

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) have partnered to undertake a Prioritisation Exercise on the future direction of Environment and Health research in Ireland. Through research and engagement with stakeholders the objective is to identify knowledge gaps, research needs, and areas of strategic opportunity for Ireland. This will enable the production of a comprehensive Roadmap capable of informing the future direction of the EPA and HSE's (and other national funders) research support in this area.

Environment and Health research is defined as research that seeks to advance our understanding of the *associations between environmental opportunities and threats, and human health and wellbeing*. It encompasses three broad environmental dimensions: Natural Environment, Built Environment, and Lifestyle Consumption and Behaviour.

The prioritisation exercise will be undertaken in several stages and the CIRCA Group has been commissioned to assist EPA and HSE with the process. This Survey forms an integral part of the exercise and your cooperation in completing it would be greatly appreciated. Individual views will be kept confidential, and only the overall results and anonymous opinions will be included in CIRCA's report to EPA and HSE.

1. What best describes the purpose and activity of your organisation?

	Natural Environment / Conservation	Built environment	Health and wellbeing	Lifestyle or behaviour issues
Finance/resourcing (e.g. grant-maker, fundraiser)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of buildings or facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of services (e.g. training, support)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocacy & information (e.g. campaigning, advice)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Representation (e.g. umbrella group, trade assoc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

2. How relevant to your organisation's activities or interests is the proposed Environment and Health Research Agenda ?

*The agenda or 'Roadmap' will be used to guide the EPA and HSE in informing funding levels and topics in future research programmes in the field of environment and health.*

- Very relevant
- Relevant
- Not relevant
- Don't know

3. Please rank the following research themes in order of their importance for your organisation

<input type="text"/>	Ecosystem Benefits for Health
<input type="text"/>	Safe Water
<input type="text"/>	Clean Air & Noise
<input type="text"/>	Chemicals, Pollutants and Other Threats
<input type="text"/>	Radiation Protection
<input type="text"/>	Climate Change and Health
<input type="text"/>	Environmental health impact assessment
<input type="text"/>	Lifestyles, behaviours and health
<input type="text"/>	Housing and health
<input type="text"/>	Environmental threats to/for food safety
<input type="text"/>	Workplace safety and wellbeing

4. Does your organisation provide funding for research in any of the above fields of environment and health to other institutions in Ireland ?

- Yes - regularly
- Yes - occasionally (please elaborate below)
- No

Additional comments:

5. In which of the following ways do you collaborate or interact with any individual researcher, or research organisation? (click all that apply)

- Data collection and/or analysis or interpretation of global or national research outputs
- Funding of research
- Presentations/Seminars
- Trials
- Mutual advice
- Advisory Committee
- We do not have any interaction with researchers or their organisations
- Other (please specify)

6. Has your organisation published any policy or information material relevant to determination of national policy on environment and health

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If Yes, please specify below (or provide a link to the relevant material)

7. What do you believe to be the major national policies, strategies or frameworks that are supporting a national Environment and Health Research Roadmap?

8. Please provide up to 10 Environment and Health research topics/needs which you deem to be a national priority over the next 5-10 years, and also provide a short rationale for each, i.e. why is research on this environmental opportunity, threat or other issue of significance to Ireland's future health and wellbeing.

**Topic 1**

Rationale

**Topic 2**

Rationale

**Topic 3**

Rationale

**Topic 4**

Rationale

**Topic 5**

Rationale

**Topic 6**

Rationale

**Topic 7**

Rationale

**Topic 8**

Rationale

**Topic 9**

Rationale

**Topic 10**

Rationale

9. Please provide further information on your organisation

Name of organisation

Website with further information on your organisation

\* 10. Are you responding on behalf of your organisation ?

- Yes
- No
- On behalf of a division, group or section within my organisation (see below)

Section or division

11. Are there other people within your organisation who should be consulted on this issue ? If so, please provide their email addresses below.

## Thank you

We appreciate your taking the time to complete this survey. Individual views expressed will be kept confidential, and only the overall results and anonymous opinions will be included in our report to EPA and HSE. If you have queries on its purpose, or how the data will be used, please contact Jim Ryan in CIRCA Group at: [jim.ryan@circa.ie](mailto:jim.ryan@circa.ie) or 087 2456402. CIRCA Group is an Irish consulting company specialising in research management and science policy issues.

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