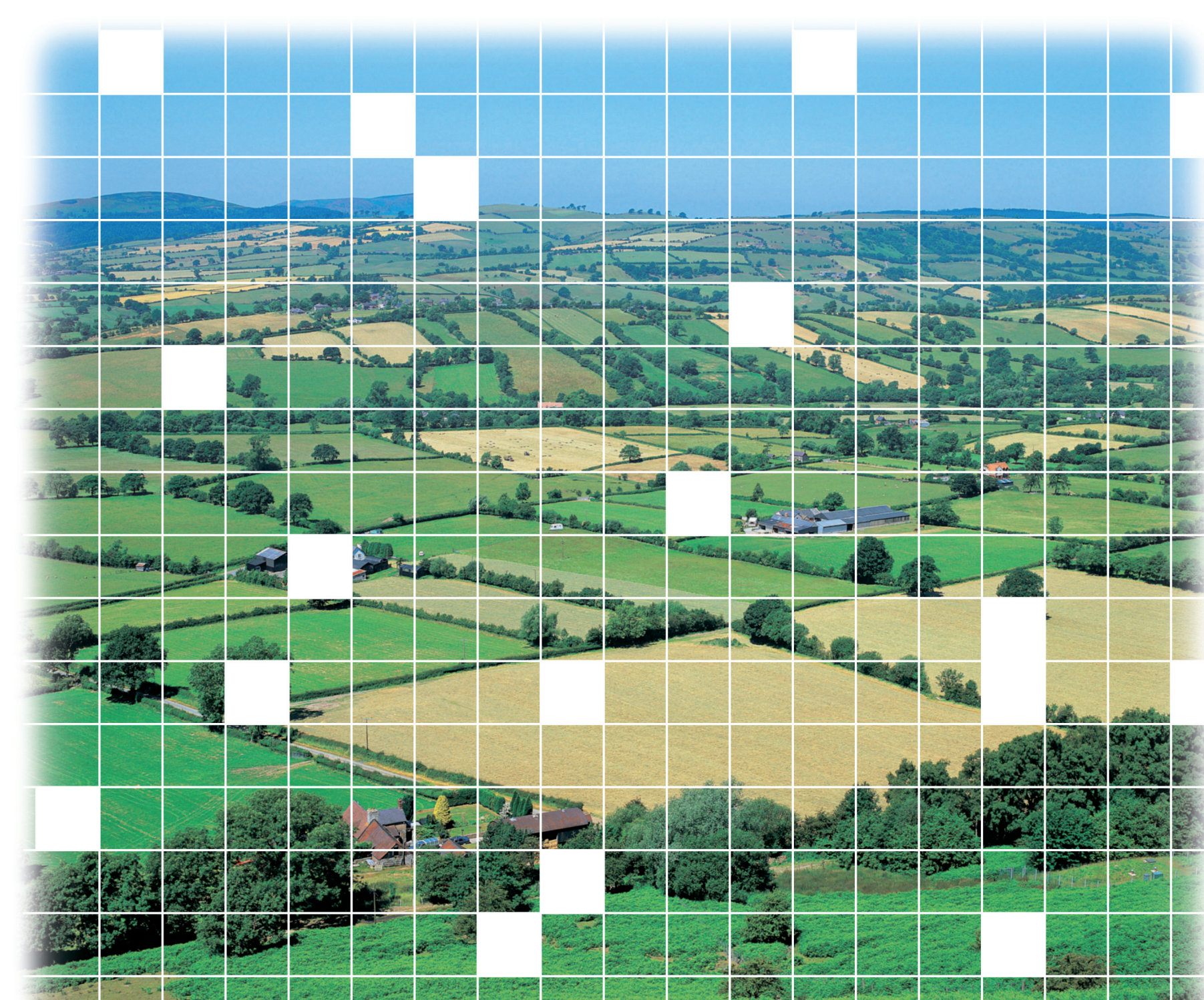
## Dissemination of knowledge

In HENVINET, effort is dedicated to interaction with policy and dissemination. We aim to establish and maintain the dialogue between policy makers, authorities, relevant institutions and the research community and to disseminate information on the state of the art in health and environmental science including the sub-disciplines involved.

The project will set up a structured interaction with programmes of the European Commission's Environment Directorate-General (DG) as well as other related Health and Environment programmes, and provide the materials for dissemination of project findings to different kinds of stakeholders.

## You can help

HENVINET will be addressing you with requests for information. Please help us by answering, or by passing us requests to your colleagues.



## Participating organisations

- Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU), NO
- National Veterinary Institute, NO
- The Ecobaby Foundation, NL
- United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, UK
- Public Health Services Gelderland Midden, NL
- Central Science Laboratory, UK
- Slovak Medical University, SK
- Institute of Food Bioresources (IBA), RO
- Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and the Environment (ENEA), IT

- World Health Organization (WHO) – European Centre for Environment and Health, INO
- University of Hertfordshire, UK
- Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), NL
- Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), FI
- Directorate General Joint Research Centre (JRC), INO
- Piemonte Region, IT
- Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, CR
- Umeå University, SE
- Slovak Technical University, SK
- Norwegian School of Veterinary Science (NVH), NO
- Stockholm University, SE
- University of Southern Denmark, DK
- Wageningen University, NL
- National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos", GR
- University of Oslo, NO
- Argentinean Association of Doctors for the Environment (AAMMA), AR

- Peking University School of Public Health, CN
- Integral University, IN
- eThekweni Municipality, ZA
- National Institute for Public Health of Mexico (INSP), MX
- National Institute of Health (ISS), IT

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### Interaction with policy and dissemination

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