



**Instytut Spraw Publicznych, Friedricha Ebert Foundation and
Swedish Embassy in Poland**

invite to the debate:

How to air the cities? Poland, Germany and Sweden towards smog

9 February (Thursday), 6 PM

**Marzyciele i Rzemieślnicy, Dom Towarowy Bracia Jabłkowscy,
Bracka 25, 3rd floor, Warsaw**

Polish cities suffocate. According to the World Health Organisation 33 out of 50 most polluted cities in the EU are located in Poland. In some of them the air pollution norms have exceeded the alarm level multiple times. Despite this catastrophic data, not everyone seems to notice this problem.

How to air the cities? – we are going to ask the Vice-Mayor of Warsaw, urban activists and scientists. We will discuss how the EU can help and how the cities in the Western Europe, where the fight for fresh air that has just started in Poland has lasted for decades, got aired.

Subsidized electric cars, restricted traffic zones in the cities for old and poisonous cars, connection to the heating system and replacement of the ovens – together we are going to discuss, which of these solutions would improve the situation in Poland.

PROGRAMME

18.00 – 18.10 Opening

18.10 – 18.30 Short talks – 10 minutes about smog

Joanna Mieszkowicz, Fundacja Aeris Futuro, Eco-refugee from Cracow

Prof. Andrzej Szarata, Politechnic in Cracow, researcher of the traffic

18.30 – 20.00 Debata – How to air the cities?

Christer Ågren, Air Pollution & Climate Secretariat

Andrzej Grzyb, MEP, author of the report about the reduction of air pollution emissions in the EU

Anke Konrad, German Embassy

Michał Olszewski, Vice-Mayor of Warsaw

Emilia Piotrowska, Warszawski Alarm Smogowy

Moderation: Magdalena Skłodowska, TVN24 BiS

During the debate Polish-English simultaneous translation will be provided.

The debate is organised within the framework of the project, supported by the the European Parliament, in which Institute of Public Affairs and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation try to initiate a public debate on issues important for Europe that are also discussed in the European Parliament.

