

15 companies and associations representing more than 100 transport sector companies call on national governments to back stricter air pollution limits

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Dear Member State Representatives,

We, the undersigned companies from the transport and mobility space share a common vision for clean air in the EU.

Despite improvements over the past decade, air pollution remains a major environmental threat to human health and is bad for Europe's economy as it is estimated to cost Europe 15 billion EUR in lost working days every year.¹

We believe that every European citizen should have access to a healthy and safe environment, including the right to breathe clean air. We therefore stand for accelerating solutions to cut toxic air pollution, especially in cities and urban areas. We believe that the private sector should be at the forefront of action to tackle toxic pollution, by providing low- and zero-emission technologies, goods, and services.

We stand ready to support the EU's vision towards Zero Air Pollution by 2050. As a key part of this policy framework, **we strongly support the Commission's objective to strengthen the Ambient Air Quality Directive and the European air quality standards by 2030, and also to align them with the 2021 World Health Organization's air quality guidelines by 2035.**

Far from being a burden, more ambitious air quality limit values under the AAQD can provide the regulatory environment for European companies offering innovative low- and zero-emission technologies, goods and services to thrive.

We, the undersigned, call on national governments to support an ambitious revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directive at least in line with the level of ambition adopted by the European Parliament in its vote on September 13th. Furthermore, we call on the Council to adopt its position by November at the latest, so that trilogue negotiations can be concluded before the end of the current mandate.

¹ [SWD\(2013\) 531 final](#) - cited in the [2022 AAQD impact assessment](#)

Signatories:

