CLEAN AIR FOR HEALTH

Air pollution is the top environmental threat to health in Europe.

It leads to hundreds of thousands premature deaths per year and billions of Euros in health costs.

It is also a major risk factor for new cases of and existing disease exacerbation and all chronic diseases. Short- and long-term exposure increases the risk of cardiovascular and heart disease, stroke, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer. It is also linked to reduced lung function, impacts on the developing brain and central nervous system, increased risk of preterm birth and reduced birth weight that in turn create additional health risks later in life. And it increases the risk for diabetes, obesity and dementia.
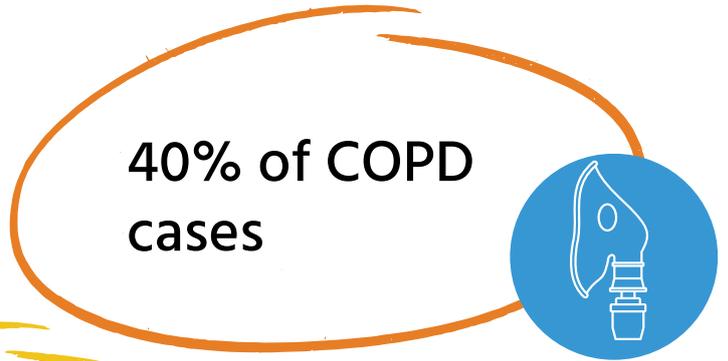
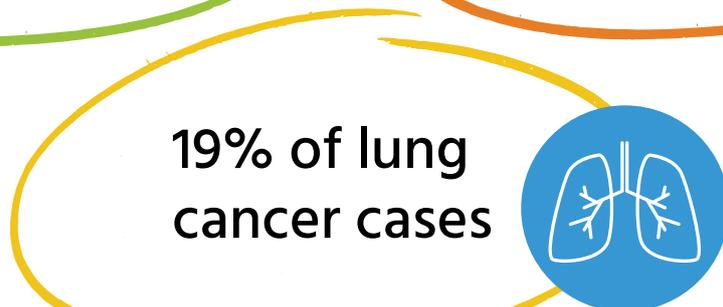## Every year, air pollution causes

16% of asthma cases in children
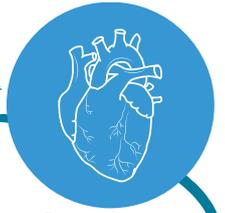
25% of heart attacks

30% of lower respiratory infections

40% of COPD cases

19% of lung cancer cases

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