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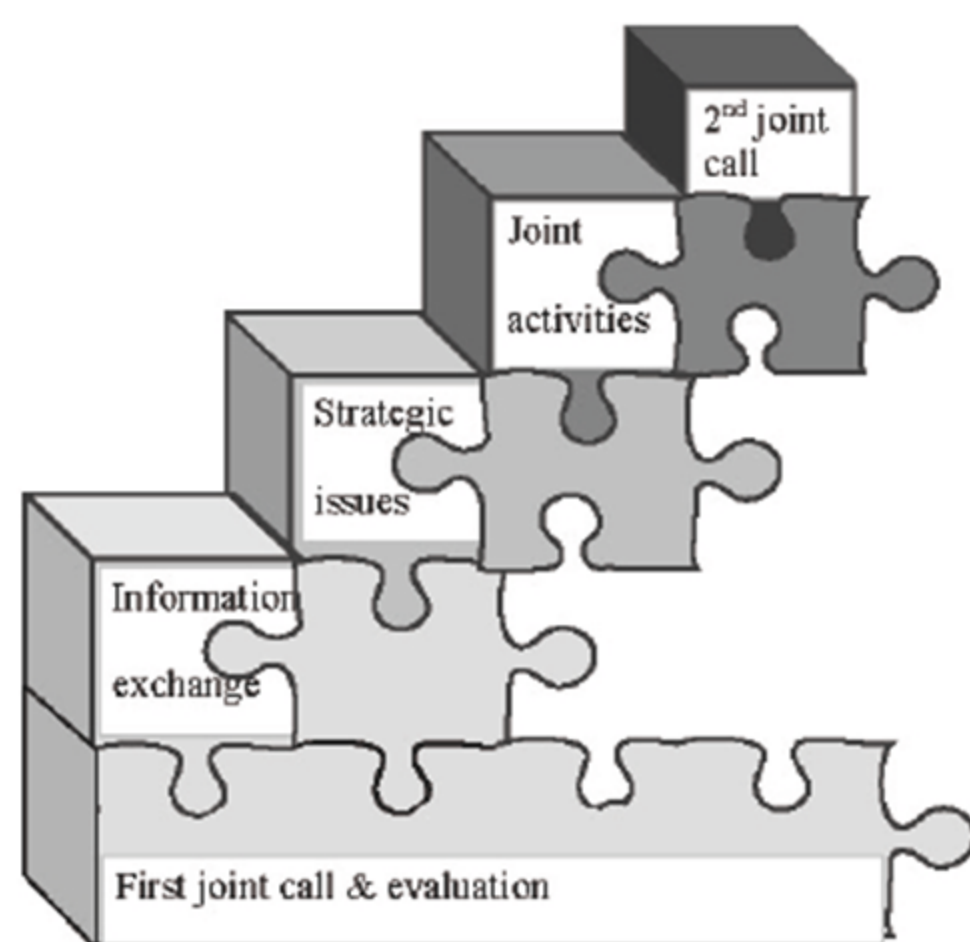
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ERA-ENVHEALTH

The **ERA-ENVHEALTH** project started on the 1st of September 2008. It is a “Coordination Action” project co-funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). It brings together **16 partners**, organisations funding and/or managing a research programme on Environment and Health (E&H), **from 10 countries**, for 4 years.



ERA-ENVHEALTH objectives:

- Respond to the recognised need for enhancing coordination through cooperation in E&H research.
- Provide a platform and network where existing E&H research communities can be potential users or contributors.
- Create a practical tool for the implementation of the European Environment and Health Action Plan 2004-2010 and to contribute to the “putting into practice” of the WHO Environment and Health research commitments.

ERA-ENVHEALTH outputs:

- Develop **expert and research programme databases** to structure and facilitate access, analysis and exchange of information on E&H issues in Europe.
- Identify and collect information on E&H programmes, managers and owners to **improve understanding** of current practices in programme planning and management.
- Identify **strategic and emerging E&H issues**, complementarities and clustering arrangements.
- Develop and apply a set of **prioritisation criteria** to prioritise these issues for joint activities and funding.
- Foster **collaboration** and implement **multi-national activities**.
- Fund and manage a **joint multi-national research call** on a specific topic and prepare the launch of a second call.
- Facilitate **communication** between E&H research programme managers, stakeholders, policy makers and researchers.

Preliminary results:

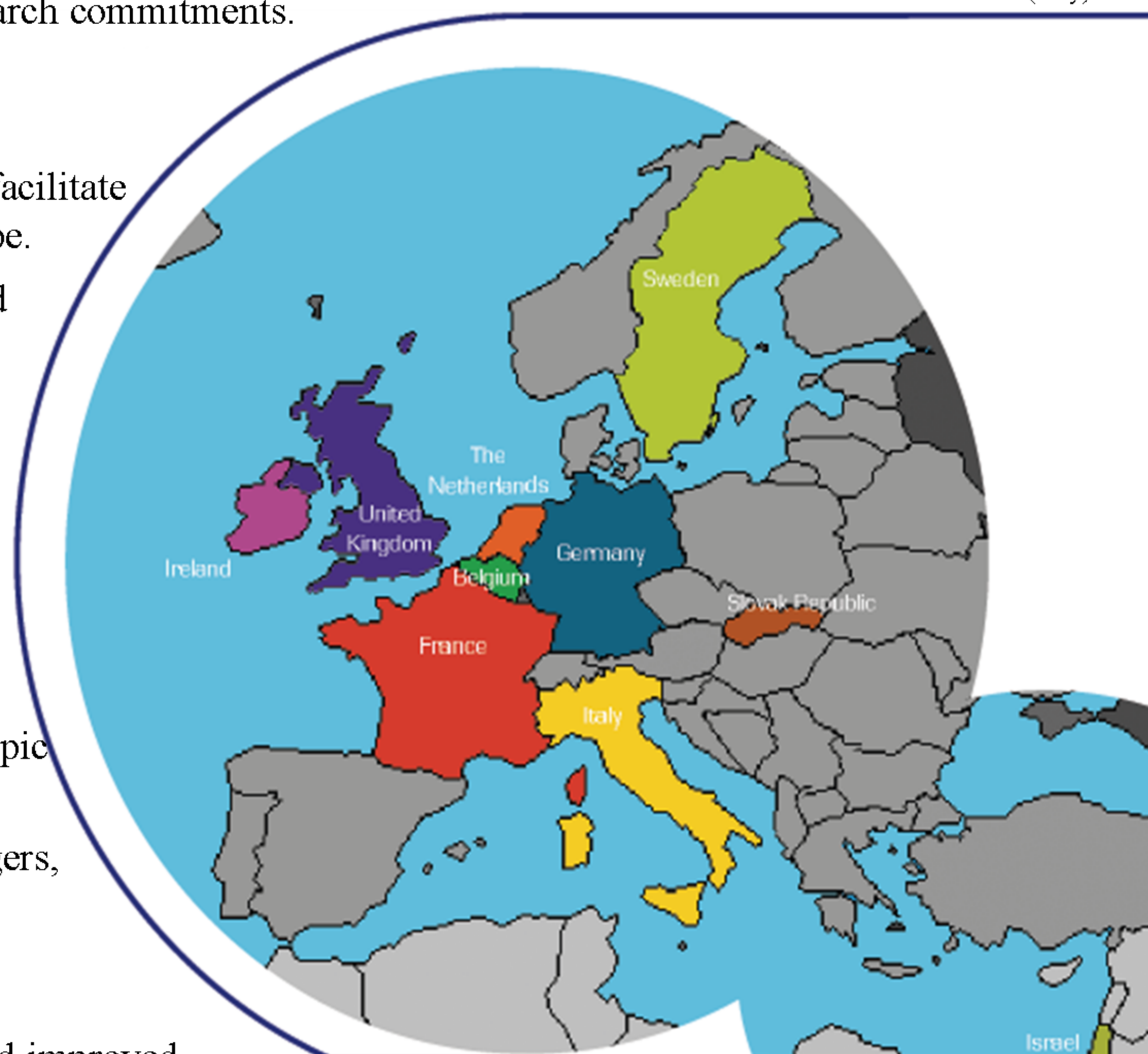
- After a year, **ERA-ENVHEALTH** has developed a shared vision and improved exchange of knowledge and expertise between countries through access to data at the European level (**project website**, **expert and research programme databases**). The consortium is analysing the data, identifying common research priorities and defining a set of prioritisation criteria to maximise the potential for joint funding of strategic E&H issues.
- Also, a **transnational joint call**, funded by 3 partners (Afsset, NERC, VROM), was successfully launched on: “Health vulnerability resulting from future climate change impacts on soil-water ecosystems, land use and water resources at regional scale” and two projects selected for funding, each with a partner from one of the 3 funding countries:
 - Risk assessment of the impact of climate change on infectious diseases
 - Environmental change and rising dissolved organic carbon trends: implications to Public Health

Preliminary conclusions:

- **ERA-ENVHEALTH** is bringing dynamism to E&H research in Europe by promoting collaboration, fostering innovative ideas and increasing its visibility as a key area.
- With the development of new programmes and changes to existing ones, the consortium expects an increase in the diversity of disciplines involved in research and in multinational projects.
- Furthermore, the information generated by **ERA-ENVHEALTH** project is a valuable resource for stakeholders who would like to improve public participation in environment and health policy.

PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT

- **French Agency for Environmental and Occupational Health Safety – AFSSET (France) - coordinator**
- Agency of the Environment and Energy Control – **ADEME (France)**
- Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Land Use Planning – **MEEDDAT (France)**
- Belgian Federal Science Policy Office – **BelSPO (Belgium)**
- Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment – **FPS (Belgium)**
- Environmental Protection Agency – **EPA (Ireland)**
- Superior Institute for Environmental Protection and Research – **ISPRA (Italy)**



- Swedish Environmental Protection Agency – **Swedish EPA (Sweden)**
- Ministry for Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment – **VROM (The Netherlands)**
- The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment – **RIVM (The Netherlands)**
- Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic – **UVZ (The Slovak Republic)**
- Environment Agency, England and Wales – **EA (The United Kingdom)**
- Natural Environment Research Council – **NERC (The United Kingdom)**
- Ministry of Health – **MOH (Israel)**
- Federal Environment Agency – **UBA (Germany)**
- National Research Council – **CNR (Italy)**