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Key projects & publications supporting climate action for better health

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The Unpaid Health Bill: health cost assessment

First time numbers for the EU as a whole and for specific countries on how coal pollution harms health

- **18,200 premature deaths**
- **8,580 cases of chronic bronchitis**
- **4.1 million lost working days**
- **5,500 hospital admissions**
- **2.1 million days of medication**
- **28.6 million lower respiratory symptoms**

Available in English, Romanian, German, Polish; for Turkey, and Western Balkans

http://www.env-health.org/unpaidhealthbill
Europe’s Dark Cloud - 2016 report on cross-boundary air pollution

Total air pollution impact in Europe: approx. 470,000 premature deaths
Lifting Europe’s Dark Cloud - How cutting coal saves lives

In the EU the annual number of premature deaths caused by burning coal could be reduced from 22,900 to 2,600 deaths.
Energy subsidies damage the environment, causing more premature deaths through local air pollution and increasing atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations.

Phasing out fossil fuel subsidies would have multiple benefits for health:

- **Decrease in premature deaths**
- **Funds to make the transition to renewables**
- **Commitment to climate action**
- **More money for social spending**
- **A public health opportunity**

**New 2017 HEAL campaign on government subsidies for coal, oil and gas and the need for a phase out to benefit health**
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