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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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Webinar: Air Quality and Health

Revision of EU Rules

Tuesday 16 November 2021, 11.00 – 12.00 CET, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this online meeting related to the on-going initiative 'Air Quality: Revision of EU Rules' on Tuesday 16 November 2021, 11:00 to 12:00 CET, Brussels time.

Clean air is essential for our health and that of the environment. To this end, the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives[1] establish rules on when, where and how to monitor air quality, and set EU air quality standards guided by World Health Organization recommendations in order to avoid the build-up of excessive pollution concentrations.

As part of the European Green Deal, the EU is now revising these air quality standards, to align them more closely with the recently updated Global Air Quality Guidelines, as published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2021. The European Commission is working towards a proposal for revised legislation in the second half of 2022.

To inform this on-going initiative, the European Commission is currently, and until 16 December 2021, consulting with all stakeholders. This online meeting is part of this consultation.[2] It will offer opportunities to discuss the health challenge that air pollution poses, and how EU policy can address this challenge more effectively and efficiently.

Please see attached an agenda for this online meeting. It will feature an overview of air quality and the related health impacts in Europe today, as well as outline the process of revising the Ambient Air Quality Directives and developing the underpinning impact assessment.

Please register for this webinar following this link.

Once registered, you will receive an automatic email from Webex with the link to join the webinar on Tuesday 16 November.

We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

The EU Health Policy Platform team

[1] Directives 2008/50/EC and 2004/107/EC

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11:00 - 11:10	**Introduction** François Wakenhut Head of Unit for Clean Air (DG ENV), European Commission Giulio Gallo Deputy Head of Unit for Health Information and Integration in all Policies (DG SANTE), European Commission
11:10 - 11:25	**Air Quality and Health** Catherine Ganzleben and Alberto Gonzalez Ortiz European Environment Agency **Q&A (5 min)**
11:25 - 11:55	**Air Quality: Revision of EU Rules** Thomas Henrichs and Vanda Jakir Clean Air Unit (DG ENV), European Commission **Q&A (10 min)**
11:55 – 12.00	**Conclusive remarks** François Wakenhut Head of Unit for Clean Air (DG ENV), European Commission

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