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Conference 4 March 2010 about the PM lab project in the Euregio Maas-Rhine

We would like to invite you to the first conference about the PM lab project in the Euregio Maas-Rhine.

In our environment particulate matter is one of the major causes of many complications of respiratory and vascular diseases. For this reason it is extremely important to reach cross-border harmonisation in taking measures towards the PM-sources, or to limit the load in the ambient air by appropriate measures. However, at the moment, both measuring and interpreting data differ between involved agencies in the three countries.

In July 2009 an European project started financed by the Interreg-IV-A program in cooperation with three partners (ISSEP at Liège, the province of Limburg at Maastricht -on behalf of the Centre for Sustainable Environment (CSE), the Geographisches Institut of the RWTH Aachen, and the Centrum voor Milieukunde (CMK) related to the University of Hasselt).

The conference will consist of two parts a more **general part** in the morning and a **technical, interactive part** in the afternoon. **On the next page you will find the program.**

Final goal for the end of the project (2012) is to establish an online-platform for the automatic exchange of (calibrated) measured PM-values (input) and spatially interpolated maps of the PM-concentrations in the EMR (output), including forecast information for the next days, based on the different forecast models in the 3 countries.

The conference will take place at **Hogeschool Zuyd, Nieuw Eykholt 300 in Heerlen, The Netherlands**. It is admission free.

You can sign up for the morning part or for the entire day. To sign up you can send an e-mail to u.van.stokkum@hszuyd.nl (closing date registration 24 February).

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09.30-10.30 hr.

Opening and general introduction in cross border problems around particulate matter.
A presentation about the project and the partners involved (with information about background, strategy and expected outcome for policy makers) by **Marcel Severijnen** from the Centre of Sustainable Environment (CSE).

10.45-12.15 hr.

Current practice of PM-measurements, data processing, interpretation and visualization in the different countries in the Euregio. Presentations by
Dr. Ronald Hoogerbrugge from RIVM (NL)
Dhr. Frans Fierens from IRCEL-CELINE (B)
Dr. Sabine Wurzler (conditionally accepted) from LANUV (D)

12.12-13.15 hr. Lunch

13.15-14.15 hr.

Geographical and methodological background of differences in PM10-results in the Euregio and possible approaches for consistent data processing

14.15-15.15 hr.

Preparing a Euregio-wide data comparison between the data processing methods

15.45-16.45 hr.

How to work towards a cross-border data platform

16.45 hr. Drinks / networking / socializing

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