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Partners	<p>Health and Environmental Alliance (HEAL) Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)</p>
Title of the event	The impact of industrially contaminated sites on human populations, a global environmental health priority
Abstract	<p>The objective of this event is to describe the importance of industrial contamination for environment and health and present progress and experiences in current collaborative initiatives. Among these the COST Action on Industrially Contaminated Sites (ICSSs) and Health Network has been consolidating international cooperation to deal with the health challenges posed by ICSSs, with the main purpose to develop a common framework for research, assessment and response (http://www.icshnet.eu). Also numerous experiences, including carried out by NGOs and young people, address related issues</p>

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	<p>such as waste management and recycling and implications to environment and health.</p> <p>The meeting will recap needs and priorities in member states and will present key cases of contamination affecting air, soil and water. Several priority areas of the Ostrava Conference will be of relevance in the event, highlighting the need to adopt inter-sectoral and multidisciplinary approaches in this domain, especially for contributing to the Sustainable Development Agenda.</p>
Programme	<p>Chair: the Italian Minister of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrially Contaminated Sites and Health: the ICSHNet COST Action. <i>Ivano Iavarone, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, and WHO CC ITA97, Italy (10 min)</i> • Oil shale contamination in Estonia. <i>Jelena Tomasova, Estonian Health Board; Hans Orru, University of Tartu, Estonia (10 min)</i> • Industrial contamination of inland water resources in Italy: strategies for risk prevention and management. <i>Luca Lucentini, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy (10 min)</i> • Panel: creating a greener future (<i>Chaired by Hanna Gunnarson, WECF Germany (25 min)</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Industrial waste and solutions: mining and cyanide pollution in Romania. <i>Laura Turdean, Conservarea Biodiversitat, Romania</i> – Modern research for circular economy. <i>Dimosthenis Sarigiannis, University of Thessaloniki, Greece</i> – Recycling plastics: the importance of not recycling harmful chemicals into consumer products. <i>Miroslava Jopkova, Arnika, Czech Republic</i> – Waste minimisation initiatives: young social entrepreneurs leading the way on waste recycling. <i>Miriam Müller, Social-Minders, Germany</i> – Q&As • Commentary. Industrially contaminated sites: the way forward (<i>Marco Martuzzi, WHO; Pietro Comba, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy (10 min)</i>) • Plenary discussion (<i>10 min</i>)