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# NEWSFLASH

Sharing initiatives to help tackle Environment and Health challenges in Europe

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## EDITORIAL

The ERA-ENVHEALTH network is pleased to share its new Newsflash. We are looking forward to sharing information on our activities, events, research projects and opportunities in the environment and health area. We hope in this way to contribute to their visibility and to stimulate exchange and collaboration among different actors involved in environment and health and enhance networking opportunities.

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## GEMAC

Go to UA -  
research group  
on emissions,  
modelling and  
climate change

## Get to know us

### University of Aveiro - Department of Environment and Planning

Joana Ferreira is an assistant researcher at the Dept of Environment and Planning of the University of Aveiro (UA). UA was created in 1973 and quickly became one of the most dynamic and innovative universities in Portugal. UA is a highly regarded institution of research led education, constituted by university departments, research units, polytechnic schools, interface units, and a vocational education network.



Joanna Ferreira - assistant researcher

Joana has a PhD on Environmental Applied, on the topic of air quality and human exposure. Since 2001, J. Ferreira integrated the research Group of Emissions Modelling and Climate Change (GEMAC), and CESAM (Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies), one of the UA research units. She has participated in several national and European

research projects and networks, like ERA-ENVHEALTH, developing research on air pollution, air quality management, human exposure and health impact assessment.

[Go to the CESAM website](#)



Hosted by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands



[See the preliminary programme](#)

Talks include among others:

- [Environmental health controversy](#), Tom Jansen, National Institute for Public Health and the environment (RIVM)
- [Chlordecone: building an integrated expertise between science, society and history](#), Fanny Debil, Yann Le Bodo, French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES)
- [Di-n-Hexylphthalate – how human biomonitoring helps to uncover gaps in regulation and improve products](#), Aline Murawski, Florian Kuhlmeier, German Environment Agency (UBA)

## Highlight of the month

[Register for the ERA-ENVHEALTH 2025](#)

[Open Conference -](#)

[Environment and Health Controversies](#)

[October 15, 2025, 9:15-14:00 CET](#)

[Environment and Health Controversies: Science, Society, and Policy in Dialogue](#)

Controversies and debates over environment and health issues have always existed at all times and everywhere. Think, for example, of glyphosate, Bisphenol-A, rubber granules, wind turbines, electromagnetic fields or Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances - PFAS. Society, science and policy then seem to confront each other based on different angles and claims about possible impacts on health and the environment of the investigated issue, technologies or substances (be they newly detected or emerging).

Our 'open conference' seeks to analyse these controversies and address the practical ways through which risk assessors and managers, and especially the research institutes, handle these differing angles and claims about adverse effects of technologies/substances. Through a series of examples of environment and health issues from various European countries that have generated controversy, we want to explore this question. The environment and health aspects of each case will be discussed, while paying particular attention to the social-scientific interpretation of the debate: examining their origin/drivers (how did it come about), the management strategy (how was it handled), communication approaches (what communication strategies were applied), successes (what worked), challenges (what did not work), and lessons learnt (what did we learn, what is the feedback and is there any good practice advice)? During this open conference contributions from institutes in different countries offering insight into how

Wind energy and health in the Netherlands, Oscar Breugelmans, Jeroen de Hartog. Municipal Health Service (GGD)

environmental health controversies are handled in European research institutes will be presented.

**Register here by September 23** for in person or online participation

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## Current initiatives

### Environment and Health data at ANSES



**Green Data for Health**

[\\*action 18 of PNSE4](#)

Common environmental data space for health.

**More information on  
the GD4H portal**

**More information on  
open access at ANSES**

### ANSES to coordinate Green Data for Health (GD4H) in support of environmental health

Since April 2025, ANSES is entrusted with the coordination of the GD4H.

GD4H brings together a community of French environmental health stakeholders, with the aim of facilitating the availability of environmental data and their cross-referencing with health data. Launched in 2020 under the fourth National Environmental Health Plan (PNSE4), the goal of GD4H is to improve understanding of the impact of environmental factors on health, by making it easier to cross-reference environmental data with health data. Although it is not a data warehouse, GD4H references all the available sources of environmental data and provides tools offering legal advice on accessing and sharing data. It also supports knowledge production and the cross-referencing of environmental health data through calls for projects and other initiatives in support of research and public action.

**Go to the GD4H portal**

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### PNR EST: ANSES continues to promote open access to data on the projects it finances

Facilitating access to research data and results is essential for the mobilisation of scientific knowledge. ANSES has recently launched a portal in the HAL open archive for publications relating to the projects funded by the National Research Programme for Environmental and Occupational Health (PNR EST). This supplements

a series of actions aimed at opening up data from the research projects financed by the Agency.

[Go to the HAL PNR EST portal](#)

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## Save the date



Joint Annual Meeting of the International Society of Exposure Science and the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology 2025

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

August 17-20, 2025

[More information](#)



**ISBM13**  
Milan 2025

13th International Symposium on Biological monitoring in occupational and environmental health  
Milan, Italy  
September 9-12, 2025

[More information](#)

**ISES Europe Workshop 2025**

20-22 October

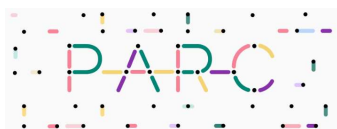
International Society of Exposure Science

2025 European Workshop on Exposure Science for Environmental and Health Policy  
Lisbon, Portugal  
October 20-22, 2025

[More information](#)

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## New opportunities



[More information on PARC staff exchange opportunities](#)

[Go to PARC's SSbD knowledge sharing portal](#)

### PARC Staff exchange: Boost your skills in ecotoxicology at the University of Aveiro

As part of PARC's efforts to build research capacity and promote collaboration, the University of Aveiro (Campus de Santiago, 3810-193 Aveiro, Portugal) is offering a staff exchange opportunity through its Department of Biology, to work under the supervision of [Prof. Susana Loureiro](#).

This short-term training (1-3 months; between September and May) is designed for researchers and professionals with BSc or MSc in Biology, or any related scientific area (postdocs are also possible), seeking hands-on experience in ecotoxicology.

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## Knowledge Hub on Safe and Sustainable by Design

A new portal on the strategic approach “Safe and Sustainable by Design” (SSbD) is online as part of the EU partnership PARC. It was created by a group of PARC partners jointly led by the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment and the German Environment Agency (UBA) and bundles information, tools and teaching materials as well as invites to exchange knowledge.

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## Join us

### What?

ERA-ENVHEALTH is an active transnational network which includes stakeholders in the Environment and Health field, stemming from a previous European-funded project which ended in 2012. It is a forum to discuss challenges, visions and emerging issues.

### Why?

The main purposes for the network are to share and exchange information and promote networking and joint activities (such as the annual open conference on specific topics of interest and newsflash).

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The network is based on "contributing and sharing"; each organisation participates on a voluntary basis.

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	Acronym	Name	Country
	<b>ANSES</b>	French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety	France
	<b>CNR</b>	Italian National Research Council	Italy
	<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency	Ireland
	<b>FPS HFCSE</b>	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment	Belgium
	<b>INSA</b>	National Institute of Health Dr Ricardo Jorge	Portugal
	<b>PHAS</b>	Public Health Agency of Sweden	Sweden
	<b>RIVM</b>	National Institute for Public Health and the Environment	Netherlands
	<b>Swedish EPA</b>	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Sweden
	<b>RECETOX</b>	National Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University	Czech Republic
	<b>UA</b>	University of Aveiro	Portugal
	<b>UBA</b>	German Environment Agency	Germany
	<b>UoWM</b>	University of Western Macedonia	Greece

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