



***CLEAN AIR EVERYWHERE:
Blowing the winds of change into European air policy***

Tuesday 8 January 2013

9:00 – 17:30

Followed by a reception until 18:30

Venue: Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union
Rue Montoyer 47
1000 Brussels

08:45 – 09:15 Registration and coffee

09:25 – 09:30 Short welcome by the host
Rainer Steffens, Head of the North Rhine Westphalia representation

09:30 – 09:40 Welcome speech
Jeremy Wates, EEB Secretary General

09:40 – 10:00 Keynote speech
Janez Potočnik, EU Environment Commissioner

10:00 – 11:45 **PANEL I: CUTTING AIR POLLUTION AT THE SOURCE AS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE REMEDY TO POOR AIR QUALITY**
What remains to be done in 2013

Chair **Kathleen Van Brempt MEP (S&D, BE)**

Introduction **Prof. Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, EEA**
Air pollution in Europe at the start of 2013
Christer Ågren, Director, Air Pollution and Climate Secretariat
Cutting air pollution at the source: what remains to be done

Discussion **Both speakers plus :**
Janez Potočnik, EU Environment Commissioner
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy MEP (ALDE, NL)
Satu Hassi MEP (Greens, FI)
André van de Nadort, Mayor of Ten Boer, Committee of the Regions
Jos Dings, Director, Transport and Environment

11:45 – 12:00 Award ceremony with the winners of the Photo Story Competition **ImaginAIR*** in the presence of Janez Potočnik and Jacqueline McGlade

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

13:00 – 14:50 **PANEL II: IMPROVING PEOPLE'S HEALTH**
What can be done better in 2013

Chair **Jo Leinen MEP (S&D, DE)**

Introduction **Phil Hogan, Irish Environment Minister**
The future of EU air policies and the 7th EAP
Francesca Racioppi, Senior Policy and Programme Advisor, WHO Europe
WHO recommendations for air quality in Europe
Bill Harnett, Associate Director for the U.S. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
U.S. Approach to Protecting Air Quality and Public Health

Discussion **All three speakers plus :**
Corinne Lepage MEP (ALDE, FR)
Keith Taylor MEP (Greens, UK)
Elliot Treharne, Air Quality Manager, Greater London Authority
Genon Jensen, Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance

14:50 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 17:00 **PANEL III: BRINGING CLIMATE AND AIR CLOSER TOGETHER**
Common solutions for 2013

Chair **Matthias Groote MEP, Chair of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament (S&D, DE)**

Introduction **Connie Hedegaard, EU Commissioner for Climate Action**
How further action on climate change will help air quality
Lena Ek, Swedish Minister for Environment
Common solutions and opportunities for 2013
Mark Lawrence, IASS Potsdam
Addressing short lived climate forcers for air and for the climate

Discussion **All three speakers plus :**
Chris Davies MEP (ALDE, UK)
Linda McAvan MEP (S&D, UK)
Bas Eickhout MEP (Greens, Netherlands)
Pieter de Pous, Policy Director, EEB

17:00 – 17:10 **Summary and concluding remarks**
Jürgen Resch, Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH)

17:10 – 18:30 RECEPTION