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CPME COLLABORATES WITH THE LANCET COUNTDOWN

Policy brief for the EU on health and climate change

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), in collaboration with the Lancet Countdown, has published a [Policy brief for the EU](#) focusing on the link between health and climate change. It focuses on data from four themes featured in the [2019 Lancet Countdown report](#): the economic costs of air pollution, electricity generation, transport, and climate suitability for mosquito-borne disease transmission.

The briefing calls for the European policymakers to update the EU air quality standards to be aligned with the WHO guidelines and boost the share of renewable energy in electricity generation, including phase-out of the use of coal and other fossil fuels. Moreover, it recommends to prioritise active and accessible mobility for all and to promote safe walking and cycling.

Dr Martin Balzan, CPME Rapporteur on Environmental Health & Climate Change, states: *“We hope that EU policymakers will integrate health considerations throughout proposed interventions, with particular consideration to policies regarding transport, coal and energy, as well as the adaptation of health systems to respond to mosquito-borne diseases and other health threats”*.

The briefing is launched in parallel with the 2019 Lancet Countdown report and a number of other policy briefs around the world. The Lancet Countdown is a global, independent, interdisciplinary research collaboration between leading academic institutions, the United Nations, and intergovernmental agencies. CPME collaborated with the Lancet Countdown also in 2018.

The launch event will be organised in Brussels in cooperation with the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL).

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