

# Update on TFH activities and work plan

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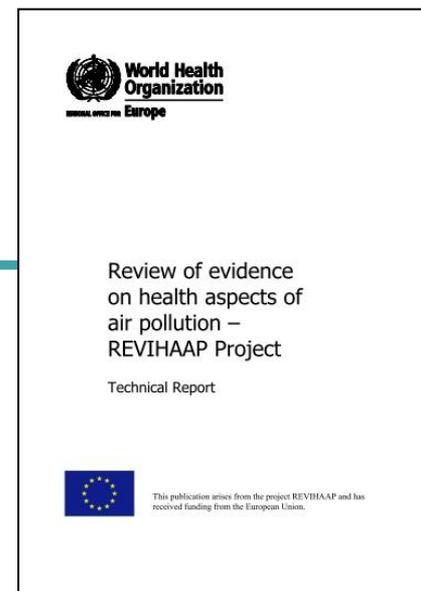
# Outline

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- Update on activities since last TFH meeting
- Presentation of work plan items for 2014-2015

# Update on activities

- Progress in research on health effects
  - 2013: Completion of WHO REVIHAAP and HRAPIE projects (all reports available on WHO EURO website)
  - 2014: WHO activities and public health recommendations for AQ (presentations and discussions 14 May)
  - 2014: Progress in research with focus on presentation of scientific evidence for communication with policy makers (presentations and discussion 15 May)



# Update on activities

- Monitoring and modelling of air pollution and its health impacts in States Parties to the Convention
  - WHO workshop: **Multiple exposures and risks: evidence review, knowledge transfer and policy implication training workshop**
  - 16-18 October 2013 in Bonn
  - One-day session on **Ambient air quality monitoring and health impact assessment**, attended by 28 national experts
  - Russian interpretation provided



# Update on activities



- Health aspects of biomass burning for residential heating
  - 2013: Recommendation from TFH experts to present scientific findings on health effects and related policy options and implications to a larger audience of decision-makers and administrators
  - 2014: Policy-relevant publication currently being developed; presentation 15 May afternoon
    - Update on content, and plan for finalization, publication and dissemination to be discussed

# Update on activities

- Methodologies and approaches for quantification of the burden of disease due to air pollution
  - 12-13 May 2014: *WHO Expert meeting on methods and tools for assessing the health risks of air pollution at local, national and international level*
  - Summary of workshop to be presented at TFH meeting

# Scope and purpose of expert meeting 12-13 May

- Propose an overview of available indoor and outdoor air pollution HRA methods and tools
- Identify general principles as well as appropriate methods and tools for conducting air pollution HRA for various scenarios and purposes
  - *Advice will inform a variety of HRA efforts (activities under UNECE TFH and TF HTAP, Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), others...)*

# Outcome of expert meeting

- Development of WHO publication on general principles and methods
- Target audience:
  - community of policy makers;
  - health risk assessment practitioners at local, national and international level;
  - end users from various sectors in international agencies, research and advocacy groups.

# 17<sup>th</sup> TFH meeting 14-15 May 2014

1. Review of the progress in research on health impacts of PM and ozone;
2. Update on the revision of the EU air policy;
3. Discussion on WHO public health recommendations for air quality;
4. Methods and tools for assessing the health risks of air pollution at local, national and international level (summary of WHO Expert Meeting);
5. Monitoring and modeling of air pollution and its health impacts in countries of eastern Europe, the Caucasus and central Asia;
6. Presentation of scientific evidence for communication with policy makers
  - Includes various national activities and update on publication on health effects of residential heating with wood and coal
7. Work plan of TFH.

# TFH work plan 2014-2015

- Develop further the methodologies for the assessment of effects of air pollution on human health (work plan item 1.2.3)
- Collect and analyze evidence on health impacts of PM and ozone (includes Black Carbon) (work plan item 1.2.4)
- Enhance the involvement of countries in the EECCA region (work plan item 1.1.10)
  - Prepare an annual report to the Executive Body of the Convention on recent findings and implications for policy (note reporting format has changed)