

THE NIEPH NETWORK OF COOPERATING COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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SUMMARY

The National Integrated Programmes on Environment and Health (NIEPHs) in countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) are introduced.

The NIEPH programme is one of the primary activities of the Bilthoven Division of the World Health Organization's European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO-ECEH). Located in the heart of the Netherlands on the compound of the Dutch National Institute of Public Health and Environmental Protection (RIVM) in Bilthoven, WHO-ECEH's Bilthoven Division has established a small but effective team of highly motivated experts who can draw upon the expertise available both within the Dutch host institution RIVM as well within the ECEH Centre of WHO-EURO.

The NIEPHs have striven to lead the way in setting environmental health priorities in cooperation with our partners, taking into account not only what is relevant from the environmental health perspective, but also what is technologically and administratively feasible. The principal goal is to convert the information gathered by cooperating institutions into understandable information for policy and decision-makers and for the interested scientific community.

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