BUND/Friends of the Earth Germany & the European Environmental Bureau are co-hosting a lunchtime debate in Brussels to mark the release of BUND’s 2015 city ranking ‘Sootfree Cities’. ‘Sootfree Cities’ ranks over 20 major European cities, including London, Paris and Rome, according to improvements in air quality from transport policy measures.

Today cities must comply with EU air quality standards to reduce the negative effects of air pollution on human health and the environment. Although mayors can do a lot to improve local air quality, they need more help from the EU to reduce pollution at the source and the pollution which has drifted in from outside the city’s limits.

Programme

11:30-11:45 Arrival
11:50 Introduction by Jeremy Wates, European Environmental Bureau
12:00 Presentation of the results of the ‘Sootfree Cities’ ranking by Werner Reh, BUND
12:10-12:30 Presentations of the clean air strategies of Vienna and Copenhagen
12:30-13:30 Panel debate: What should be done at city level and EU level to improve air quality? Moderated by Dave Keating from the European Voice with
   o Julie Girling, Member of the European Parliament, ECR
   o Seb Dance, Member of the European Parliament, S&D
   o Bas Eickhout, Member of the European Parliament, Greens-EFA
   o Karin Büchli-Krammerstätter, City of Vienna
   o Representative from the city of Copenhagen (tbc)
   o Jeremy Wates, European Environmental Bureau
13:30 Close and lunch served

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