

## Supplemental Material

### **Environmental Burden of Disease in Europe: Assessing Nine Risk Factors in Six Countries**

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## Results by country

This section provides supplemental material for the environmental burden of disease analysis conducted for nine stressors in six European countries.

**Figure S1** and **Figure S2** show national results by country. **Figure S1** shows results by stressor. **Figure S2** shows the overall environmental burden of disease results by country compared with the total national burden of disease.

## Calculation parameters and uncertainties

**Table S1** shows the input parameters for calculating the burden of disease for exposure-response associations estimated using Method 2b (unit risk and bottom up calculation of burden of disease based on duration and disability weight of cases).

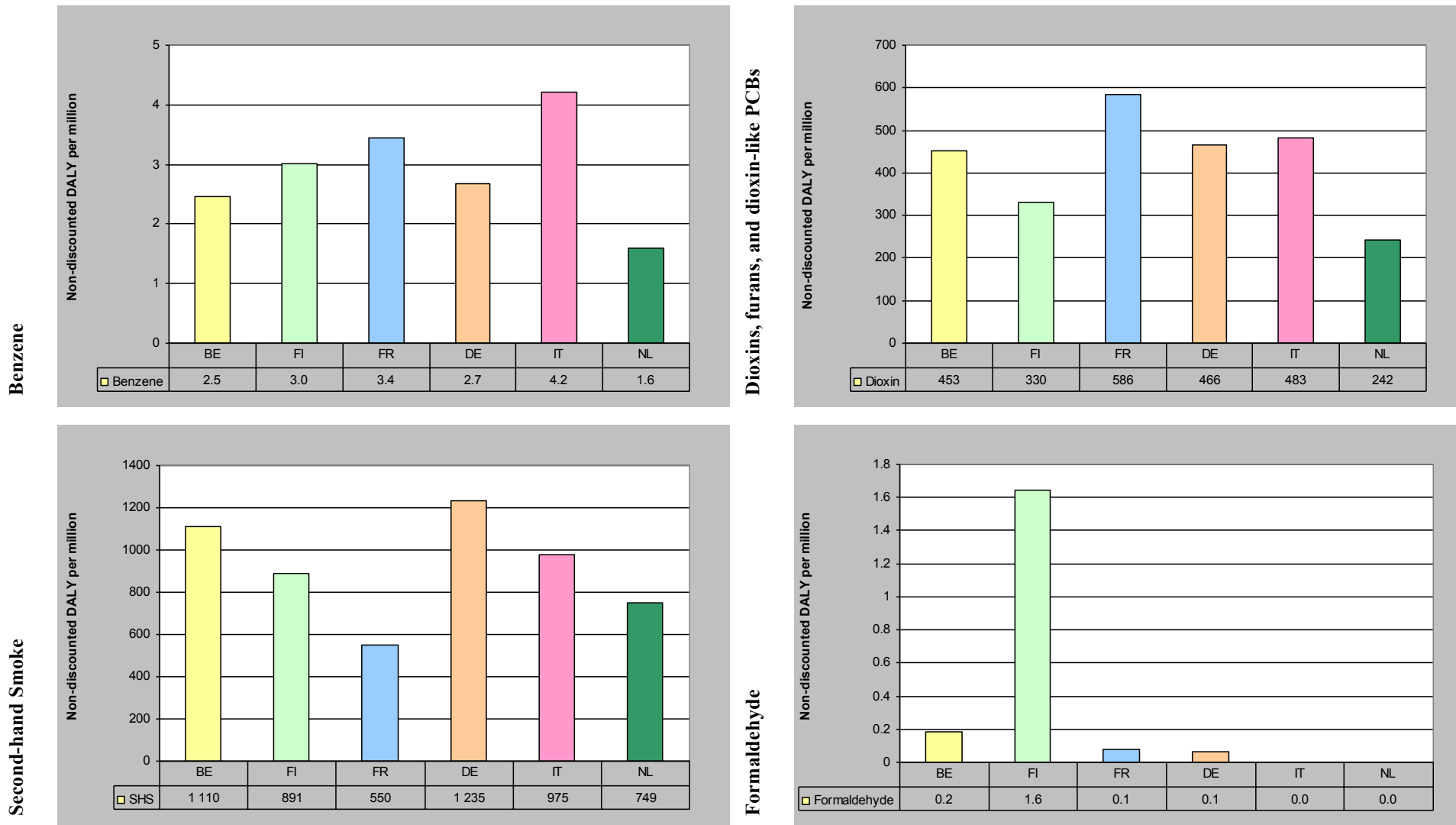
**Table S2** presents the identified uncertainties associated with the estimates. Numerical calculations were conducted to those factors presented in **Table S3**. The results of the uncertainty calculations are available in the project report (Hänninen & Knoll, 2011).

**Table S1.** Input parameters for calculating the burden of disease (method 2b).

<b>Stressor</b>	<b>Health endpoint</b>	<b>Disability Weight</b>	<b>Duration (yrs)</b>
Lead	Mild mental retardation	0.36	77.6
Lead	Hypertensive disease	0.2	3.6
Road traffic noise	High sleep disturbance (HSD)	0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1
Railway noise	High sleep disturbance (HSD)	0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1
Aircraft noise	High sleep disturbance (HSD)	0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1
Ozone	Minor restricted activity days	0.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.00274 (= 1 day)
Ozone	Cough days, children	0.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.00274 (= 1 day)
Ozone	LRS days in children (excl cough)	0.099 <sup>c</sup>	0.00274 (= 1 day)
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Restricted activity days (RAD)	0.099 <sup>c</sup>	0.00274 (= 1 day)

<sup>a</sup>Disability weight proposed by the WHO working group for noise impact assessment (confidence intervals 0.04-0.09). <sup>b</sup>Disability weight for pharyngitis. <sup>c</sup>Disability weight for lower respiratory infections (chronic sequelae).

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**Figure S1.** Undiscounted, un-age-weighted DALYs per million people per country. This figure is reproduced with permission from the copyright holder of Hänninen and Knol, 2011.

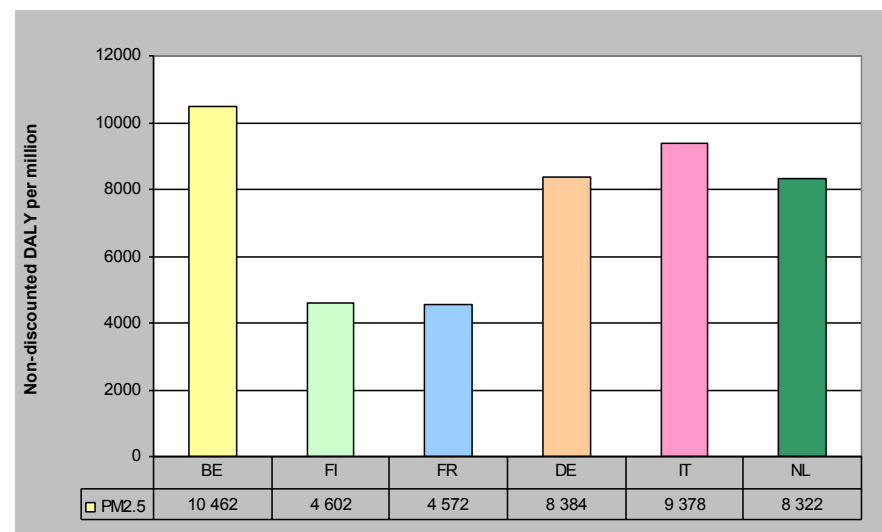
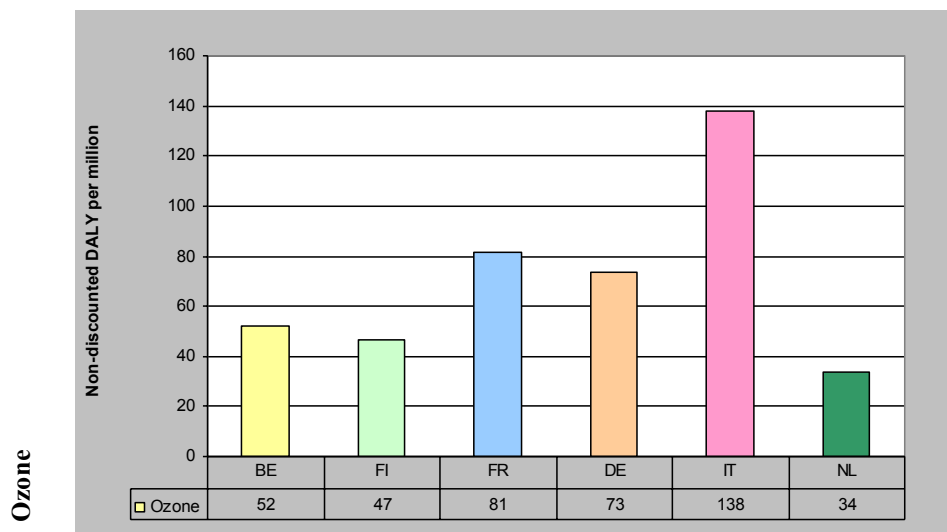
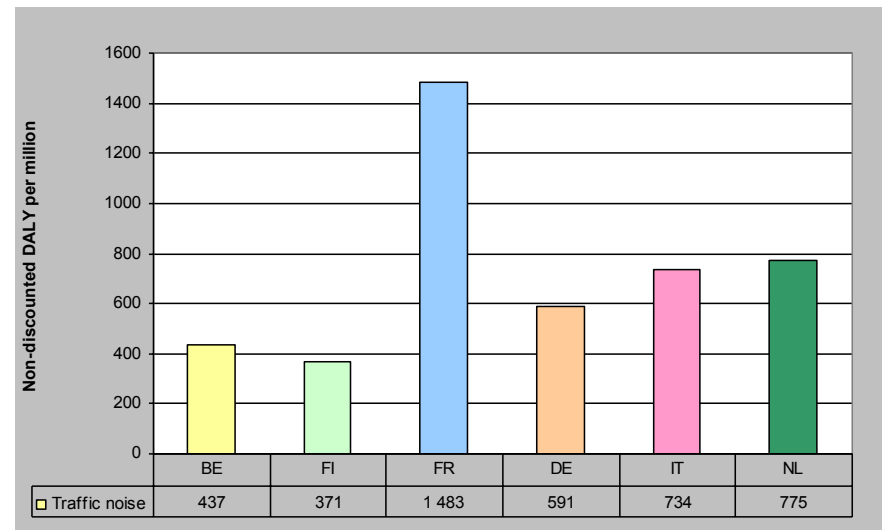
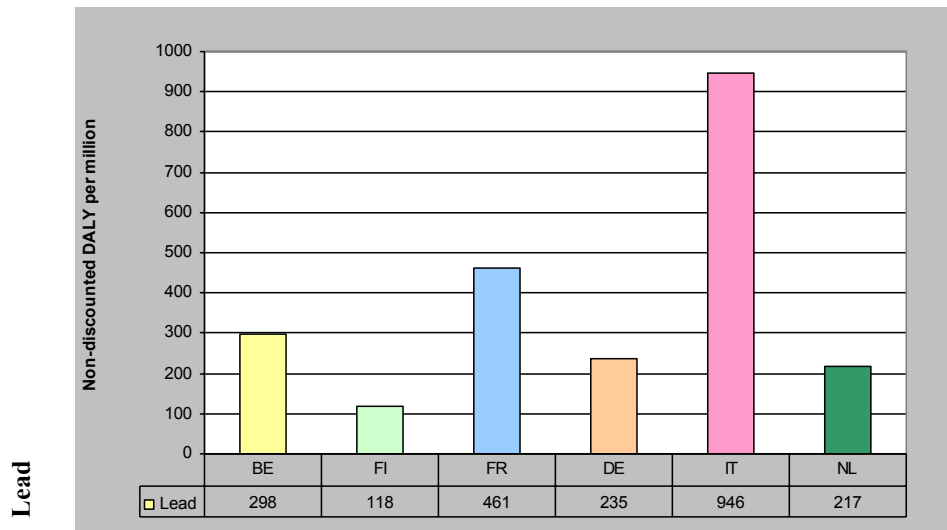
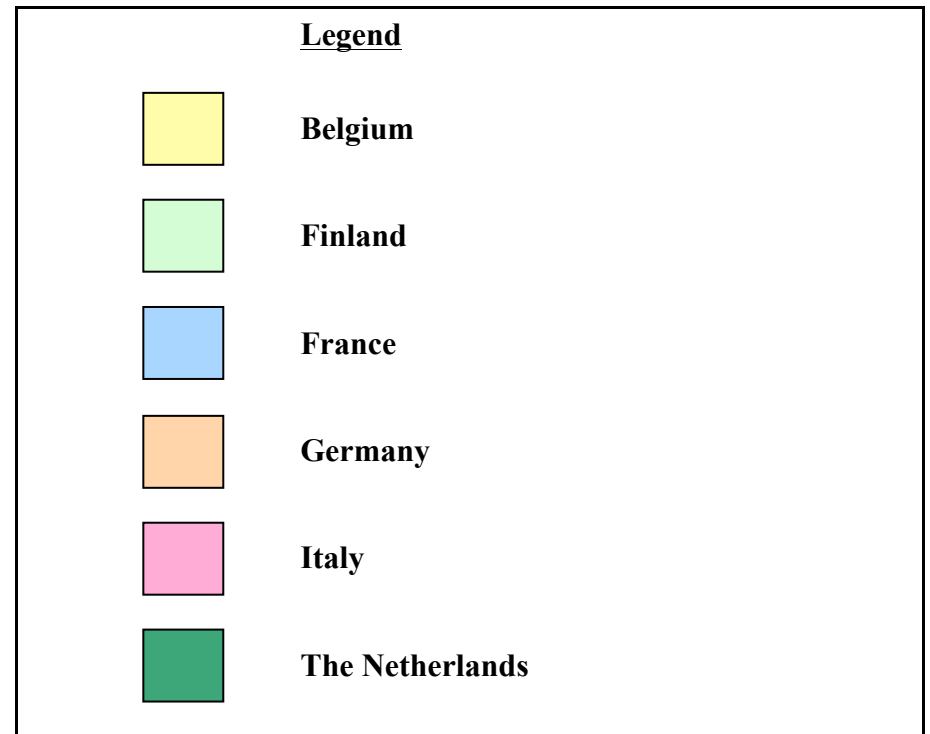
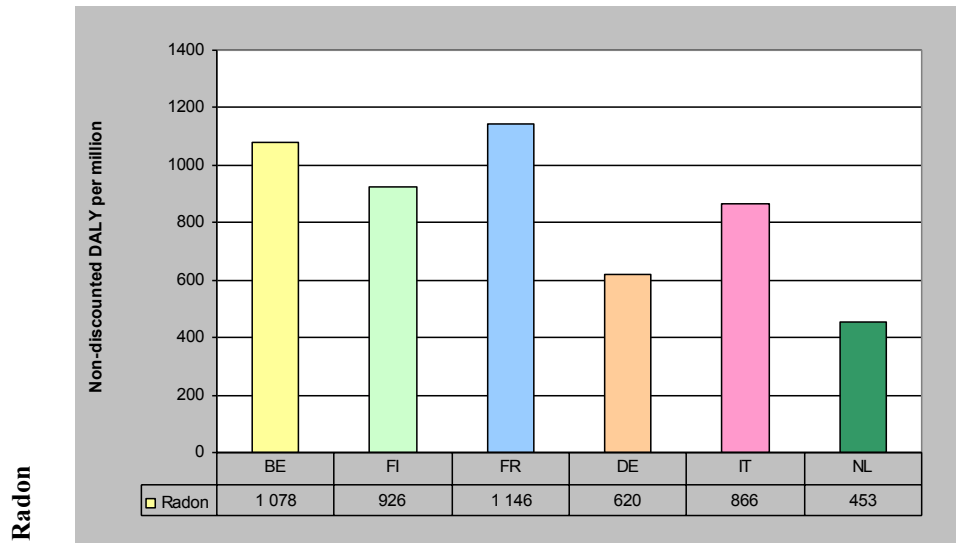
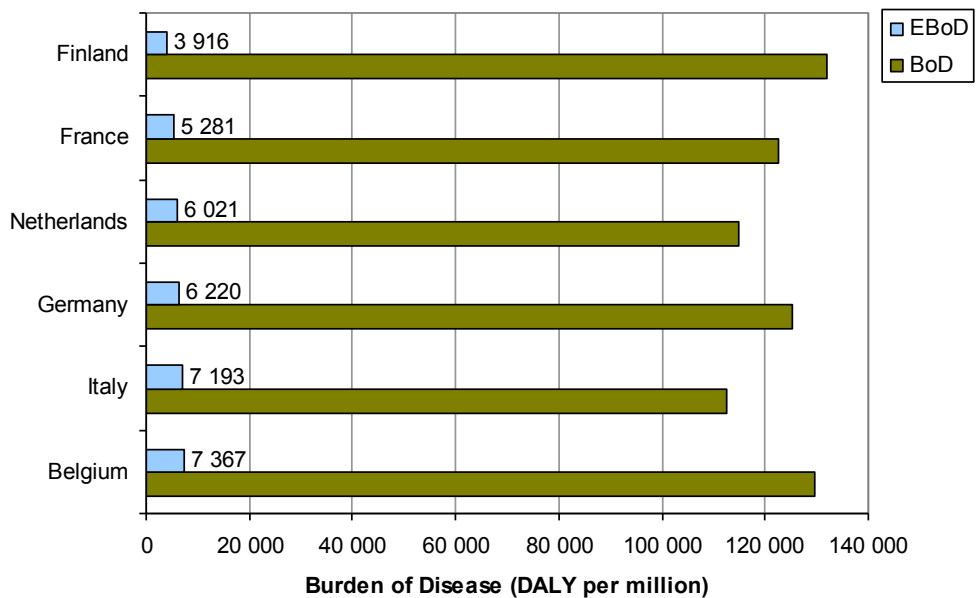


Figure 1. (continued).



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**Figure S2.** Environmental fraction attributable to the studied nine stressors (in blue) of the total burden of disease in the participating countries (discounted age-weighted DALYs per million people). This figure is reproduced with permission from the copyright holder of Hänninen and Knol, 2011.



**Table S2.** Identified sources of uncertainty in the calculations.

<b>Risk factor</b>	<b>Selection of health endpoints that are not included (but for which supporting evidence exists) and related assumptions</b>	<b>Exposure data</b>	<b>Exposure response function</b>	<b>Calculation method</b>	<b>Level of overall uncertainty <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Likely over- or underestimation <sup>b</sup></b>
Benzene	Anaemia; genotoxicity; other blood cancers than leukaemia; leukaemia morbidity; effects on the immune, endocrine and nervous system; acute effects. All cases of leukaemia assumed to be fatal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Population representativity varies</li> <li>- Differences in number of dwellings</li> <li>- Different types of measurements (indoor/outdoor; in – or excluding SHS, etc)</li> <li>- Sampling times differ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No specific relationships for children used (i.e. same UR used for all ages)</li> </ul>	UR method of calculating PAF results in overestimation because all cases are assumed to be fatal.	*	Underestimation due to excluded health endpoints, but overestimation due to UR method
Dioxins (plus furans and PCBs)	Effects on the immune, endocrine, reproductive and nervous system; tooth and bone defects. All cases of cancer assumed to be fatal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indirect exposure metrics</li> <li>- Different measurement methods</li> <li>- Daily intake of food depends on age, body weight and eating habits</li> <li>- Exposure varies within countries (from region to region)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uncertain cancer slope factor</li> <li>- Assumed additivity of the toxicity of different types</li> </ul>	UR method of calculating PAF results in overestimation because all cases are assumed to be fatal.	***	Underestimation of non cancer effects, Overestimation of cancer effects (all lethal)
Second hand smoke	Sudden infant death syndrome; low birth weight; reduced pulmonary function among children; acute irritant symptoms. Odds ratios used as RR estimates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data from different years and consequent temporal interpolation</li> <li>- Differing definitions of exposures</li> <li>- Data gaps for some countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ERF from earlier decades when questionnaire responses may have been less sensitive</li> </ul>	Various assumptions made, e.g. smokers are not susceptible to SHS	*	Underestimation due to excluded endpoints  Potential overestimation due to increased questionnaire sensitivity
Formaldehyde	Acute symptoms; nasopharyngeal and sinonasal cancers. Original data collected from <3 yr olds; potential effects at older ages not accounted for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data from different years</li> <li>- Population representativity varies</li> <li>- For some countries limited national coverage</li> <li>- Limitation in technique to detect peak exposures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shape of ERF</li> <li>- Threshold level</li> <li>- Partly inconclusive evidence for the endpoint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simulation of threshold exceedances</li> <li>- Selection of age groups</li> </ul>	***	Underestimation, mainly due to exclusion of ≥ 3year olds but also not accounting for eye irritation

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Lead	Other cardiovascular diseases than hypertensive disease; kidney damage; miscarriages; other effects of the nervous system; declined fertility; alterations in growth and endocrine function; behavioural disruptions; hearing-threshold changes; hyperkinetic syndrome; lung and stomach cancers. MMR: proxy for all lost IQ points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Differences in study year</li> <li>- Differences in studied age group</li> <li>- Incomplete data, temporal extrapolation and poorly known exposure trends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threshold level</li> <li>- Shape of ERF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence limited at prevailing low exposure levels</li> <li>- Estimation of threshold exceedances</li> </ul>	**	Underestimation due to excluded end-points
Transport noise	Annoyance; cognitive impairment, tinnitus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small proportion of target population is covered</li> <li>- Conversion between different noise metrics</li> <li>- Different samples</li> <li>- Different data estimation years</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disability weight for sleep disturbance is quite high</li> <li>- MI vs IHD</li> </ul>	**	Underestimation due to uncovered populations, low exposures, endpoints and noise sources
Ozone	Possible long-term effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spatial interpolation</li> <li>- Impact of urban areas</li> </ul>		YLL not known	**	Overestimation (YLL set to 12 months)
Particulate matter	Morbidity outcomes evaluated using the CAFE simplifications	- total PM (not just anthropogenic emissions)	- Potential threshold level	- Unit risk simplifications for morbidity outcomes	*	No substantial error expected or overestimation due to inclusion of natural background
Radon	none	- possible oversampling of geographical regions known problematic			*	No substantial error expected

<sup>a</sup>Estimated level of overall uncertainty in burden of disease estimates for specific stressor (authors' judgment)

\* relatively low level

\*\* medium level

\*\*\* relatively high level

This level may deviate from the level of evidence as presented in Figure 4-1 of Hanninen and Knol (2011), which provides an estimate of the certainty of the underlying knowledge about causality.

<sup>b</sup>Authors' judgment about whether results are likely to over- or underestimate the true EBD, given the uncertainties.

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**Table S3.** Parameters of alternative calculations. Bold values indicate the varied parameters in comparison to the baseline.

Stressor	Health endpoint(s)	Population	Exposure estimate	Unit of exposure	Type of ERF	Point estimate of ERF <sup>a</sup>	Reference(s) for ERF	Threshold	Calculation method <sup>b</sup>
Formaldehyde	Asthma aggravation (children)	Children (< 3 yr)	Mean residential indoor concentration	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	RR	1.017	Rumchev et al. 2002	<b>40, 60</b>	1A
Formaldehyde	<b>Nasopharyngeal cancer</b>	<b>All</b>	Mean residential indoor concentration	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	<b>UR</b>	<b>1.30 × 10<sup>-5</sup></b>	<b>Kerns et al. 1983</b>	0	2B
Lead	<b>Hypertensive disease</b>	Adults	Blood lead level	µg/l	<b>UR</b>	<b>2.50 × 10<sup>-2</sup></b>	<b>Fewtrell et al. 2003</b>	50	2B
Lead	<b>Ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, other cardiac diseases</b>	Adults	Blood lead level	µg/l	<b>RR</b>	N.A. (Age- and gender calculations conducted using a separate WHO model)	<b>Fewtrell et al. 2003</b>	50	1A
Transport noise	<b>Myocardial infarction</b>	All	Persons exposed to predefined exposure categories	Lday16h (dB)	OR	function	Babisch 2006	55	1A
Transport noise	<b>Ischemic heart disease</b>	All	Persons exposed to predefined exposure categories	Lday16h (dB)	OR	function	Babisch 2006	55	1A
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Cardiopulmonary diseases	Adults (> 30 yr)	Population weighted ambient level	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	RR	1.0077	Pope et al. 2002, WHO 2006a	<b>2, 4</b>	1A
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Lung cancers	Adults (> 30 yr)	Population weighted ambient level	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	RR	1.012	Pope et al. 2002, WHO 2006a	<b>2, 4</b>	1A
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	<b>Total mortality (non-violent)</b>	<b>Adults (&gt; 30 yr)</b>	Population weighted ambient level	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	<b>RR</b>	<b>1.0058</b>	<b>Pope et al. 2002, WHO 2006b</b>	0	1A
PM <sub>10</sub>	<b>LRS symptoms days, children</b>	<b>School children (5-14 yr)</b>	Population weighted ambient level	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	<b>UR</b>	<b>0.186</b>	<b>Hurley et al. 2005, WHO 2006b</b>	0	1A

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PM <sub>10</sub>	<b>LRS symptom days, adults</b>	<b>&gt; 15 yr with chronic LRS</b>	Population weighted ambient level	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	<b>UR</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>Hurley et al. 2005, WHO 2006b</b>	0	1A
Radon	Lung cancer (mortality)	All	Residential mean level	Bq m <sup>-3</sup>	<b>UR</b>	<b>6.6 × 10<sup>-7</sup></b>	<b>Darby et al. 2005</b>	0	2A

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## References to national exposure data sources

For characterizing the population exposures in each country to benzene, formaldehyde, dioxins and lead participating national teams reviewed various national studies.

For the exposure to benzene the outdoor levels from the publicly available air quality database system (AirBase) of the European Environment Agency were considered in conjunction with national studies on indoor sources and levels. Formaldehyde exposures were characterized using data on residential indoor concentrations. The dioxin (including furans and dioxin-like PCBs) exposures were evaluated against WHO mother's milk data, while the final exposures were quantified as daily intakes based on national estimates.

Lead exposures were characterized as blood lead concentrations building on national human biomonitoring projects assuming a log-normal exposure distribution in each country. The references for the national data sources are listed below. Additional information on the application of national exposure data can be found in (Hänninen & Knol, 2011).

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### ***The Netherlands***

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## **Dioxins (including furans and dioxin-like PCBs)**

### ***Belgium***

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Janson C, Kunzli N, et al. 2006. Changes in active and passive smoking in the European Community Respiratory Health Survey. *Eur Respir J* **27**: 517-524.

## ***Belgium***

Swaans M, Spruyt R, Bormans L, Verbeke D, Poelmans E, Goelen F, Geyskens R, Swinnen. 2008. Onderzoek naar degezondheidskwaliteit van Vlaamse woningen. Eindverslag. Studie uitgevoerd in opdracht van Toezicht Volksgezondheid. 2008/MIM/R/137

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### **Formaldehyde**

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