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Christophe DECLERCQ - InVS - St Maurice, France

WP5: Health impact and monetary costs of air pollution: using the best scientific evidence

Geoff: The largest team is headed by Christophe Declercq who like Sylvia is from the French Institute of Public Health Surveillance.

Its highly focused task is to use the best scientific evidence available to determine air pollution' health impacts and monetary costs at both the city and European levels.

Christophe, your team is the largest of all, tell us a little about your basic objectives and the benefits that you anticipate will come from the activities of such a large team.

Christophe: Yes, we are a large team but there is a lot of work to do. We want to provide policy makers across Europe with sound scientific results on health impacts of air pollution in a suitable and clear format that can help them in decision making.

So we have to provide Aphekom centres across Europe with tools and guidelines to perform these health impact assessments. We will also assist them in the process and we will also explore methodologies to translate these health impacts in financial terms to guide the decision makers.

Geoff: Christophe, thank you for your comments.