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**TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS OF THE MEMBER STATES  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION  
AND THE MISSIONS OF EEA COUNTRIES TO THE EU**

**Subject: Fourth meeting of the Noise Expert Group (NEG)**

The Commission has constituted a Noise Expert Group to facilitate detailed discussions with Member States on the practicalities of governance issues which, though not directly related to implementing acts, nonetheless are relevant in the context of the revision of the Environmental Noise Directive. Member States are kindly invited to send a representative to the next meeting of the Noise Expert Group to be held on:

**4 February 2015**

at the

**Centre Borschette (room 1C), Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, Belgium**  
(Metro Schuman)

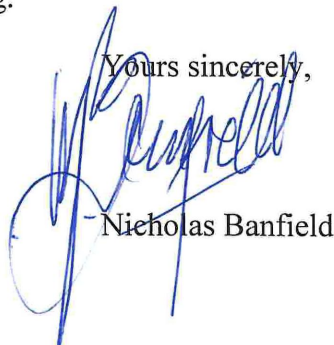
**The meeting of the Noise Expert Group will start at 14.00 and finish at 17.00.** A draft agenda of the meeting is attached. The agenda will focus on the on-going evaluation of the Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC, which has just started.

We would be grateful if you would confirm your participation by 25 January 2015 at the latest. Please inform Véronique Poreye ([veronique.poreye@ec.europa.eu](mailto:veronique.poreye@ec.europa.eu)) if your Member State intends to send two representatives or will not be able to participate at all.

Please note that the Commission is not in a position to reimburse either travel or accommodation expenses for this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Nicholas Banfield

Encl.: Agenda of the meeting;

## **AGENDA FOR THE NOISE EXPERT GROUP MEETING**

**Date:** 4 February 2015, 14.00-17.00

**Venue:** Centre Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, 1049 Brussels, Belgium,  
room 1C

### **Part I 14:00 – 17:00**

**Welcome/Introduction**

**Adoption of the agenda**

**Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting**

**Noise maps and action plans**

- (a) Discussion on the information requested from Member States when reporting action plan summaries.

**Exchange of views on the evaluation of the Environmental Noise Directive (REFIT)**

- (b) The situation and impact of environmental noise in the EU.
- (c) 'REFIT' – Regulatory Fitness check – of Directive 2002/49/EC; presentation of the objectives, methodology, work programme and expected outcome.
- (d) Tour de table on preliminary comments on the evaluation of the Environmental Noise Directive.

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**Close of Meeting  
17:00**