

Invitation to the Workshop

Avoiding litigation due to air pollution: How cities and regions can meet European air quality standards

Date: Thursday, 12th of October 2017, from 10.00 to 12.00

Location: Social Platform, Square de Meeûs 18, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

Outdoor air pollution causes approximately 400,000 premature deaths in Europe every year. Many cities and regions have problems to meet the European air quality standards. This is mainly due to particulate matter and nitrogen dioxides. Main pollution sources are residential burning and urban transport. As a result, cities and regions (as well as Member States) face the threat from being sued because of poor air quality. For instance, there are 16 current lawsuits against German authorities.

In our workshop, we want to discuss solutions to avoid litigation in the following fields of action:

- What can be done to reduce emissions from residential burning?
- How can Green Public Procurement contribute to better air quality?

10:00 **Welcome/introduction**

10:10 **European legislation on air quality**

Wilhelmus de Wilt, *European Commission, DG Environment*

10:30 **Residential burning: Impact and solutions on local level**

Patrick Huth, *Deutsche Umwelthilfe*

10:50 **Green Public Procurement: An effective driver for better air quality?**

Amrei Münster, *Deutsche Umwelthilfe*

11:10 **Open discussion**

12:00 **Lunchtime snack**

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