

**Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)
Actions by Belgium**

Country: Belgium

Title:

**Ratification of the LRTAP-Protocol on Heavy Metals
(BACA Action 35)**

Description: Go through the approval process of the amendments of the protocol in all 4 concerned governments (3 regional and federal governments) and where necessary adapt legislation to the provisions in the protocol.

Expected outcome: Ratification of the protocol, in order to let it enter into force. This will allow new member states to join and will lead to a decrease of their emissions, which will have a positive impact of air quality in the whole UNECE region.

Partners: The federal and regional governments

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**Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)
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Country: Belgium

Title:

**Ratification of the LRTAP-Protocol on POPs
(BACA Action 36)**

Description: Go through the approval process of the amendments of the protocol in all 4 concerned governments (3 regional and federal governments) and where necessary adapt legislation to the provisions in the protocol.

Expected outcome: Ratification of the protocol, in order to let it enter into force. This will allow new member states to join and will lead to a decrease of their emissions, which will have a positive impact of air quality in the whole UNECE region.

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Title:

**Ratification of the LRTAP- Gothenburg Protocol
(BACA Action 38)**

Description: Go through the approval process of the amendments of the protocol in all 4 concerned governments (3 regional and federal government) and where necessary adapt legislation to the provisions in the protocol.

Expected outcome: Ratification of the protocol, in order to let in enter into force. This will allow new member states to join and will lead to a decrease of their emissions, which will have a positive impact of air quality in the whole UNECE region.

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Title:

**Introduce less polluting transport systems and promote traffic management systems
(BACA Action 12)**

Description: Addressing policy incentives in the wider context of a global policy framework, which addresses low/zero emission vehicles and fuels, modal shift and congestion problems. Several measures have recently been taken, such as a kilometre charge for trucks (partly based on the Euro emission class) and greening the road tax and vehicle registration tax in Flanders. Further taxation and other incentives to stimulate the use of less polluting transport systems and promote traffic management systems will be worked

Expected outcome: Reduction of emissions of all pollutants from traffic (and improvement of air quality) and less congestion

Partners: The federal and regional governments, to some extent also local authorities

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Title:

**To further reduce emissions of air pollution
(BACA Action 8)**

Description: Air pollution policy constantly evolves in order to reduce emissions of all relevant pollutants and thus the impact of air pollution on health and the environment. Environmental legislation and permits are combined with an approach through fiscal instruments, awareness raising and voluntary agreements. One of the important tools is the enforcement of the use of Best Available Technologies. In the framework of the revised EU NEC directive, a new emission reduction program will be established (timing depends on the provisions in the final directive, probably around 2020) taking into account emission ceilings, but also air quality standards and other environmental and health targets.

Expected outcome: Emission reduction programme; reduction of emissions of all pollutants and improvement of air quality

Partners: The federal and regional governments, to some extent also local authorities

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