



MEETING

## “Addressing the problem of noise pollution in road transport”

Wednesday 21 March 2012

12:00 – 13:30

Room ASP A1E1

European Parliament, Brussels

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### AGENDA

**Chaired by:**

**MEP Dieter-Lebrecht Koch**, Chair of the “*Transport and Tourism*” Group of the EP Intergroup “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

With growing mobility, noise pollution due to transport has become a real problem seriously affecting human health. Impacts are numerous, ranging from cardiovascular disease, sleep disturbance to psychological problems. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), traffic-related noise may account for 1 million healthy years of life lost each year in Western Europe. Addressing the problem of noise pollution in transport is essential to preserve health and quality of life. Well aware of this problem, the European Commission released in December 2011 a proposal aiming to regulate the sound level of motor vehicles.

In the presence of MEP Miroslav Ouzky (ECR, Czech Republic), Rapporteur on the Commission’s proposal (ENVI Committee), this event will seek to contribute to the ongoing discussion by shaping the legal and practical tools for reducing decibels in road transport.





### Opening session

**12.00-12.05 Welcoming words and introduction by the Chair**

### Presentations and Debate with the audience

**12.05-12.15 Proposal for a regulation on the sound level of motor vehicles**  
Philippe Jean, Head of Unit "Automotive industry", DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

**12.15-12.25 State of play of the European Parliament's decision and ways forward**  
MEP Miroslav Ouzky, Rapporteur on sound level of motor vehicles

**12.25-12.35 The view of the car manufacturers**  
Dolf Lamerigts, Director Director Technical Affairs, European automobile manufacturers' association

**12.35-12.45 Reducing road noise through tyres**  
Marta Conti, Advisor Trade and Parliamentary Affairs, European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association

**12.45-12.55 Solutions to tackle noise pollution in road transport**  
Nina Renshaw, Programme Manager - Transport Policy, Deputy Director, Transport and Environment

**12.55-13.25 Reactions from the floor and exchange of views**

### Closing Session

**13.25-13.30 Conclusions by MEP Dieter-Lebrecht Koch and MEP Miroslav Ouzky**

**Sandwiches will be served**