Better health, Better Environment, Sustainable Choices.

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SIDE EVENT: Citizens and the health community, stakeholders for better health and better air

Best practices presentations: Unmask my City and ClairCity Project (H2020)

Main organizers

HEAL (Health and Environment Alliance) and Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

Partners

The Kingdom of Belgium, Plan National d'Action Environnement Santé belge (NEHAP), French Health and Environment Ministers

Abstract

Air pollution is harmful for our health. Citizens and the health community can play a big role in reducing it. The event will showcase two best practices.

- 1. On the one hand, it will present the results of a global health campaign that has been launched worldwide on World Asthma Day (02/05/2017), Unmask my City.
- 2. On the other hand, it will introduce the ClairCity project (Citizen-Led Air Pollution Reduction in Cities), which focus attention more closely on vulnerable groups, such as children and elderly, in the context of health, air quality and climate change.

International approaches integrating air pollution, climate and health, such as the European Environment and Health Process and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, will serve as examples of how to address challenges through intersectoral cooperation.

Programme

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Setting the scene:

 Health effects of air pollution, why it matters and what can be done, Dr Charlotte Marchandise, Deputy Mayor of Rennes, WHO Healthy City Network representative, France

Moderator: Dejan Komatina, REC Deputy Executive Director

- Vlatka Matkovic Puljic, Health and Energy Officer, Balkans region, Unmask my City in the WHO European Region (UK, Poland, Serbia and Turkey)
- Eva Csobod, senior expert of the REC, ClairCity project in Amsterdam, Bristol, Ljubljana, Sosnowiec, Aveiro and Liguria Region, in Portugal and Italy

Panel discussion:

- Miroslav Suta, Čisté nebe, Czech Republic
- Liévin Chemin, BRAL, Exp'air project, Belgium
- **Alessandra Fidanza,** IMELS, Italy
- Genon Jensen, HEAL Executive Director
- Eva Csobod, REC, Senior expert of environment and health

Q&A with the audience