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The **ERA-ENVHEALTH** project started on the 1st of September 2008. It is a "Coordination Action" project co-funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). It brings together 16 partners, organisations funding and/or managing a research programme on Environment and Health (E&H), from 10 countries, for 4 years.

ERA-ENVHEALTH objectives

- · Respond to the recognised need for enhancing coordination through cooperation in E&H research.
- Provide a platform and network where existing E&H research communities can be potential users or contributors.

 Create a practical tool for the implementation of the European Environment and Health Action Plan 2004-2010 and to contribute to the "putting into practice" of the WHO E&H research commitments.

Preliminary outputs

 Develop expert and research programme databases to structure and facilitate access, analysis and exchange of information on E&H issues in Europe.

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ERA-ENVHEALTH has developed a shared vision and improved exchange of knowledge and expertise between countries through access to data at the European level (project website, expert- and research programme-databases). Consulting this data is free of charge and open to the public at: http://www.era-envhealth.eu

 Identify and collect information on E&H programmes, managers and owners to improve understanding of current practices in programme planning and management.

The report on E&H projects and programmes landscape and Framework for joint activities related to E&H research within the partner countries is available on the website.

- Identify strategic and emerging E&H issues, complementarities and clustering arrangements. (in progress)
- Develop and apply a set of prioritisation criteria to prioritise these issues for joint activities and funding. (in progress)
- Foster collaboration and implement multi-national activities. (in progress)
- Fund and manage a joint multi-national research call on a specific topic and prepare the launch of a second call.

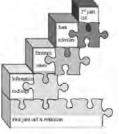
A transnational joint call, funded by 3 partners (AFSSET, NERC, VROM), was successfully launched on: "Health vulnerability resulting from future climate change impacts on soil-water ecosystems, land use and water resources at regional scale". More information about this call is available at: http://www.era-envhealth.eu

Facilitate communication between E&H research programme managers, stakeholders, policy makers and researchers.

Preliminary conclusions

- The ERA-ENVHEALTH project is bringing dynamism to E&H research in Europe by promoting collaboration, fostering innovative ideas and increasing its visibility as a key area.
- With the development of new programmes and changes to existing ones, the consortium expects an increase in the diversity of disciplines involved in research and in multinational projects.
- Furthermore, the information generated by ERA-ENVHEALTH project is a valuable resource for stakeholders who would like to improve public participation in environment and health policy.







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