



CZ PRES and TAIEX-EIR Multi-country Workshop on Future challenges in the air protection in Europe

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Venue: Prague, Czech Republic (Hybrid)

Beneficiary: All Member States

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Aim of the Workshop:

The Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic requested to organise a TAIEX-EIR multi-country workshop on air quality within the Czech Presidency in the Council of the European Union to discuss future challenges in the air protection in Europe. The aim of the conference is to initiate a high level as well as expert level discussion regarding the possibilities to further improve the air quality and also to identify the remaining obstacles that are hindering the progress.

Given the fact that the air quality in the EU is significantly influenced by the transboundary air pollution, some representatives from countries outside the EU territory are also invited to join the discussion. The Workshop will therefore target experts from EU Member States as well as from Parties of the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP).

Speakers:

Moderator of the event

- **Milan Chrenko**
Head of Group - Networks and Partnerships
Coordination, Networks and Strategy Programme
European Environment Agency

Speakers from EU institutions

- **Mr Virginijus Sinkevičius**
Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
DG ENV, European Commission
 - **Mr Patrick Anthony Child**
Deputy Director-General for Environment
DG ENV, European Commission
 - **Mr Hans Bruyninckx**
Executive Director
European Environment Agency
 - **Ms Catherine Ganzleben**
Head of Group on Air Pollution, Environment and Health
European Environmental Agency
 - **Ms Constance Kann**
Director, Special advisor at the Sustainability and Quality management
Department, DG Projects
European Investment Bank
 - **Ms Elisabetta Vignati**
Head of Air and Climate Unit
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Speakers from international institutions and stakeholders

- **Ms Maria Neira**
Director of the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health
WHO
- **Mr Alexandre Affre**
Deputy Director General
BusinessEurope
- **Ms Margherita Tolotto**
Senior Policy Officer for Air and Noise
European Environmental Bureau
- **Ms Anna Engleryd**
Senior Policy Advisor Swedish Environmental Protection Agency &
Chair of the Executive Body of the UNECE CLRTAP
- **Mr Rob Maas**
Senior Scientific Advisor, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment & Co-Chair - Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling,
UNECE CLRTAP

Speakers from Member States

- **Mr Marian Jurečka**
Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- **Mr Ján Budaj**
Minister of the Environment of the Slovak Republic
Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic
- **Mr Jan Dusík**
Deputy Minister in charge of Climate Protection Directorate
Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- **Mr Jan Kříž**
Deputy Minister for Section of EU Funds, Economic and Voluntary Instruments
Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- **Mr Štěpán Kyjovský**
Director of the department for environmental protection
Prague City Hall

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- **Ms Kateřina Šebestová**
Deputy Mayor in charge for section for Environmental Protection
Municipality of the city Ostrava
 - **Mr Mark Rieder**
Director
Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
 - **Mr Jiří Horák**
Head of the Testing Laboratory of Boilers & founder of the SMOKEMAN's
educative show
The Energy Research Centre, Technical University of Ostrava
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Chair:

Marian Jurečka, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic,

Jan Dusík, Deputy Minister in charge of Climate Protection Directorate

Moderator of the event: Milan Chrenko, European Environment Agency

Local venue: Prague Congress Centre (Hybrid) 5. května 1640/65, 140 00 Prague 4 | Czech Republic

Languages available: English, Czech

08:00-09:00	60'	Registration of participants, solving technical issues for participants connecting online Welcome coffee
09:00-09:15	15'	Welcome address Marian Jurečka, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic and Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic
09:15-10:35	80'	Session I: European level perspective
09:15-10:35	80'	Revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directive Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission (video message) & Patrick Anthony Child, Deputy Director-General for Environment (DG ENV), European Commission
09:15-10:35	80'	WHO Air Quality Guidelines Maria Neira, Director of the Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO
20' per speaker		Air quality in Europe Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency
		The role of UNECE CLRTAP in Cleaning the Air in Europe Anna Engleryd, Senior Policy Advisor, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency & Chair of the Executive Body of the UNECE CLRTAP
10:35-10:55	20'	Discussion

10:55 11:25	30'	Coffee break (press conference)
11:25- 12:30	60'	Session II: Expert level perspective
11:25– 11:30	5'	Special address by Ján Budaj, Minister of the Environment of the Slovak Republic
11:30- 12:30	60'	Transboundary Air Pollution in Europe: where do we lag behind? Rob Maas, Senior Scientific Advisor, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment & Co-Chair - Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, UNECE CLRTAP
20' per speaker		Development of an Effective Air Quality Monitoring and Assessment System Mark Rieder, Director of the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
		Unequal exposure, unequal impacts Catherine Ganzleben, Head of Group on Air Pollution, Environment and Health, European Environmental Agency
12:30- 12:50	20'	Discussion
12:50- 13:30	40'	Lunch break
		Please be reminded to sign the attendance list
13:30- 14:50	80'	Session III: National and local level perspective
13:30- 14:50	80'	Towards the New Air Quality Goals – Actions on the National Level Jan Dusík & Jan Kříž, Deputy Ministers, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
20' per speaker		Transport and Energy Management in Prague Mr Štěpán Kyjovský, Director of the department for environmental protection, Prague City Hall
		Cleaning the Air in Ostrava

		<p>Kateřina Šebestov, Deputy Mayor in charge for section for Environmental Protection, Municipality of the city Ostrava</p> <p>Financing the Emission Reduction and Air Quality Improvement Measures in Europe and in EECA Countries</p> <p>Constance Kann, Director, Special advisor at the Sustainability and Quality management Department, DG Projects, European Investment Bank</p>
14:50-15:10	20'	Discussion
15:10-15:30		Coffee break
15:30-16:30	– 60'	Session IV: Citizen and business/other stakeholder level perspective
15:30-16:30	20' per speaker	<p>The Future Role of NGOs in Improving the Air Quality in Europe</p> <p>Margherita Tolotto, Senior Policy Officer for Air and Noise, European Environmental Bureau</p> <p>Emission Sources Operator's Contribution to the Zero Pollution Action Plan</p> <p>Alexandre Affre, Deputy Director General, BusinessEurope (online)</p> <p>Innovation, digitalisation and EU air quality policies</p> <p>Elisabetta Vignati, Head of Air and Climate Unit, Joint Research Centre</p>
16:30-17:00	30'	Discussion
17:00-17:15	15'	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Jan Dusk, Deputy Minister in charge of Climate Protection Directorate, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic</p>
17:15-17:45	– 30'	<p>Bonus: Smokeman's educative show - learn how to heat your home properly</p> <p>Jiř Hork, Head of the Testing Laboratory of Boilers & founder of the SMOKEMAN's educative show, The Energy Research Centre, Technical University of Ostrava</p>
		End of the event
19:00		Evening reception organised by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

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