

METHANE AND BLACK CARBON

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Methane and Black Carbon – hidden air pollutants and underestimated game changers to achieve short-term climate targets

14:00 Introduction:

Why Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) are relevant for the European Zero Pollution Ambition
Dorothee Saar, DUH, Head of Transport and Air Quality

14:05 SLCPs as a game changer: How they influence both - air quality and climate change

Mark Lawrence, IASS, Managing Scientific Director

14:20 Working Group sessions:

Suitable political instruments to tackle air quality and climate change with an SLCP approach in different emission sectors

1. Black Carbon - Working Group 1: SLCPs and domestic heating [Moderation: Dorothee Saar, DUH]

Keynote: Black carbon in the legislation – State of affairs

Kåre Press-Kristensen, Green Transition Denmark

Discussion:

- Where to implement provisions for reduction of black carbon from small-scale combustion in households?
- Recommendation with necessary next steps and tools for decision-makers

2. Methane – Working Group 2: SLCPs and Agriculture [Moderation: Margherita Tolotto, EEB]

Keynote: The high potential of methane emission reduction in agriculture sector – impacts on air quality and climate change

Tim Butler, IASS

Discussion:

- Too little consideration of methane in European climate and air quality policy so far - Where are specifications necessary and can be effective?
- Recommendation with necessary next steps and tools for decision-makers

15:05 Final discussion:

An integrated approach to tackle both – air pollution and climate change – by a substantial decrease of SLCP emissions [Moderation: Dorothee Saar, DUH]

1. Key findings of Working Group Sessions 1 and 2

2. Comments:

- a. François Wakenhut, European Commission, Head of Clean Air Unit, DG ENVI
- b. Jutta Paulus, Member of European Parliament, Greens/EFA

3. Final Discussion:

How to integrate the key findings into a common approach?

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