

Invitation



Cleaning up our air – a European city ranking

March 31, 2015, 12–14:30. Representation of Lower Saxony, Rue Montoyer 61, 1000 Brussels

BUND/Friends of the Earth Germany & the **European Environmental Bureau** are co-hosting a lunchtime debate in Brussels to mark the release of BUND's 2015 city ranking '**Sootfree Cities**'. '**Sootfree Cities**' ranks over **20 major European cities**, including London, Paris and Rome, according to improvements in air quality from transport policy measures.

Today cities must comply with EU air quality standards to reduce the negative effects of air pollution on **human health and the environment**. Although mayors can do a lot to improve local **air quality**, they need more help from the EU to reduce pollution at the source and the pollution which has drifted in from outside the city's limits.

Programme

- 11:30-11:45 Arrival
- 11:50 Introduction by **Jeremy Wates**, European Environmental Bureau
- 12:00 Presentation of the results of the '**Sootfree Cities**' ranking by **Werner Reh**, BUND
- 12:10-12:30 Presentations of the clean air strategies of **Vienna** and **Copenhagen**
- 12:30-13:30 Panel debate: **What should be done at city level and EU level to improve air quality?**
Moderated by **Dave Keating** from the **European Voice** with
- **Julie Girling**, Member of the European Parliament, ECR
 - **Seb Dance**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D
 - **Bas Eickhout**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens-EFA
 - **Karin Büchl-Krammerstätter**, City of Vienna
 - Representative from the city of Copenhagen (tbc)
 - **Jeremy Wates**, European Environmental Bureau
- 13:30 Close and lunch served

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