
Invitation to Final Conference AWAIR
Joint action of FUA's on air pollution

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The Conference invites policymakers, academics, researchers, municipalities and civil organisations to join us on the online Conference.

“Air pollution is severely damaging the health of the population. We must ensure that the public is informed and that vulnerable groups are protected during dangerous periods. Improving air quality is our common task and our shared responsibility.”

Gergely Karácsony, The Mayor of Budapest

The Conference is a joint effort of three European Functional Urban Areas (FUAs): Parma in Italy, Katowice in Poland, and Budapest in Hungary. All these regions are sharing the same challenges, to define new indicators for air quality, to evaluate the effectiveness of measures applied during Severe Air Pollution Events (SAPEs), and to support the development of better approaches to protect the health of citizens,, with a special focus on vulnerable and susceptible people.

We will give evidence of how these regions, with the help of various Research Institutes have started to overcome the barriers and build collaboration to achieve their goals.

The AWAIR Interreg Europe project reflects the need to enhance and exchange knowledge and good practices among the FUA policymakers and researchers. In the three years of AWAIR process, the partners and their regional stakeholders developed Action Plans, applications (APPs), and training materials which contribute to the effectiveness of the Interreg policy. These tools have been developed and are ready for adaptation to other local communities.

The International Conference goes beyond the demonstration of AWAIR achievements to date, and will show and highlight the path forward towards a mature memorandum of understanding with the collaboration among FUA members and stakeholders. Discussions will focus on the increase of knowledge about air quality, to increase the awareness about the impacts of air quality on health, and to prompt changes in attitudes and behaviour in citizens and stakeholders for the benefit of everyone.

Dr. Annamaria Colacci (ARPAE) AWAIR Project Manager

**FINAL CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME**
February 25, 2021 9am - 2pm

Location: online

Conference language: English

Translation available: Italian, Polish, Hungarian

Registration: [LINK](#)

(We reserve the right for any changes in programming.)x

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

9.00 - 9.10, Host welcome

Rebeka Szabó, Deputy Mayor, Zugló Municipality of Budapest

9.10 - 9.20, Budapest and its FUA commitments on air quality

Gergely Karácsony, Mayor, Budapest

9.20 - 9.30, Katowice and its FUA commitments on air quality

Mariusz Skiba, Deputy Mayor, Katowice

9.30 - 9.40, Parma and its FUA commitments on air quality

Tiziana Benassi, City Councilor for Environmental Policies, Parma

9.40 - 9.50, Introduction of AWAIR Interreg Project

Annamaria Colacci, Project Manager, ARPA-ER

9.50 - 10.10, Short films about the achievements in each FUA

AWARENESS RAISING AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ON AIR QUALITY

10.10 - 10.25, How AWAIR project helps FUA partners to raise awareness on air quality

Elena Maestri, Professor, University of Parma

10.25 - 10.40, Introduction of AWAIR APP

Regina Pickford, Helmholtz Centrum München

10.40 - 10.55, How AWAIR project supported policy making process on air quality

Sylwia Jarosławska-Sobór, Central Mining Institute

COFFEE BREAK



LESSONS LEARNT AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

11.15 - 11.30, The future of Air quality policies in Europe

Alessandro Bratti, Director General ISPRA-Italy, Vice-President of the European Environmental Agency

11.30 - 11.45, How Interreg Program will boost the collaboration in environmental issues

Claudia Pamperl, Interreg Central Europe

11.45 - 12.00, Lessons learnt and future plans regarding the pilot project in Parma

Stefano Zauli, ARPAE - Emilia-Romagna Italy

12.00 - 12.15, Lesson learnt and future plans regarding the pilot project in Katowice

Jakub Kułach, Katowice City Hall

12.15 - 12.30, Lesson learnt and future plans regarding the pilot projects in Zugló

Maria Csikai Laszlo Szilagyi, Project Managers, Zugló Municipality

12.30 - 12.40, SAPEs mitigation and adaptation: lesson learnt to protect vulnerable and fragile citizens

Sergio Bernasconi, CEA

DISCUSSION AND WRAP UP

12.30 - 13.30 Parallel discussions, workshops

4 rooms, each with different languages (Italian, Polish, English, Hungarian)

Room1, Awareness raising and training available for ITALIAN speakers

Room2, Policy making and decision-making support available for POLISH speakers

Room3, Health effects and awareness available for ENGLISH speakers

Room4, Monitoring and data management available for HUNGARIAN speakers

13.30 - 14.00 Summary of the results of the discussion

Room-leaders present the solutions

14.00-14.10 Conclusion, wrap-up, and farewell