

EU4Environment in Eastern Partner Countries:
Water Resources and Environmental Data (ENI/2021/425-550)

AGENDA

Regional webinar “Clean Air Day: How municipalities take action and talk about it”

Date: 7 September 2023	Venue: online Webex (English with simultaneous interpretation to/from AZ/AM/GE/MD/UA)	Time: 9 – 11:30 a.m. CEST
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Time	Item	Speaker
9:00-9:10	Air pollution awareness towards clean air action	Johannes Mayer, Christian Nagl, Gabriele Vincze (Umweltbundesamt)
9:10-9:25	Municipalities act for climate and sustainable energy use (including “My Air Quality” tool by JRC)	Christophe Frering (Covenant of Mayors East)
9:25-9:45	Health impacts and main sources of PM	Christian Nagl (Umweltbundesamt)
9:45-10:00	Possible mitigation measures domestic heating, agricultural waste burning, electricity generators, traffic	Christian Nagl, Siegmund Böhmer (Umweltbundesamt)
10:00-10:15	Energy poverty	Siegmund Böhmer (Umweltbundesamt)
10:15-10:40	There’s something in the air – Communicating Air Quality and mitigation measures	Chloé Déchelette (OiEau), Johannes Mayer (Umweltbundesamt)
10:40-10:45	Comfort Break	
10:45-11:20	Discussion of air quality problems and good practice examples in the region (preparation for national workshops)	all
11:20-11:30	Conclusions	Chloé Déchelette (OiEau), Johannes Mayer (Umweltbundesamt)

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Background

Air pollution is the main environmental threat to human health. The World Health Organization (WHO) assumes that around 7 million premature deaths are globally related to air pollution. The pollutant with the most severe health impacts is fine particulate matter, PM_{2.5}.

The main sources of PM_{2.5} are domestic heating with biomass or coal, diesel vehicles, open burning of waste and agricultural waste, industry and power plants. A number of good practice examples are available that can be implemented to reduce emissions of PM_{2.5} from these sources. In most cases, these measures contribute to further environmental topics such as climate change and noise as well as improving energy security and mobility.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Raising awareness about the impact of air pollution
- Showcasing good practice examples to reduce PM emissions from major sources
- Highlight options for municipalities to take action

Participants

- EU4EnvWD counterparts and air quality experts on state level
- Participants from Covenant of Mayors East municipalities in all EU Eastern Partner Countries.

Practical Information

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About EU4Environment – Water Resources and Environmental Data

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The Action is implemented by five Partner organisations: Environment Agency Austria (UBA), Austrian Development Agency (ADA), International Office for Water (OiEau) (France), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The action is co-funded by the European Union, the Austrian Development Cooperation and the French Artois-Picardie Water Agency based on a budget of EUR 12,75 million (EUR 12 million EU contribution). The implementation period is 2021-2024.

National workshops following the regional webinar

Date:

25 September: Armenia
26 September Azerbaijan
27 September Georgia
28 September Moldova
29 September Ukraine

Venue:

online (simultaneous interpretation to/from national language)

Time:

10 – 11:30 a.m. CEST

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10:00-10:20	Taking action for clean air: Possible measures by municipalities to reduce PM emissions	Christian Nagl (Umweltbundesamt)
10:20-10:40	Air quality problems in given EaP country, good practice examples	EaP country Ministry / Agency
10:40-11:30	Discussion of suitable measures for municipalities in the given country	Christian Nagl, Johannes Mayer (Umweltbundesamt)

The workshops will be held online on Webex (with simultaneous interpretation to/from national language)

Background

The national workshops build on the regional webinar, which gave the introduction to air quality problems in the countries, possible solutions and ways to communicate air quality issues.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- Discussion of air quality problems in individual countries
- Showcasing of good practice examples in the country and the region
- Discussion of good practice examples that could be taken forward by municipalities
- Discussion of how to communicate air quality problems and possible solution at municipal level

Participants

The workshop will gather participants from Covenant of Mayors East municipalities in individual EU Eastern Partner Countries.

Practical Information

Online Workshop (Webex) with simultaneous interpretation to/from national language) – Registration

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