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HERA Green Deal webinar series launched

Paris, France, 5 February 2021 - HERA project has been identifying pressing research needs and knowledge gaps in environment, health and climate that EU needs to address by 2030 to fully implement its policies. To enhance the link between the strategies and research aiming at fulfilling those EU strategies, online webinars start on 23 February 2021.

The EU has adopted its Green Deal programme in December 2019 and followed it in 2020 by adopting a range of new strategies that aim at positively influence quality of our environment, health and target climate change challenges. Further strategies or action plans are now in preparation to be published during 2021.

As the HERA (European Health Environment Research Agenda) project has been identifying pressing research needs and knowledge gaps that EU needs to address by 2030 to fully implement its policies and improve status of all components in the health-environment and climate nexus, we set up webinar series that highlight the link between the strategies and research aiming at attaining goals of the recently adopted EU strategies. Our online webinar series in English will cover Chemical Strategy, Zero Pollution Action Plan, Biodiversity strategy, Circular Economy, Climate change and Cities and will also help us to finalize the EU Research Agenda in the health, environment and climate change for this decade that will be presented in December 2021.

The first is “HERA and Zero Pollution Ambition” webinar on 23 February at 11.30 till 12.30. Speakers in the webinar are Ms. Veronica Manfredi (European Commission, DG Environment, Quality of Life), Ms. Sophie Perraud (HEAL), Mr. Ake Bergman (Karolinska University, Sweden) and Mr. Martin Scheringer (RECETOX, Masaryk University, Czech Republic). The webinar wants to uncover what are the steps to secure healthy ecosystems and a healthy living environment for European citizens. How can Europe shape the research in order to help achieve “Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil – building a Healthier Planet for Healthier People” that is in final stages of public consultation now? What are the current priority needs and gaps that we are facing?

All Interested stakeholders - researchers, policy makers, civil society representatives - not only from environment, health and climate communities, sectors and policy area are cordially invited to register by using URL: <https://forms.gle/yKB6DxmhJiUNRYiCA>.

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Note to Editors:

The HERA project consortium consists of 24 partners from environment, climate and health institutions across Europe covering both research institutes and health safety agencies from 15 EU countries and the World Health Organization. The HERA project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement N° 825417. Its outcome will be EU Health Environment Research Agenda with priority research needs in the health, environment and climate nexus for this decade. The document will be released in December 2021. www.heraresearcheu.eu

Tentative calendar of the webinars

Zero Pollution Strategy - 23 February 2021 at 11.30 am

Circular Economy - early April 2021

Chemical Strategy - mid May 2021

Climate Change and Cities - end June 2021

Biodiversity Strategy and Farm to Fork - September/October 2021

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