



Third EU Clean Air Forum

MADRID, 18-19 November 2021

Day 1: 18 Nov 2021

9:00	Registration
10:00	Opening and keynote speeches
10:30	Session 1 - Zero pollution: air quality & health <p>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.</p>
12.30	Lunch Break
14:00	Session 2 - Engagement with cities and citizens <p>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.</p>
15:30	Coffee Break
16:00	Session 3 - Linking clean air, climate and recovery <p>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.</p>
16:30	Session 4 - Air pollution, climate change and biodiversity <p>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.</p>
18:00	Reception

Meeting venue: Reina Sofia Museum, Madrid, Spain

9:00

Registration

9:30

Keynote speeches

10:00

Session 5 - 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.

11:30

Coffee Break

12:00

Session 6 – 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 and at what level of ambition. The session will be framed by expectations expressed in the open public consultation and panelists will exchange on the level of ambition needed, and the consequences this would have.

13:00

Closing

Meeting venue: Reina Sofia Museum, Madrid, Spain

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