

Invitation to the Workshop

How to improve Slovak air quality?

Date: Thursday, 6th of April 2017

Location: Hotel Baronka, Mudrochova 2, Bratislava, Slovakia



Outdoor air pollution causes approximately 400,000 premature deaths in Europe every year. Like many other Member States, Slovakia still fails to meet the limit values for air quality set by the European Union. Therefore, solutions for better air quality are strongly required to protect human health.

In the morning session, our event will focus on legal actions for a better implementation of air quality legislation. For this, local measures in Slovakia will be evaluated, and successful approaches in other countries will be presented. In addition, we will discuss possibilities to transfer these experiences and to initiate legal action in Slovakia.

In the afternoon session, domestic heating as the main source of particles is at the center of attention. If nothing is done, projections indicate that in 2030 almost two-thirds of PM_{2,5}-Emissions and more than 85% of black carbon will be emitted by the domestic heating sector. In the course of this part of the event, we will debate on the impact of wood burning and the current situation in Slovakia as well as on solution approaches from other European countries.

8:45 Registration

9:00 **Welcome/introduction**
Daniel Lešínský, *CEPTA*

9:10 **Air quality situation in Slovakia and Compliance with EU standards**
Mgr. Jana Krajčovičová, PhD., *Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute*

MEASURES, LEGAL ACTIONS AND CITIZENS RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR

9:35 **Measures for better air quality on national and regional level**
Ing. Zuzana Kocunová, *Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Head of Air Quality Department*

10:00 **Legal actions in Germany**
Prof. Dr. Remo Klinger, *Geulen & Klinger*

10:25 Coffee and tea

10:45 **Analysis of legislation protecting air quality in Slovakia**
Mgr. Eva Kovačechová, *Lawyer*

11:10 **Discussion**

12:00 Lunch break

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POLLUTION FROM LOCAL WOOD AND COAL BURNING

13.15 Pollution from residential burning of wood and coal in small stoves and boilers

Kaare Press-Kristensen, Senior Advisor, Danish Ecological Council

13.35 Health effects due to residential heating with wood and coal

Miroslav Šuta, Centrum for environment and health, Czech Republic

13.55 Solid fuel/wood domestic heating in Slovakia

Ing. Radovan Virgovič, Slovak Environment Agency

14.15 Coffee and tea

14.35 Good and bad wood burning practice, low emission heating installations

Róbert Šalvata, president of the Association of European stove builder's unions, J&R INSPIRE

14.55 Legislation on wood burning: Best practices in Europe

Patrick Huth, Deutsche Umwelthilfe

15.15 Panel discussion – the problem of domestic heating in Slovakia

*K. Press-Kristensen; Z. Kocunová; P. Huth; R. Šalvata and
L. Filus, president of the Slovak stove builder's union*

16.00 Summary and Conclusion

Daniel Lešínský, CEPTA

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