

Printed Leaflets

Leaflets are also designed presenting selected "Level 1" summaries in languages including now Arabic, Turkish Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.



See also the short report summaries on the Blog of GreenFacts

- The cancer risks associated to **combined estrogen-progestogen** use
- **Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)** and its derivative (APFO):
- Food contamination in Germany: **useful facts and perspective on dioxins** impact on health
- **Flame retardant decabromodiphenylether** toxicity: and risk reduction measures in the EU
- Hazards and risks for human and the environment of **chlorine and sodium hypochlorite**:
- Toxicity, hazard and health risks related to **bisphenol A** set by EU Food Safety Agency - EFSA
- **No significant errors in the summary of the 4th Assessment IPCC report** on climate
- **Obesity, overweight and health**: little sign of positive trend, says a EU report on nutrition
- **Mobile phone use and brain tumours** : no link found by study coordinated by IARC
- **Marine litter & plastic particles** as a vector of persistent, bioaccumulating & toxic substances

They have already collaborated with GreenFacts

- The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation,
- The European Commission's Directorate General for Health and Consumers,
- The UK's Department of Food and Rural Agriculture (DEFRA) & the Convention on Biological Diversity,
- The International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD),
- The Belgian Environmental Federal Public Service,
- The Belgian national organization for radioactive waste (ONDRAF / NIRAS),
- The United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring (UNEP-WCMW),
- The Scientific Research and Innovation Institute of the Brussels-Capital Region- (IRSIB-IWOIB), Belgium,
- The Direction Générale des Ressources Naturelles et de l'Environnement of the Walloon Region - Belgium,
- The Institut français du pétrole (IFP),
- The International Polar Foundation,
- The European Chemical Industry Council – CEFIC,
- The Environmental Foundation Bellona,
- The Corporate Social Responsibility Rating Agency Vigeo

- They support the GreenFacts Initiative : Euractiv - Ferrari Textiles - Solvay

GreenFacts

Facts on Health and the Environment

- Nanotech's,
- GMO's,
- Energy saving lamps,
- Indoor air pollution,
- Ecosystem changes,
- Mercury or Fluoride,
- Climate change,
- Biodiversity,
- Electromagnetic fields
- Plasticizers
in school supply,
- AIDS or Malaria,
- Forest & Energy
- Health effects
of alcohol or tobacco,
- etc ...

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GreenFacts Digests :

An access to reliable scientific knowledge in various languages

Scientific reports from international organizations, institutions and scientific bodies are selected and summarised in an accessible language by the GreenFacts editorial team. In order to ensure their accuracy and faithfulness to the original scientific reports, **these summaries are peer-reviewed under the authority of an independent Scientific Board,**

often by the organizations involved in the production of the original report.

Now more than 50 themes covered from Air Pollution to Biodiversity, from Chemical substances to Climate change, Consumer safety or Disease prevention, Energy, Food & Lifestyle, from Radiation & Electromagnetic fields to GMOs and Risks of new technologies.

The screenshot shows the GreenFacts website interface. The 'Latest publications' section features five categories with corresponding images: Pthalates in school supplies (pencils), Energy Saving Lamps (light bulbs), Malana (a lizard), Forests & Energy (a forest), and Fisheries (fish). The 'Popular Publications' section features five categories: Climate Change (2007) (Earth globe), Genetically Modified Crops (crops), Ecosystem Change (a person in a field), Arctic Climate Change (iceberg), and a 'More...' link with a leaf icon. To the right, a 'Co-Publications' section is visible, showing a 'EU Projects - Summaries of 20 Scientific Assessments' article.

GreenFacts also publishes "Co-Publications" which are produced in close collaboration with the European Commission's Health and Consumers Affairs (DG SANCO), in order to provide easy access to the opinions of its scientific committees.

<http://copublications.greenfacts.org>.

Worldwide recognition by decision and opinion makers

With close to 4 million visitors per year, the website GreenFacts.org is increasingly recognised and used worldwide by large audiences and in particular many professionals and decision makers. It is seen as a very valuable source of factual and reliable information on health and the environment.

Many GreenFacts Digests rank very high in Google search results. Over the past twelve months, there were about 19 500 active links.

Examples of high positioning of the GreenFacts Digests in Google searches :

- "Climate Change-Global Warming" (EU): **4th** among **18 million** references
- "Alcohol and health" (WHO): **6th** among > **23 million** references
- "Phthalates" (EN) : **21th** among **728.000** references
- "Air Pollution" (EN) : **25th** among **153 million** references

The list of the Scientific Board members, as well as of other GreenFacts bodies is available on www.greenfacts.org

Among the Most Recent GreenFacts Publications

GreenFacts Digests

- Agriculture and Development
- Global Public Health Threats
- Drug-resistant Tuberculosis
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Energy technologies - Scenarios to 2050
- Genetically modified crops
- Arctic climate change

Co-Publications with DG Health and Consumers

- Electromagnetic Fields
- Indoor Air Quality
- Dental amalgams (Impact on Health and Environment)
- Phthalates in school supplies
- Personal Music Players and Hearing
- Use of non human primates in research
- Energy saving lamps and health

The attractiveness of the GreenFacts Digests: their three-levels structure*

- **Level - 1 :** summarises the original document content into 7 to 10 questions and answers;
- **Level - 2 :** details each answer of Level-1 through a series of more precise sub-questions;
- **Level - 3 :** points to the parts of the source document containing the detailed information.

The screenshot shows a web page for a digest titled "2. How do psychoactive drugs affect health?". The page has a navigation bar with tabs for "Level 1: Summary", "Level 2: Details", "Level 3: Source", "Links", and "About". The "Level 1: Summary" tab is active, showing the main text of the digest. Below the text, there are two images: one of a hand pouring liquid into a glass, and another of a hand holding a cigarette. Each image has a caption: "See also GreenFacts' Alcohol Study" and "See also GreenFacts' Tobacco Study". At the bottom of the page, there is a link that says "More info in Level 2 -->". To the right of the main content, there is a sidebar with a "GreenFacts Glossary" section, which includes a search bar and a list of glossary items. Below the glossary, there is a "Suggest a word" section and a "Specify" section.

Each Digest is supported by a Glossary and by Links to reference documents and/or websites.

Translations into various languages

The volume of translations produced is increasing sharply, in particular in **Spanish** and **French** to reach developing countries in Africa and Latin America. Various digests are now also available in **Dutch** and **German**.