

# NGO Strategy Workshop: Taking the environment and health agenda forward in Europe

*December 1, 2004*

*Venue: Hotel Zuiderduin, Egmond aan Zee (The Netherlands)*

***Organised by the EPHA Environment Network***

*In cooperation with the Dutch Platform for Environment and Health*

**Tuesday 30th November:** Arrival in the afternoon

**18:00-19:30**

Welcome and overview of SCALE and Budapest processes and what has happened since: co-chairs, Genon Jensen (Health NGO representative) and Sascha Gabizon (Environmental NGO representative) in the EEHC

**Wednesday 1st December**

**8:00** Beach walk and Breakfast

**9:00 Introduction**

*Co-Chairs: Boudijn Uythof, Dutch Platform for Environment and Health and Marie Kranendonk, WECF*

*Introduction to workshop and objectives, Genon K. Jensen, EPHA Environment Network*

*Introduction of participants*

**9:30-11:00 Key areas for EU Action Plan**

Short presentations on key themes contained in EU Action Plan (10 minutes for each) and discussion (20 minutes for each)

**Information and indicators:**

***Making indicators useful and transparent for the public and citizen's groups,***

David Stanners, European Environment Agency

**Biomonitoring:**

***Using biomonitoring activities to move policy forward while avoiding the pitfalls,***

Michael Warhurst, WWF (TBC) and Catherine Wattiez, Pesticides Action Network and member of SCALE member of TWG on Biomonitoring

## **Risk communication, training and education:**

***Risk communication and education activities that are relevant, accessible and participatory for citizens***

Gabrielle Fleischer, Consumer Protection Association Germany (TBC)

**11:00-11:15 Refreshment break**

**11:15-11:30 *CEHAPE in a nutshell – what have member states committed to?***

Lucianne Licari, WHO Regional Office for Europe (TBC)

**11:30-12:00 *Connections between Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) recommendations and the EU Action Plan***

Christian Farrar-Hockley, EPHA Environment Network and Sascha Gabizon, Women in Europe for a Common Future and Eco Forum health and environment issues coordinator

## **Discussion**

**12:30-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Parallel workshops on above themes**

*The aim of the workshops will be to draw up recommendations and identify examples of best practice for Dutch EU Presidency conference which will take place the next day*

**15:30- 16:00 Refreshment break**

**16:00 17:30 Workshops: Reporting back and NGO Recommendations**

Chair, Genon Jensen, EPHA Environment Network

**18:00 Reception:** hosted by Dutch government with delegates to Presidency Conference

## ***Conference objectives:***

- Provide consultation mechanism for NGOs (particularly Dutch NGOs and NGOs from new member states) on their priorities for EU action
- Provide a platform to discuss with some of the scientists/professionals who took part in the SCALE Technical Working Groups on what their recommendation are for EU Action (particularly those recommendations NOT in the Commission's current proposal)
- Identify actions in the CEHAPE Table of Actions that could be taken forward by the EU under the current EU Action Plan framework
- Map out and highlight best practice on the several issues such as use of environment and health indicators by different stakeholders, biomonitoring and risk communication, and other issues which are not on the agenda