



THE CHALLENGE OF AIR QUALITY: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

**10th of November 2011
Room JDE 52
Committee of the Regions
Rue Belliard 99-101 – 1040 Brussels**

9.00 Registration

9.30 Welcome speech

Mercedes BRESSO (tbc), President of the Committee of the Regions

9.40 Introduction and presentation of the initiative

Gianlorenzo MARTINI, Director of the Lombardy Region, Brussels office

9.50 Keynote speech by Prof Hausberger, University of Graz

He will introduce the issues faced by all regions on air quality giving a broad scientific perspective and analysis

10.10 Regional initiatives to tackle the problem (Moderator Gianlorenzo Martini)

This part of the seminar will focus on the best practices and main issues encountered by the Regions. The regional experts will offer an overview of the main regional initiatives to Address air pollution. Considering the amount of time and the need to make the presentations Extremely lively and interactive, the presentations could be divided in three/four main Groups gathering similar initiatives/ best practices.

11.30 Coffee break

11.45 Political debate: the need to work together (Moderator Jackie Davis (tbc))

Regional ministers will take part to the open debate explaining their views and concerns. This will be made through a series of specific questions made by the moderator to each politician in order to make the discussion very interesting for the audience. The questions can be previously agreed between the regional ministers and the moderator herself. Furthermore a high level representative of the Commission will be invited to join the discussion (possibly Karl FALKENBERG) by providing useful insights on the future EU strategy on air quality.

12.45 Conclusions

Mr Karl Falkenberg (tbc), Director General of Dg Environment - European Commission

12.50 Signing of the MoU or Common Declaration

The regional ministers will sign the MoU (or c.d.)

13.00 Handing over the MOU to Mr. Karl Falkenberg (tbc) and group photos**13.15 Light lunch (tbc)**