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European Committee
of the Regions

'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'

Online Stakeholder Consultation on

EU Action Plan:

The [European Committee of the Regions](#) (CoR) is preparing an Opinion on the [EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'](#).

The Zero Pollution Action Plan was published in May by the European Commission that created a [dedicated webpage](#).

It is one of the main elements of the Zero Pollution Ambition for a Toxic-free Environment, one of the main environmental priorities of the [European Green Deal](#).

The CoR Rapporteur is **Ms. Marieke SCHOUTEN**, Alderman of the municipality of Nieuwegein and Member of the [Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy \(ENVE\)](#) of the CoR.

You can find the working document [here](#) in all EU languages.

AGENDA

Introduction

Ms. **Marieke Schouten**, Alderman of the municipality of Nieuwegein (NL), CoR Rapporteur on the EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'

Invited Speakers

- Dr. **Ian Marnane**, Expert of Environment, Health and Well-Being, Health and Sustainable Resource Use Programme of European Environment Agency
- Ms. **Marjon Plantinga**, Chair of the working group on international affairs of the Dutch Clean Air Coalition
- Ms. **Louise Coffineau**, Policy Advisor – Environment of EUROCITIES

Open Discussions with the participants

Conclusions and wrap-up

Ms. **Leonie Jorna**, Policy advisor on Healthy Living Environment at VNG (Association of Dutch Municipalities), expert supporting the CoR Rapporteur,

End of the meeting

Participants may speak in & listen to English only

Guiding questions for the debate:

- The Zero Pollution Action Plan set 6 main targets. Are these goals adequate in terms of selection and level of ambition?
- How to support/improve implementation of the Zero Pollution Action Plan from a local/regional perspective? This question would address both general cross-cutting aspects and specific actions/flagships.
- How can the opinion contribute to influence decisions on further legislative actions foreseen by the Zero Pollution Action Plan?