

International Conference **Fighting Air Pollution in the Industrial Cities of Europe**

Ostrava – The Czech Republic 19–21 November 2018

International conference organized by Arnika – Citizens Support Centre (CZ) and Ecoaction (UA) under the auspices of the vice-governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region, Mrs. Jarmila Uvírová, and the deputy mayor of the city of Ostrava, Mrs. Kateřina Šebestová, in cooperation with Ostrava University and thanks to financial support from the Transition Promotion Programme of the Czech Republic, Global Greengrants Fund, Moravian-Silesian Region and the City of Ostrava.

VENUE: University of Ostrava, Aula OU, Českobratrská 16, Ostrava

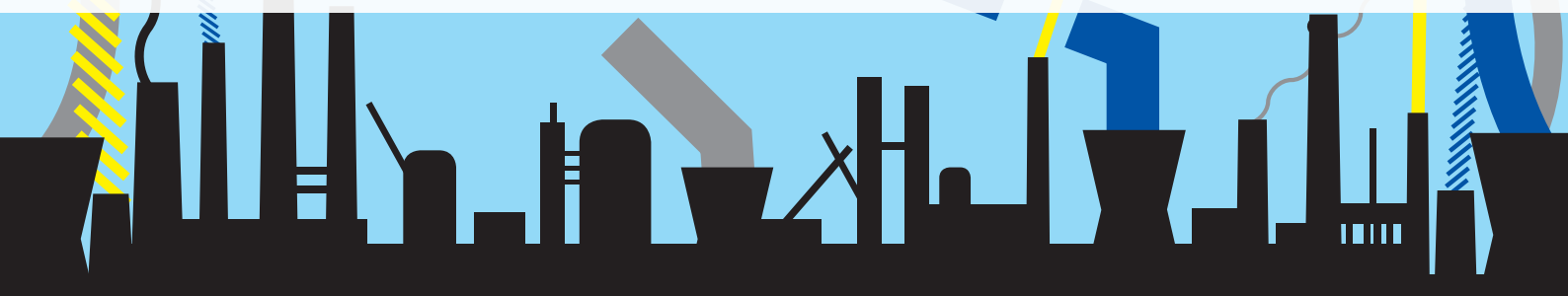
CONFERENCE LANGUAGES: English and Russian
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Pollution is one of the great existential challenges of the Anthropocene Era and threatens the survival of human societies. Toxic air, water, soils, and workplaces cost 6% of global GDP. The deaths attributed to pollution are triple those from AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Air pollution alone kills 4.5 million people every year. What can we do to reduce industrial air pollution in European cities? How can citizens enforce their right to live in a healthy environment?



Monday 19 November 2018

Welcome words and introduction (9:00–9:30)

Jarmila Uvírová, vice-governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region

Kateřina Šebestová, deputy mayor of the City of Ostrava

Jan Hradecký, dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Ostrava

Martin Skalský, chair of Arnika

Morning session (9:30–12:00): Industry, people and the environment

- Radim Šrám, Institute of Experimental Medicine, Czech Academy of Sciences: **Impact of air pollution on human health**
- Petr Jančík, Head of the Department of the Protection of the Environment and Industry of the Technical University of Ostrava: **Technical and technological possibilities to reduce pollution from the steelworks – the story of Ostrava**

Coffee break

- Jindřich Petrlík, Arnika: **Top ten largest polluters: Access to information as a tool in campaigns for clean air**

Press briefing (12:30–13:30)

Lunch (13:30–14:30)

Afternoon session (14:30–17:00): Regulation of air pollution in the Czech Republic

- Matěj Mrlina, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic: **Legal, technical and personnel capacities of the government to fight air pollution**
- Jan Kolář, Head of IPPC and EIA Department of CENIA, Czech Environmental Information Agency: **Implementation of the EU Industrial Emissions Directive in the Czech Republic**

Coffee break

- Blanka Krejčí, Head of the Air Quality Department, Czech Hydrometeorological Institute, Ostrava regional office: **The national air quality monitoring network in the Czech Republic**

Welcome drink (17:00–18:00)

Joint dinner (18:00–20:00)



Tuesday 20 November

Morning session (9:00–13:30): International experience

Introduction: Kateřina Krejčová, coordinator of international projects of Arnika (The Czech Republic)

- ITALY – Mariano Alterio, environmental lawyer, Peacelink (Taranto):
Environmental disaster of ILVA-Taranto and violation of human rights
- POLAND – Rafał Psik, Zagłębiowski Smog Alert (Sosnowiec):
Fighting against low-stack and industrial pollution in small and medium-sized Polish cities

Coffee break

- KAZAKHSTAN – Dmitriy Kalmykov, Ecomuseum (Karaganda):
The city where black snow falls
- ARMENIA – Oleg Durganyan, SOS Without Borders (Alaverdi):
Smoke over the valley of UNESCO monasteries, employment and tourism
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – Samir Lemeš, Eko forum (Zenica):
Rusting promises – always in the future tense

Lunch (13:30–14:30)

Afternoon session (14:30–17:30): Closed workshop – International finance / for registered participants only

- Pippa Gallop, CEE Bankwatch Network:
Experiences with tackling European public financing for ArcelorMittal

Coffee break

Closing session (17:30–19:00): Discussion “What can we do together?”



Wednesday 21 November

Morning session (9:00–12:00): Air pollution in Ukraine

Introduction: Tamara Kharchilava, Ecoaction (Ukraine)

- DNIPRO – Maxim Soroka:
Monitoring and control of air pollution in Ukraine
- KHARKIV – Elena Reshetko:
Citizens campaign and tracking the health risks

Coffee break

- KRIVYI RIH – Anna Ambrosova:
Cooperation with ArcelorMittal in a working group
- ZAPORIZHIA – Iryna Pirogova:
Involvement of experts in a public campaign
- MARIUPOL – Maxim Borodin: **Activism and local politics**

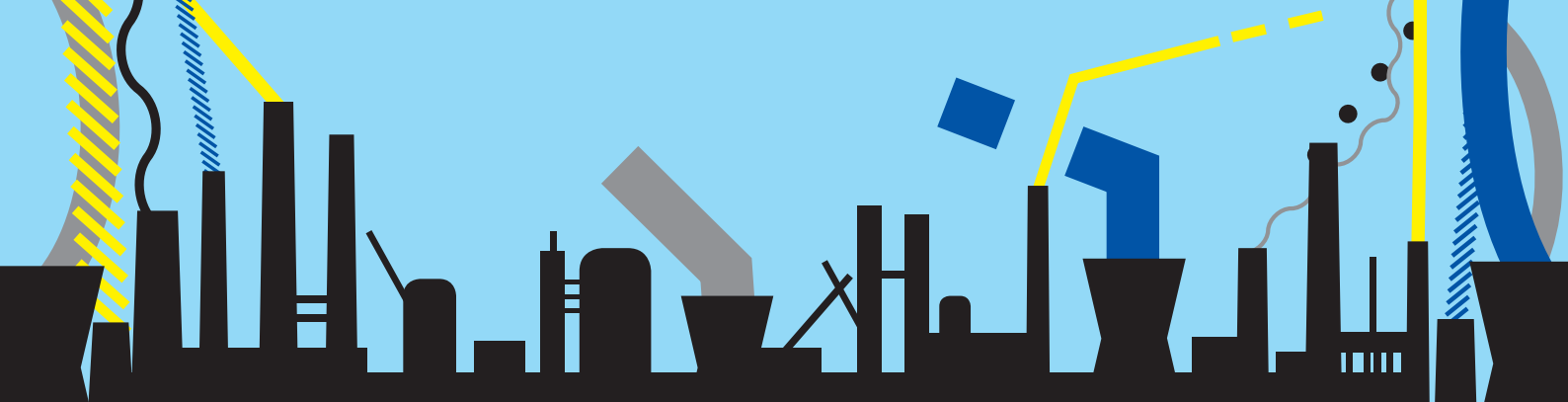
Lunch (12:30–13:30)

Afternoon session (13:30–16:00): Air pollution in Ostrava

- Nikola Carić and Nela Římanová, director and the coordinator of the Clean Sky Association: **Clean Skies – participating in Ostrava’s air pollution solutions**
- Petra Andrášik, lawyer of Frank Bold:
Legal tools for fighting air pollution in the EU
- Tomáš Mosler, head of air protection, ArcelorMittal Ostrava:
Efforts of a steelmaker to minimize its environmental footprint

Coffee break

Closing session (16:30–18:30): Adoption of the declaration of the conference



Thursday 22 November

Morning 9:30–11:00: Excursion to the Třinecké železářny Steelworks / for registered participants only

- Radim Klimša, corporate ecologist of the Třinecké železářny Steelworks: **Progress of Třinecké železářny in environmental protection**
- Excursion to blast furnaces and oxygen-converter steel smelter with presentation of new technologies for dedusting

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Participation in the conference is free of charge. • Participants are only kindly asked to pay for meals, refreshments, and accommodation. We will send you a detailed calculation of the prices after you complete your registration, according to the number of the days you plan to attend. • The number of places is limited.

Please, be aware that the agenda might change before the conference begins.
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