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Anna Lisa Boni: NEC vote crucial to clean air in cities

Ahead of next week's vote on the revision of the National Emission Ceilings (NEC) Directive, EURO CITIES secretary general Anna Lisa Boni points out why the directive is so crucial to air quality in our cities:

"We urge MEPs to vote for binding 2025 reduction targets on particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and ammonia. It is crucial that we address all pollutants, including ammonia emissions from agriculture: they contribute significantly to poor air quality in cities. Air pollution is the most important environmental health problem in the EU, and is costing our economies and our health. The problem is concentrated in cities, where three quarters of our population lives."

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