

To breathe or not to breathe?

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On 3rd June 2015, civic association CEPTA in cooperation with foreign experts organised press conference focused on the results of air pollution measurement in Slovakia. The measurements were taken by the members of CEPTA and Danish expert Kaare Press-Kristensen using ultrafine particles counter (for measurement of particles with a diameter less than 0.1 μm) from 27th May to 3rd June 2015. They are the most detrimental particles to human health. The air quality was measured in several towns and in their different parts, e.g. in Bratislava, Zvolen, Banská Bystrica, Košice, Žilina, Trenčín and in the High Tatras Mountains. The results were surprising. Very clean air was measured in the High Tatras Mountains or in a park in Zvolen. On the other hand, heavily polluted air was determined e.g. in a car during a rush hour, in underground car parks of shopping centres, near a stove while burning wood or in a train pulled by a diesel locomotive or in older diesel buses. For more information see attached documents.

In attached documents you will find:

- measurements plan in Slovakia – press release from 27th May 2015: “Polluted Air Kills in Slovakia Even Today” (in Slovak only);
- evaluation of the first measurements mainly from Košice – press release from 1st June 2015: “To Breathe or not to Breathe?” (in Slovak only);

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- assessment of measurements and brief recommendations for solutions – press release from 3rd June 2015: “What do we breathe?” (in Slovak only);

- introductory presentation of Daniel Lešínský with recommendations from 3rd June 2015 (in Slovak only);



- presentation of Miroslav Šuta aimed at health effects of air particles from 3rd June 2015 (in Czech only);

- presentation of Kaare Press-Kristensen concentrated on measurements results and good practice in solving air pollution from 3rd June 2015;

- table with preliminary results of most measurements.