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EU-funding for a healthier Europe

European health care services have to deal with high costs, caused by health problems that arise due to people coming into contact with different chemical compounds. Health effects can appear directly, but most of the time they become visible after a longer period of time. To reduce the number of illnesses, the European Union has invested in a project called PRONET. Within this project, solutions will be sought for health problems arising because of exposure to traffic or unhealthy indoor environments in peoples homes.

The coordination of the project lies with the Public Health Services Gelderland Midden in the Netherlands, in cooperation with partners from different EU countries. PRONET (Pollution Reduction Options NETWORK) looks at two different fields of attention: traffic and indoor air pollution. Traffic-related health effects arise mainly due to exposure to pollutants and noise. Health problems in the indoor environment are most of the time connected with a lack of ventilation and chemicals people come into contact with. Solutions are sought to improve health situations in these areas.

This is being done by looking at measures that are already applied in countries or regions within Europe. When these adjustments have proven to be effective in improving public health, they can also be implemented in other countries. Possible measures can be applicable in different settings, like adjusting maximum speed rates for cars, keeping heavy traffic away from a city centre or informing the public on healthy ventilation.

Reference

More information can be found on the website:

www.proneteurope.eu

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