



# Third EU Clean Air Forum

MADRID, 18-19 November 2021

## Day 1: 18 Nov 2021

9:00

### Registration

10:00

### Opening and keynote speeches

- **Frans TIMMERMANS**  
Executive Vice-President, European Commission
- **Teresa RIBERA RODRÍGUEZ**  
3rd Vice-president and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain

10:30

### Zero pollution: air quality & health

This session will focus on the health impacts and the general challenge that air pollution poses. Panelists will offer their perspective on the reasons to improve air quality, on the evolving health impact evidence, and on how we can live up to the zero pollution ambition of the European Green Deal.

#### KEYNOTE REMARKS

- **Dr Tedros ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS**  
Director-General, World Health Organization

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Carolina DARIAS**, Minister of Health, Spain
- **Dr. Maria NEIRA**, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization
- **Zorana ANDERSEN**, Chair Environment and Health Committee, European Respiratory Society
- **John F. RYAN**, Director for Public Health, European Commission
- **Dr Francesco FORASTIERE**, National Research Council (CNR-IRIB), Italy

11:45

### Clean air and modern society

Air quality intersects with almost all aspects of society. It relates to the way we live our everyday lives, it affects our health, our environment, our economies – and often literature implicitly and explicitly portrays this. In this interview, we explore a novelist perspective on clean air.

#### ON-STAGE INTERVIEW

- **Antonio MUÑOZ MOLINA**, Award-winning novelist, Spain

12.00

### Lunch Break

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**14:00**

## The European Air Quality Index

ON-STAGE INTERVIEWS / REMARKS

- **Florika FINK-HOOIJER**, Director General Environment, European Commission
  - **Hans BRUYNINCKX**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
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**14:15**

## Engagement with cities and citizens

This session will focus on urban air quality challenges, especially on how to factor in air quality in all urban policy decisions. Panelists offer their perspective on what specific challenges urban air quality managers face and what solutions promise to be most successful, including on spatial development and mobility in cities.

KEYNOTE REMARKS

- **Michael R. BLOOMBERG**  
UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, Founder of Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Hans BRUYNINCKX**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
  - **Axel JOSEFSON**, Mayor of Gothenburg, Sweden
  - **Janet SANZ CID**, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, Spain
  - **Vasco ALVES CORDEIRO**, First Vice President, European Committee of the Regions
  - (additional panelist approached – including representatives from local authorities, business and NGOs)
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**15:30**

## Coffee Break

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**16:00**

## Linking clean air, climate and recovery

This session will reflect on addressing clean air in wider societal priorities– linking in particular to climate action and its interplay with clean air and, and the opportunities afforded in the recovery and resilience action taken across the European Union to improve air quality.

ON-STAGE INTERVIEWS / REMARKS

- **Céline GAUER**, Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission
  - **Manuel DE LA ROCHA VÁZQUEZ**, Secretary General of Economic affairs and G20, Spain
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**16:30**

## Air pollution, climate change and biodiversity

This session will explore further the interplay between air pollution, climate change and biodiversity. Ozone pollution is a case in point: methane emissions contribute to climate change and at the same time are an important precursor to ground-level ozone. In addition, global warming is expected to increase ground-level ozone concentrations, with impacts on ecosystems, agricultural crops and forests, as well as on human health in rural areas and cities alike.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Piotr SZYMANSKI**, Director for Climate, Transport and Energy, Joint Research Center, European Commission
  - **Anna ENGLERYD**, Chair of the Executive Body of the UNECE Air Convention
  - **Vincent-Henri PEUCH**, Head of the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service
  - **Mireia MOLLÁ**, Councillor from the Region of Valencia
  - **Ramón ARMENGOL**, President, Cogeca
  - **Anne LASSMAN-TRAPPIER**, France Nature Environment, France
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**17:30**

## Cultural Performance

Inspiration by “Ars Movendi” – Manuela Salvado and Raúl Márquez

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**17:40**

## End of Day 1

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**18:00**

## Reception

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9:00

## Registration

9:30

## Keynote speeches

- **Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS**  
European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- **José Luis MARTÍNEZ-ALMEIDA**  
Mayor of Madrid, Spain

10:00

## Access to justice and a right to clean air?

This session will look at the benefits and shortcomings of enforcement action by the European Commission and by civil society actors in front of national courts (under general access to justice provisions). Panelists will reflect on the implementation and enforceability of clean air policies, and how a revision of the current EU Rules may offer options to strengthen a right to clean air for citizens.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Daniel CALLEJA CRESPO**, Director General Legal Service, European Commission
- **Sven GIEGOLD**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Alain MARON**, Minister for climate transition, environment and participative democracy, Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium
- **Monique GOYENS**, Director General, The European Consumer Organisation
- **Luc LAVRYSEN**, President of the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment
- **Anna DWORAKOWSKA**, Programme Director, Polish Smog Alert

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## Coffee Break

12:00

## Air Quality: Revision of EU Rules

This session will be a forward-looking high-level debate that will focus on what the revision of EU air quality rules should deliver. Panelists will exchange on the level of ambition needed, and the consequences this would have.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Florika FINK-HOOIJER**, Director General Environment, European Commission
- **Javi LÓPEZ**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Oana-Alexandra CAMBERA**, Deputy, Chamber of Deputies, Romania
- **Rafał TRZASKOWSKI**, Mayor of Warsaw, Poland
- **John COOPER**, Director General, Concawe
- **Patrick TEN BRINK**, Director for EU Policy

13:00

## End of Day 2 and Closing

Meeting venue: Reina Sofia Museum, Madrid, Spain

*Please note that this is a draft agenda – status: 15 November 2021.  
The timing and order and participation of sessions may still evolve.*