



Fourth EU Clean Air Forum

Venue: **ss ROTTERDAM**
at 3e Katendrechtsehoofd 25, Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

Day 1: 23 Nov 2023

9:00

Registration

10:00

Opening and keynote speeches

- o **Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ**, Executive Vice-President, European Commission
- o **Vivianne HEIJNEN**, Minister of Environment, the Netherlands

10:30

Linking clean air, climate and social inequality

This session will focus on the inequalities in the exposure to and health impacts of air pollution and climate change. Panellists will offer their perspective on the uneven distribution of the health impacts of air pollution and climate change and discuss how these can be addressed.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- o **Leena YLÄ-MONONEN**, Executive Director, European Environmental Agency
- o **Chantal ZEEGERS**, Alderman for Climate, Building and Housing Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- o **Bent MADSEN**, President, Housing Europe
- o **Mark LAWRENCE**, Scientific Director, Research Institute for Sustainability Helmholtz Potsdam

12.00

Lunch Break

13:45

Maritime transport and air pollution

This session will explore the impacts of maritime transport emissions on air quality in coastal areas, and the challenges for port and ship operators towards cleaner and decarbonised transport. Panellists will reflect on the implementation and enforceability of clean air policies and on possible further measures to better control and reduce emissions from maritime transport and port operations.

INTRO

Video by the European Maritime Safety Agency on detecting air pollution from vessels.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- o **Petros KOKKALIS**, Member of Parliament, European Parliament
- o **Maja MARKOVČIĆ KOSTELAC**, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency
- o **Anita MÄKINEN**, Alternate Permanent Representative of Finland to the International Maritime Organization
- o **Philippos PHILIS**, President, European Community Shipowners' Associations
- o **Eric VAN DER SCHANS**, Director Environmental Management, Port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands

15:15

Healthy lifestyles

Promoting active mobility continues to be challenging. This interview will offer a perspective on the specific challenges land use planners face and what solutions promise to be most successful.

ON-STAGE REMARKS

- o **Carlos MORENO**, Scientific Director, Sorbonne University
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15:30

Coffee-Break

16:00

Multimodal transport and spatial planning for clean air

This session will focus on the different transport modes, the connectivity, and user-friendliness challenges to encourage a more sustainable commuting system. Panellists will offer their perspective on successful solutions while also looking at the effects of spatial planning on mobility.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- o **Winfried HERMANN**, Minister of Transport Baden-Württemberg, Germany
 - o **Artur PERCHEL**, Deputy Director, International Association of Public Transport
 - o **Meredith GLASER**, Executive Director of the Urban Cycling Institute, the Netherlands
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17:00

Skills and jobs for clean air

Attaining clean air requires that action is taken in different and across sectors, but is our work force prepared for the challenge? In this session we will look at the skills and jobs needed for achieving cleaner air.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- o **Stefan OLSSON**, Deputy Director General DG Employment, European Commission
 - o **Kęstutis KUPŠYS**, European Economic and Social Committee
 - o **Jürgen SIEBEL**, Executive Director, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
 - o **Julie KJESTRUP**, President, European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings
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17:45

Air quality

New research has shown that impressionist painters of the 19th century might have been more accurate in depicting their environment than we previously thought. In this session, one of the researchers on this topic, will tell us how air pollution provided new creative impulses to painters like Claude Monet and J. M. W. Turner.

ON-STAGE INTERVIEW

- o **Anna Lea ALBRIGHT**, Environmental fellow at the Harvard University Center for the Environment
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18:00

End of Day 1 & Reception

9:00

Registration

9:30

Keynote speeches

- **Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS**, European Commissioner for Environment, Ocean and Fisheries
- **Ahmed ABOUTALEB**, Mayor of Rotterdam, the Netherlands

10:00

Revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives

This session will focus on the revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives (recast) proposed by the Commission in October 2022 which is currently being discussed by the co-legislators in the European Parliament and in the Council of the European Union.

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Patrick CHILD**, Deputy Director General DG ENV, European Commission
- **Javi LÓPEZ**, Member of Parliament, European Parliament
- **Marta GÓMEZ PALENQUE**, Director General for Environmental Quality, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain
- **Una POWER**, Member of the Committee of the Regions & County Councillor, Ireland
- **Faustine BAS-DEFOSSEZ**, Director for Nature, Health and Environment, European Environmental Bureau
- **Bruno HERVET**, CEO SUEZ Consulting & Vice Executive President Smart Cities

11:15

Coffee Break

11:45

Spreading knowledge for cleaner air

Remote sensing is used to detect and monitor air pollution by measuring its reflected and emitted radiation via a satellite or an aircraft. Citizen science allows for further monitoring of air pollution while raising awareness. This session will explore the different monitoring tools available at all scales, from remote sensing to citizen science projects, what is done with this data by the health community and how to engage citizens in taking clean air actions.

INTRO

- **Cyril FOURNERIS**, EURONEWS - Spreading knowledge for cleaner air

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Alain MARON**, Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium
- **Marieke SCHOUTEN**, Member of the Committee of the Regions & Alderman of Nieuwegein, the Netherlands
- **Ole Johan BAKKE**, Vice President, Standing Committee of European Doctors
- **Alexander SIMIDCHIEV**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Air for Health, Bulgaria

12:50

Closing

- **Afke VAN RIJN**, Directorate-General for the Environment and International Affairs, the Netherlands

13:00

End of Day 2

Moderated by Chris Burns