

Healthy Planet – Healthy People: A new guiding principle?

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Medicine knows: Diagnosis before treatment is vital.

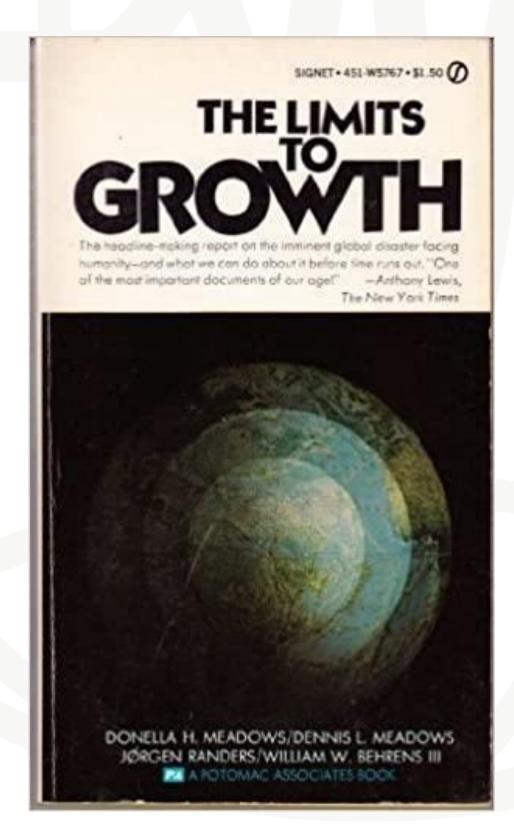
But when it comes to the climate crisis, we have done things the wrong way round so far!

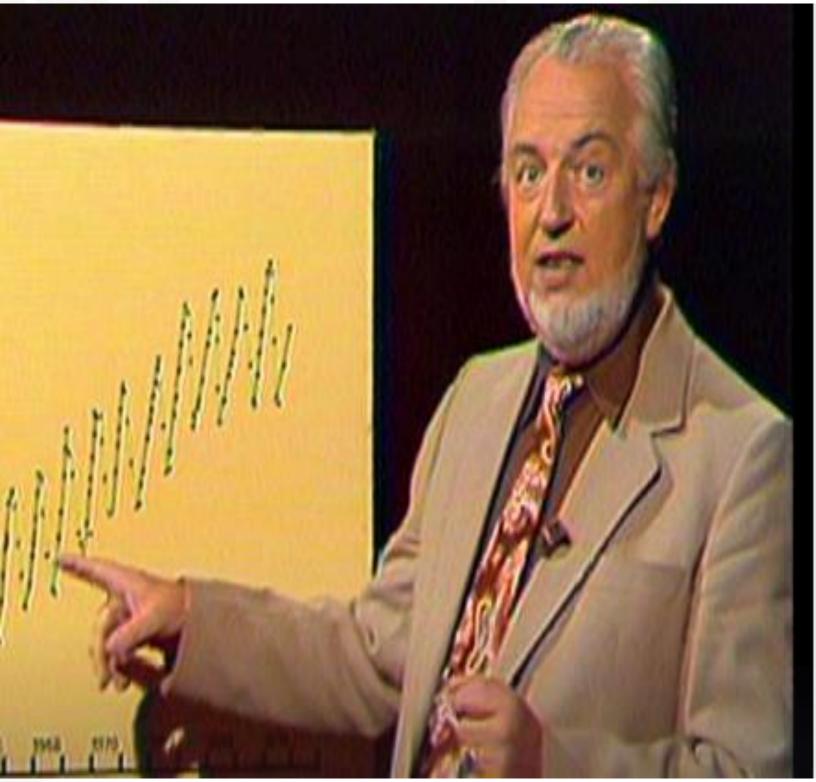
Source: The Lancet

"Research shows, that showing people research doesn't work."



Dr. John Sterman, MIT and Climate Interactive





The New York Times

Dr. James E. Hansen, a NASA scientist and leading expert on climate change, told Congress in 1988 that he was "99 percent certain" that human-induced global warming was real.

This week, Dr. Hansen, who retired in 2013, spoke on the sidelines of the Paris climate talks and criticized the negotiators' efforts to reach a deal on emissions as "half-baked."

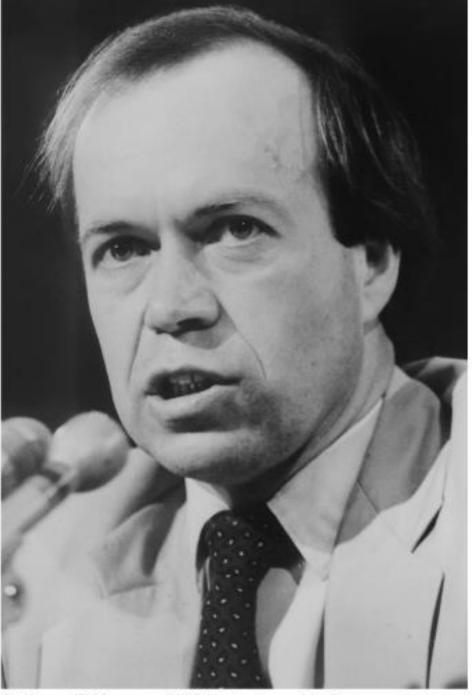
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From the Archives









Dr. James E. Hansen, a NASA scientist and leading expert on climate change, testified before Congress in 1988.

Climate Communication

Studies proof high effect of health argument

Health important for all groups of society, eye opener, high level of cross-party consent

Those who perceive health risks from climate change are more likely to approve climate protection measures

Recommend Climate Protection = Health Protection

As an argument



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How to communicate climate change – George Marshall

Healthy Planet - Healthy People



German NGO since 2020

Promote public awareness: healthy people can only exist on a healthy planet.

Climate communication that reaches, moves and inspires people to action.

Focus on solutions, a visionary approach and a good sense of humor.



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What is the story?

About climate change and health



Climate change is the greatest global health threat facing the world in the 21st century.

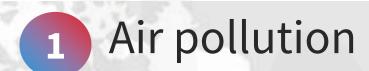
But it is also the greatest opportunity to redefine the social and environmental determinants of health.

Source: The Lancet / WHO











- High-threat pathogens



Noncommunicable diseases



Weak primary health care



Global influenza pandemic



Vaccine hesitancy



Fragile and vulnerable settings



Dengue





Antimicrobial resistance



- ... are linked to
- climate crisis
- biodiversity loss
- planetary boundaries

Source: WHO 2019

Doesn't matter in Europe?

...yes, it does.



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Climate: Europe warming faster than rest of world (IPCC)

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Climate crisis made summer drought 20 times more likely, scientists find

Record northern hemisphere drought in 2022 hit crops and power stations, worsening food and energy crises





Air pollution: Death Cause N° 1





Limiting air pollution 'could prevent 50,000 deaths in Europe'

World Health Organization estimates air pollution kills more than 7 million people each year



▲ Cities such as Paris, with their crowded streets and high energy use, are hotspots for illness and disease linked to air pollution. Photograph: Gonzalo Fuentes/Reuters

Limiting air pollution to levels recommended by the World Health Organization could prevent more than 50,000 deaths in Europe annually, according to research.

Heatwaves hit the vulnerable ones



DER TAGESSPIEGEL

Folge des heißen Sommers 2018

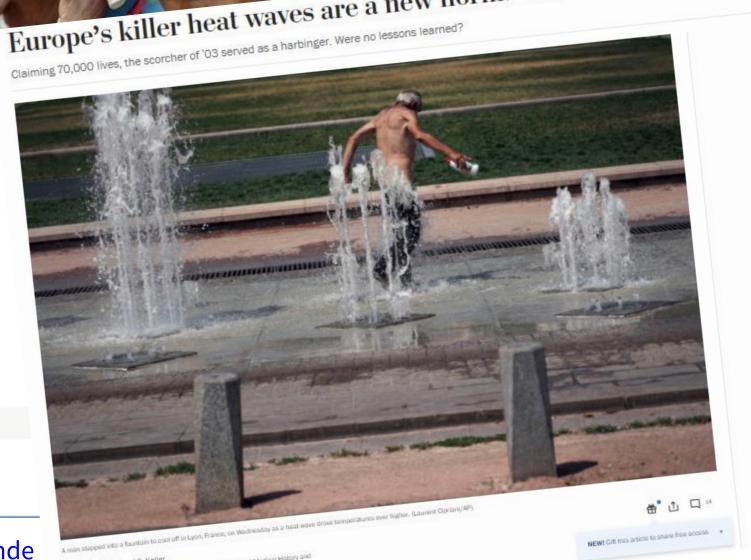
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Mehr als 800 Hitzetote in Berlin und Brandenburg

Forscher des Robert-Koch-Instituts haben ermittelt: Durch die Hitzewelle 2018 ist die Sterberate gestiegen. Kann Prävention den Anstieg abschwächen? von SIGRID KNEIST



Besonders für ältere Menschen ist die Hitze oft nur s



POLITIQUE - CLIMAT

Canicules, inondations: Paris de plus en plus menacé par le changement climatique

Avec le dérèglement du climat, la capitale risque de subir des vagues de chaleur récurrentes et des crues plus fréquentes, selon une étude réalisée pour la Mairie de Paris.

Par Denis Cosnard

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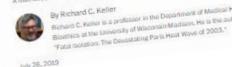
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e de la Seine au pont de Bir-Hakeim à Paris, le 26 janvier 2018. CHRISTOPHE



Sources: <u>Washington Post</u>, <u>Le Monde</u>



Floods at our doorsteps





Jahrhunderthochwasser 2021 in Deutschland

Bei der Hochwasserkatastrophe Mitte Juli starben nach derzeitigem Stand alleine in Deutschland mehr als 180 Menschen. Die Flut verursachte zudem Sachschäden in Milliardenhöhe. Expertinnen und Experten rechnen wegen des Klimawandels mit einer Häufung extremer Wetterereignisse.



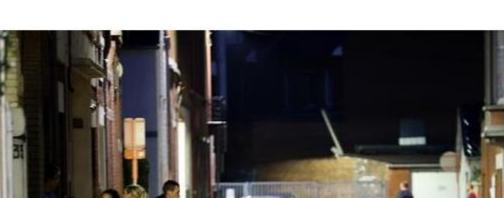
Aufgrund starker Regenfälle ist der kleine Fluss Erft in Erftstadt-Blessem über die Ufer getreten und hat massive Schäden verursacht. (© picture alliance / ASSOCIATED PRESS | Michael Probst)



Belgium hit with renewed flooding amid heavy rain

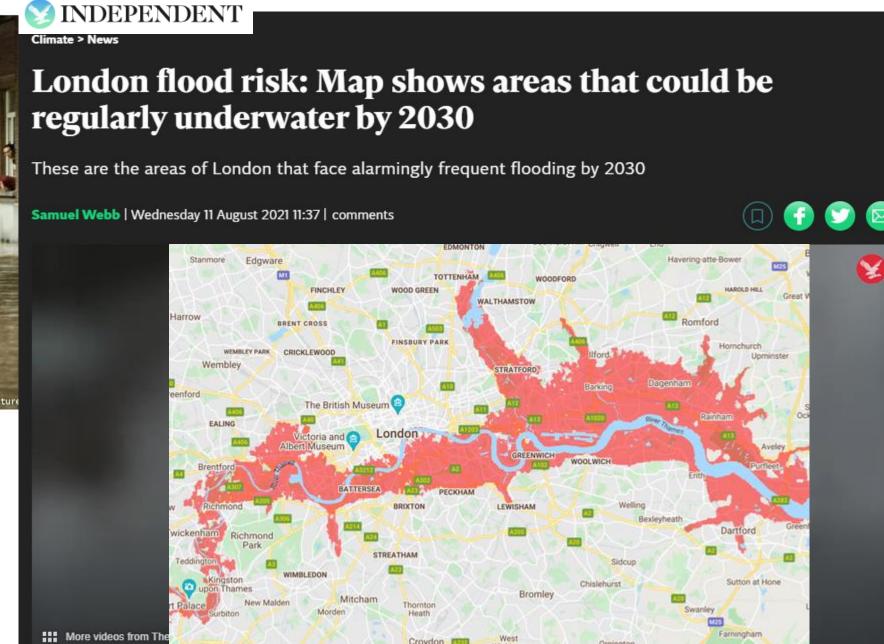
Parts of Wallonia, the southern French-speaking region of Belgium, were particularly hard-hit by the new floods. The town of Dinant saw considerable damage, with cars having been swept away by the waters.







The floods mostly impacted areas in the country's southern French-speaking region of Wallonia

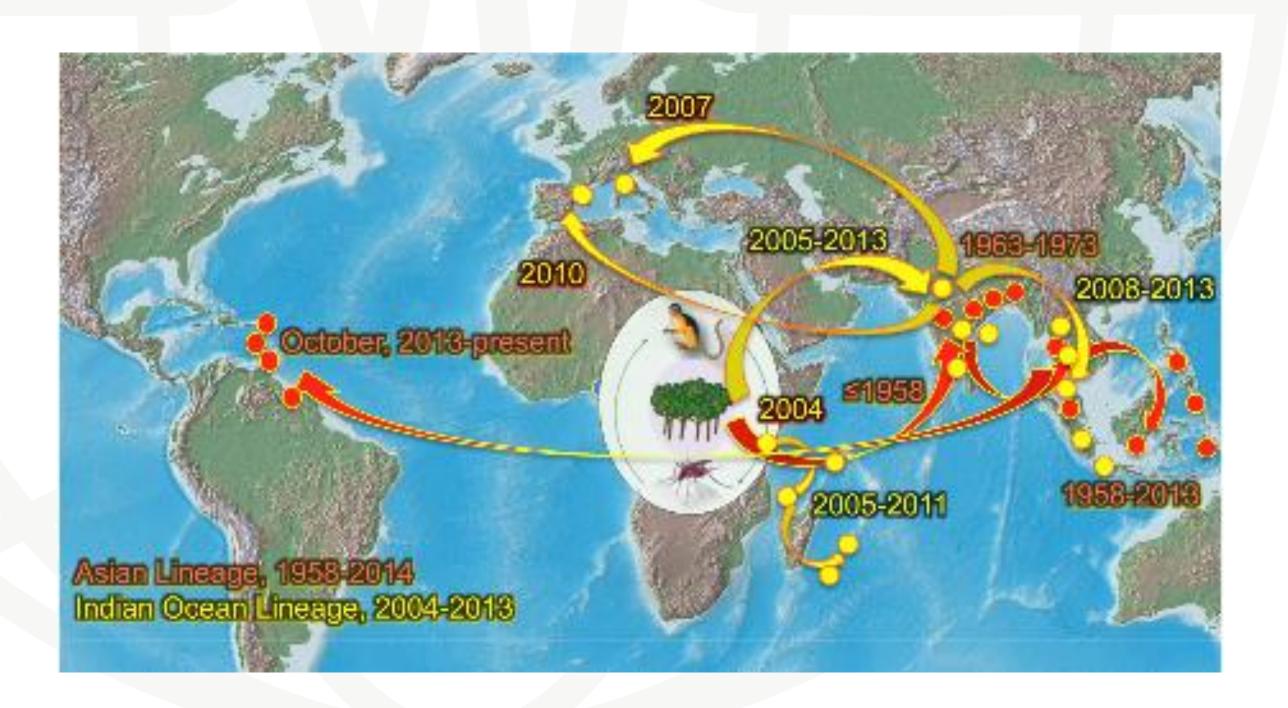


Sources: BPB, DW, The Independent

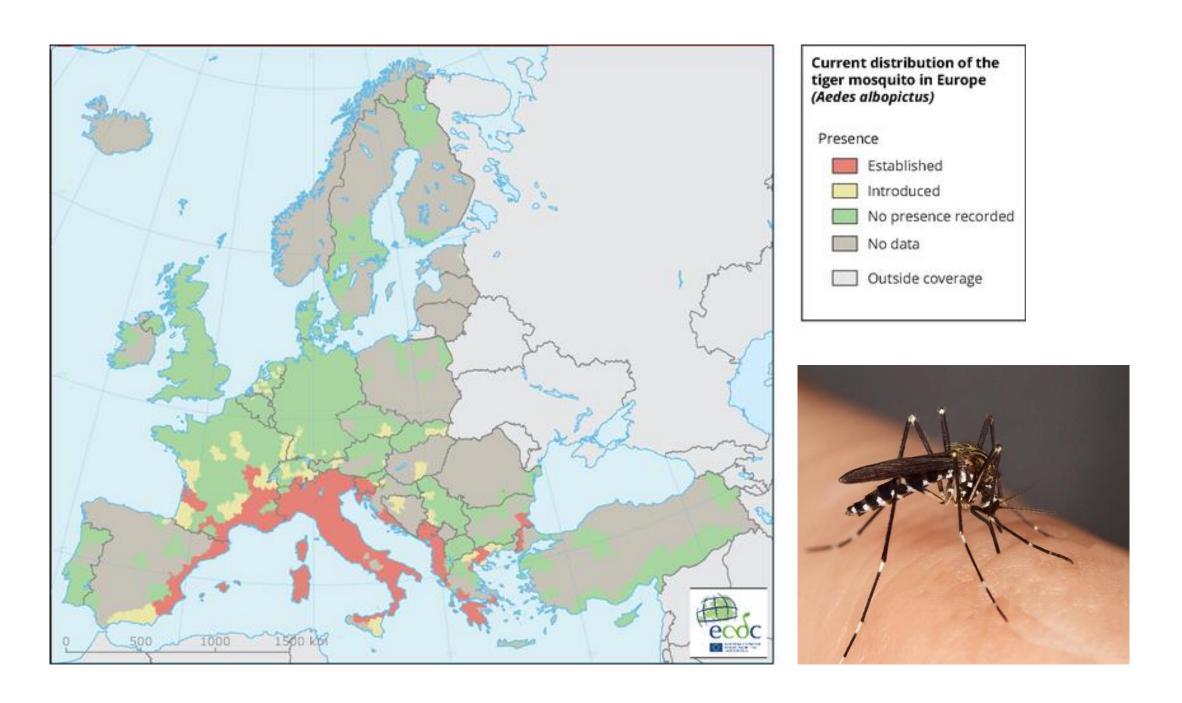
Tropical diseases in the middle of Europe



Chikungunya Virus in the New World



Tiger Mosquito in Europe



Health threat or opportunity?

There is still time to decide



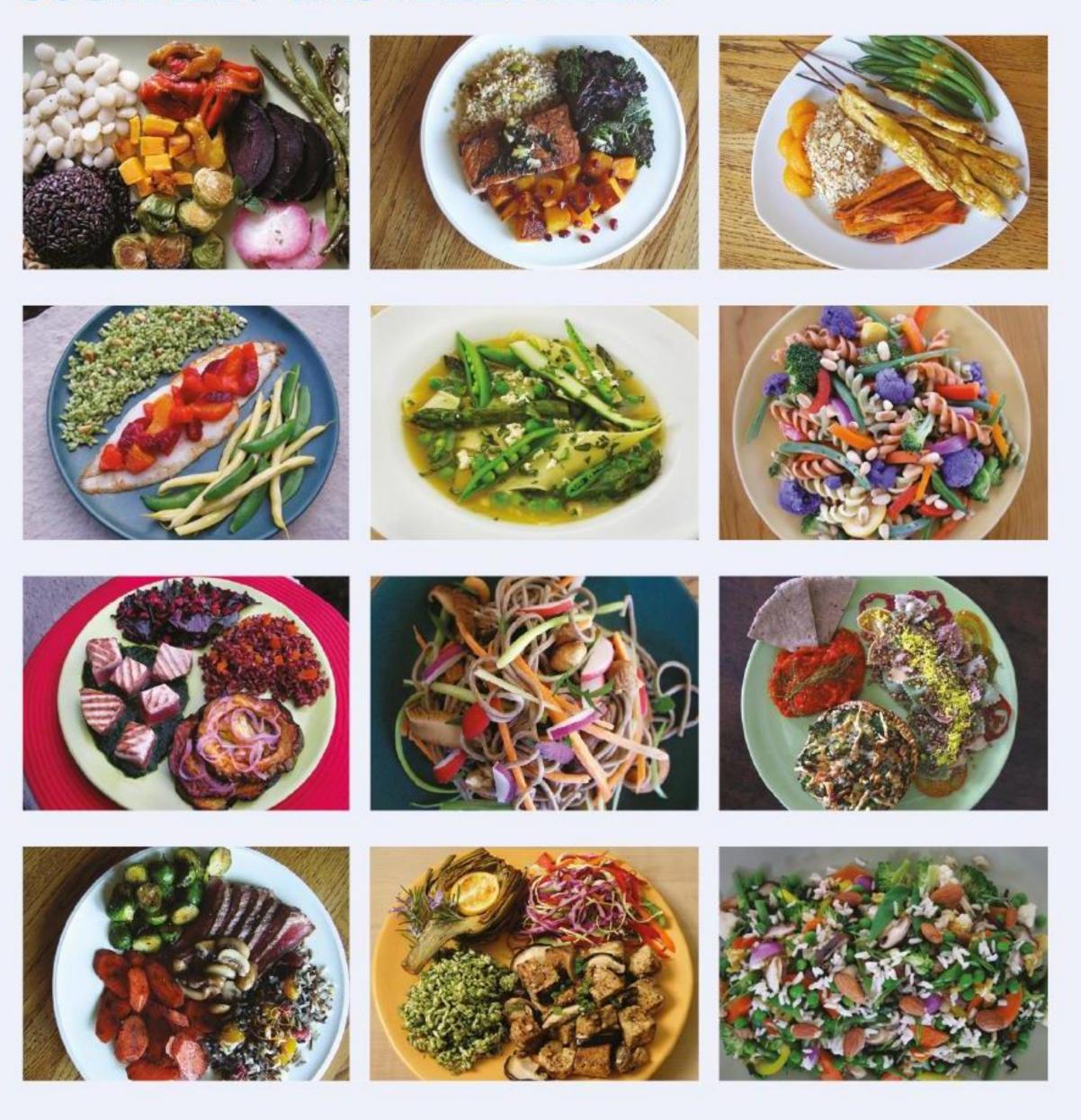


Source: The Global Health and Climate Alliance



Co-Benefit Planetary Health Diet

SUCHBILD: WAS FEHLT HIER?



Source: Molly Katzen



Co-Benefit Active mobility



Source: realutopien.info



Co-Benefit Healthier cities



Source: realutopien.info



Co-Benefit
Renewable Energy



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Two concepts gaining ground...

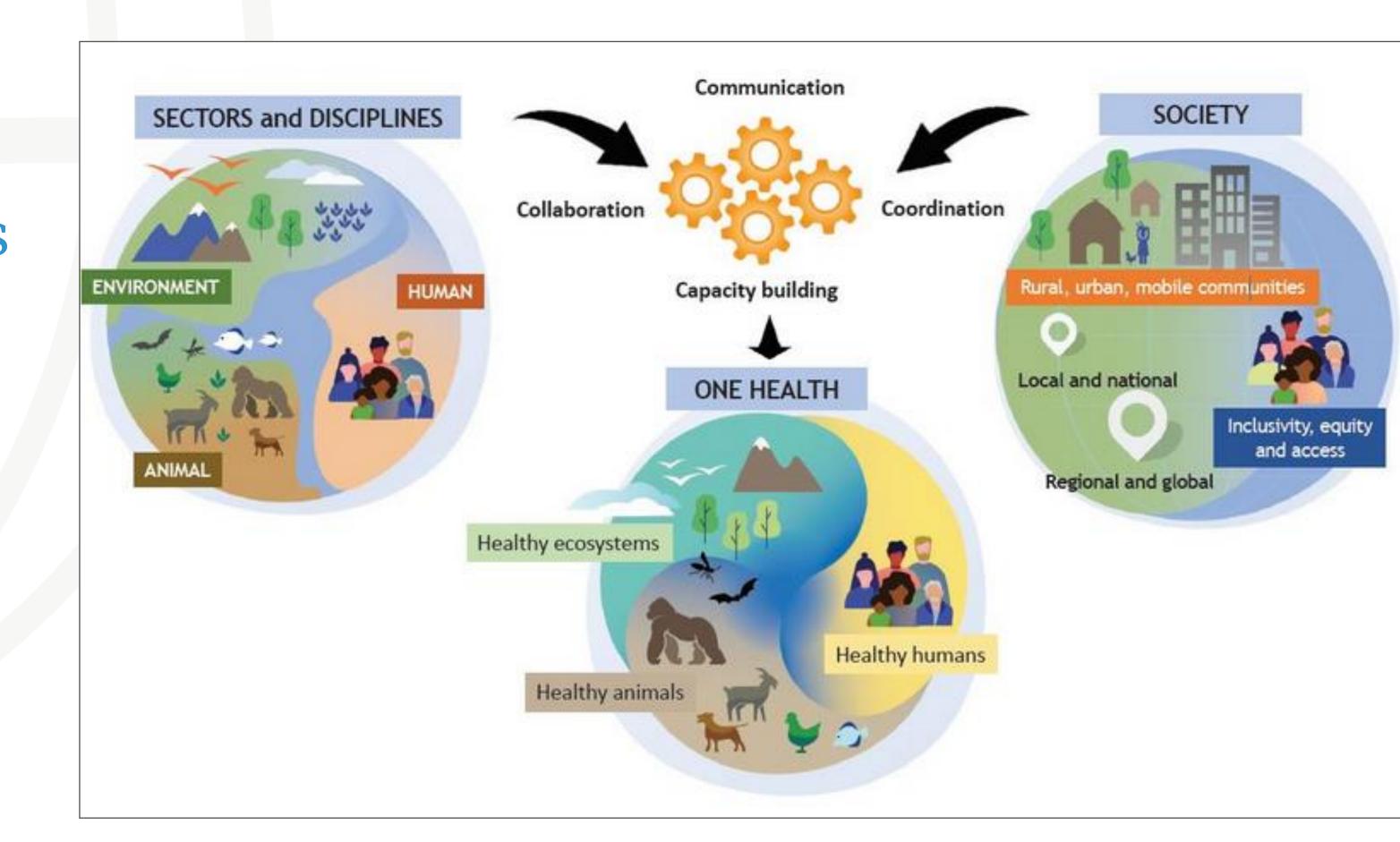


PLANETARY HEALTH:

The Health of Human Civilization and the Natural Systems on which it depends

ONE HEALTH:

Sustainably balance and optimize the health of humans, animals, plants and ecosystems













ONE HEALTH JOINT PLAN OF ACTION

(2022 - 2026)

Action track 1: Enhancing One Health capacities to strengthen health systems

Action track 6: Integrating the Environment into One Health

Action track 5: Curbing the silent pandemic of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)



Action track 4: Strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks

Action track 2: Reducing the risks from emerging and re-emerging zoonotic epidemics and pandemics

Action track 3: Controlling and eliminating zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases

... the approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, taking action on climate change, and contributing to sustainable development.

One Health in international politics



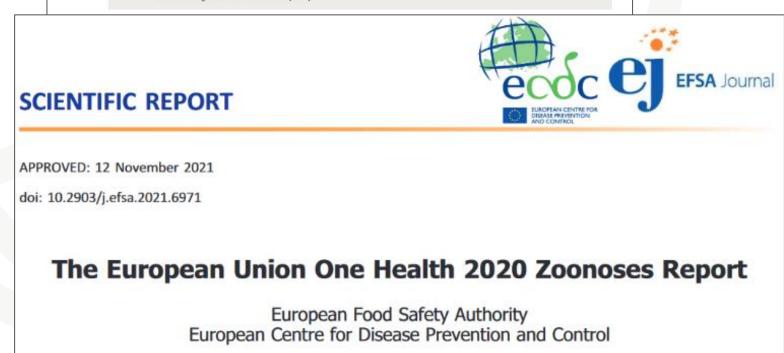










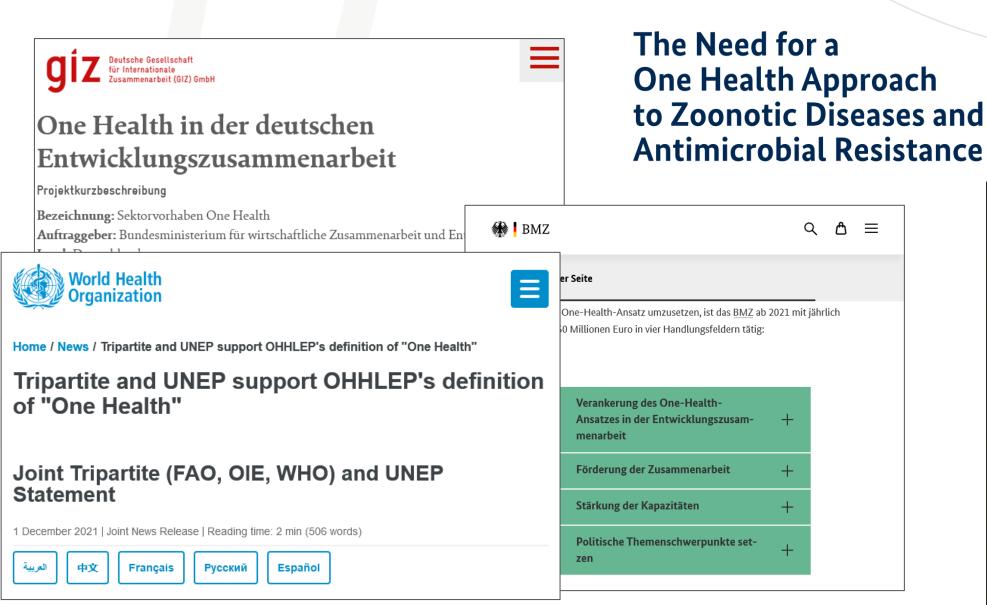




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Renewables for Health



Not just a technical or economic question...

Renewable energy for air quality and people's health

Socio-economic assessment tools, key findings and expert contacts



Health benefits of accelerated energy transition in Germany (1.5°C compatible pathway):

More than half of the air pollutant emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOX), sulphur oxides (SOX) and primary particulate matter (PM10) as well as mercury emitted by coal power plants between 2018 and 2030 would be avoided.

More than **20,000 premature deaths, 9,400 hospital admissions, and 420,000 asthma attacks in children** as well as around **6.7 million lost working days** could be avoided.

Between **18 and 53 billion Euro of damage costs** between 2018 and 2030 can be potentially saved.





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#Hitzewelle2022

"Deutschland ist laut
Lancet Climate Countdown
das Land mit den
drittmeisten Hitzetoten
weltweit. Es gibt zwar
Länder, die heißer sind als
wir, aber die haben auch
nicht so viele alte,
vorerkrankte Menschen."

Edianteen Hirschia



Effiziente Energie

Mit Abwasser heizen? Das geht!

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