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Full-Chain and Uncertainty Approaches for Assessing Health Risks in Future Environmental Scenarios

















General presentation

An Integrated Project funded under the EU 6th framework programme (FP6-2005-GLOBAL-4- 036976)

Thematic Priority 6.3 Global Change and Ecosystems

Twelve partners from 9 countries

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Background

The classical risk assessment paradigm:

- hazard identification of the stressor of concern
- dose-response assessment
- exposure assessment
- risk characterisation

BUT complex relationships between environment and health + many modifying factors, e.g. socio-economic factors, individual habits, etc

→ a need for innovative approaches and tools to address an integrated multi-stressor and multi-exposure assessment



Main goal

To provide decision-makers with state of the art tools to analyse the current and future trends in environmental conditions and pressures that may lead to health problems → to develop tools to identify priorities in environmental health management

→ A new approach

- from generic to flexible and realistic assessments
- from 'single-stress' to 'multi-stress' assessments
- from best estimate to assessments including uncertainty
- from sequential to integrated assessments



Specific Objectives

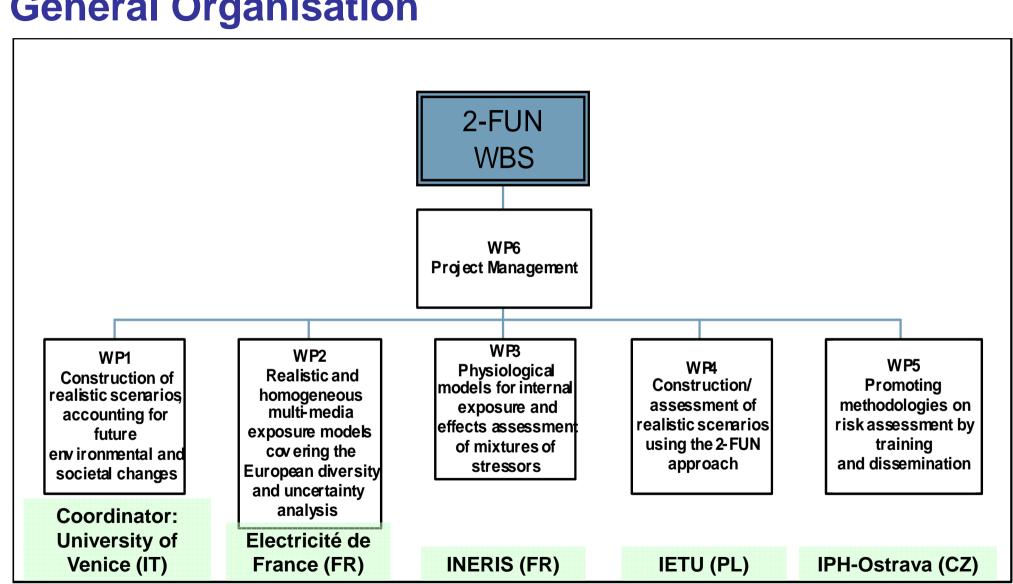
- Construction of long-term environmental and socio-economic <u>scenarios</u>:
 - * multicriteria analysis for prioritizing the factors to include
 - * downscaling quantitative descriptions of future climatic and socio-economic scenarios at regional/national level for a medium and long-term period
- Toxicity assessment for <u>mixtures</u> of substances:
 - * incorporating interactions and toxicogenomic data in physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) models and biologically based dose-response (BBDR) models
- Health risk assessment for selected groups of population:
 - reviewing and parameterizing specific exposure pathways for children
- Defining of <u>uncertainty</u> bounds and performing sensitivity analyses:
 - probabilistic analyses



Partners

Partner	Country	
Institut National de l'Environnement Industriel et des Risques (INERIS)	France	
Technical University of Denmark (DTU)	Denmark	
Electricité de France (EDF)	France	
Facilia AB (FACILIA)	Sweden	
Fundação da Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (FFCUL)	Portugal	()
Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (IETU)	Poland	
Institute of Public Health Ostrava (IPH)	Czech Republic	
Joint Research Centre – European Commission (JRC)	Europe	
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC)	Italy	
Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)	Germany	
Università Cà Foscari Venezia (UNIVE)	Italy	
Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO)	Belgium	

General Organisation





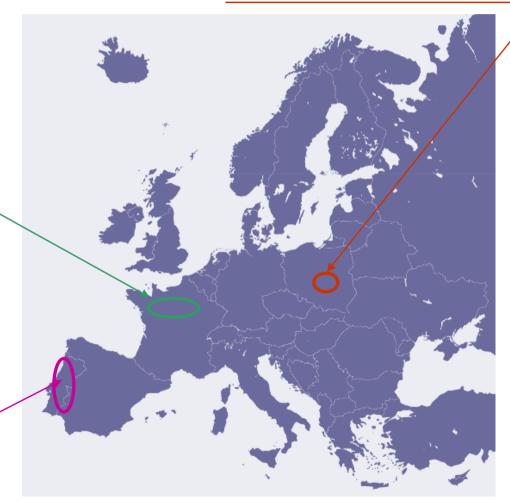


Three case-studies

covering different spatial and temporal scales

Selection of alternative industrial technologies for the management of a river watershed (River Seine-France)

Evolution of air pollutants and thermal stress in Portugal and implications for future health risk scenarios Land management in the heavy industry region of Upper Silesia (Poland), considering children-specific exposure pathways



Dissemination and environment

2-FUN also engages a structured dialogue with stakeholders

2-FUN is in close contact with 4 other projects supported under the 6th FP:

- HEIMTSA







- ENVIRISK









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