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URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU – STATE OF PLAY OF THE ACTIONS

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<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/air-quality>

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PARTNERSHIP ON AIR QUALITY*

A TASTE OF THE ACTIONS

* 4 MEMBER STATES: THE NETHERLANDS, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, 6 CITIES: HELSINKI/HELSINKI REGION (FI), GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY (UK), UTRECHT (NL), MILANO (IT), CONSTANTA (RO), AND DUISBURG (DE, REPRESENTING THE CONSORTIUM CLEAN AIR RUHR AREA), 2 STAKEHOLDERS: EUROCITIES, HEAL (HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ALLIANCE), 2 OBSERVERS: THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND URBACT





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AIR QUALITY: LARGE HEALTH IMPACT

- Air quality has improved substantially over the last decades and will continue to improve the next decade. Driving force are the Ambient Air Quality Directives.
- However, our citizens are still exposed to levels above the WHO recommended maximum pollution levels.
- Causing different health effects and currently over 400.000 premature deaths (and appr. 250.000 in 2030).



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AT THE SAME TIME: AIR QUALITY CAN BE AN ABSTRACT ISSUE

The Partnership therefore focused on 'The Healthy City' as a shared vision and advised the Commission in the recent Fitness Check:

- To further align EU limit values and WHO recommended health standards
- Better integrate air quality policy and measures with other relevant policy sectors (mobility, energy, climate, agriculture, urban development, etc)
- Promote a multi-level approach on air quality issues
- Address several so-far forgotten sources of pollution



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THE PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPED TOOLS FOR CITIES

- To improve the decision-making process regarding air quality plans and the effectiveness of measures in terms of impact and financing. But also to improve communication and citizens' awareness-raising campaigns on air quality
- And finally a training kit for cities using best practices from 66 local authorities



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A MODULAR TRAINING

- Module 1 – Legislation and implementation
- Module 2 – Public funding and financing
- Module 3 – Planning
- Module 4 – Measuring impact
- Module 5 – Communicating and raising awareness



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