



Indoor Air Quality in school environment

Preventing and reducing Children respiratory diseases (SEARCH Project)

FEDERASMA partnership in Italy experience

INFO note

The Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea, in collaboration with the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), is implementing the SEARCH international project in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, Serbia and Slovakia. Austria and Norway will also act as associated Countries.

The outcomes of the Project will be disseminated in Italy during the Environment and Health Ministerial Conference.

The objective of the project is

1. to assess the associations between the school environment and children's health
2. to make recommendations for improving the quality of school environment at the 5th European Environment and Health Ministerial Conference in Italy in the CEHAPE framework.
3. to transfer awareness raising initiatives for the prevention of respiratory diseases, particularly among families and school operators.

Italy developed a national task force to coordinate project activities (outdoor and indoor monitoring, spirometry test for about 1000 children involved in the study) and to implement through an *ad hoc* working group of all local authorities (6 different Regions) several further initiatives like:

- 1) development of a info booklet for parents and school operators on indoor risk from allergens and chemicals, low cost actions to mitigate and manage risks for children's health;
- 2) regional workshops for a in depth discussion of different environment and health issues regarding school indoor management (monitoring, cleaning practice, furniture and construction materials, green areas management) and children's health prevention measures (e.g. management of allergic crisis in school).

FEDERASMA is an active partner for all mentioned activities, namely through its network provided support to MoE for the selection of the school, the relationship between school managers and health and environment operators and, furthermore, is also involved in the organization and implementation of all the local workshops scheduled for the early 2009 summer and the booklet drafting which is expected to be published within the end of the year.

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