

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PREPARATION OF AIR QUALITY PROGRAMMES IN BULGARIA

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National Air Pollution Control Programme (2020 - 2030)

- ▶ Developed in accordance with Art. 6 of Directive (EU) 2016/2284 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants
- ▶ The main objective of the programme is to fulfill the reduction obligations by 2030 for the total annual anthropogenic emissions of the relevant atmospheric pollutants
- ▶ The programme includes measures in sectors that are more significant sources of emissions in the ambient air, such as agriculture, road transport and domestic heating

National Programme for Improving Ambient Air Quality (2018 - 2024)

- ▶ Aimed to assist municipalities in the implementation of measures to achieve sustainable compliance with the fine particulate matter standards
- ▶ Includes measures for the sectors that have been found to be major contributors to fine particulate matter pollution - domestic heating and transport
- ▶ Should lead to an improvement of the quality of the ambient air and should contribute to the achievement of the norms determined by the legislation in the municipalities with excessive pollution

Municipal Air Quality Programmes

- ▶ Shall be developed and implemented in order to be reduced the levels of pollutants and to be reached the established limit values in regions where the total emissions leads to exceeding of the limit values for the pollutants in the ambient air
- ▶ Shall be adopted by the municipal councils
- ▶ Shall lead to annual reduction of the number of exceedances of the limit values for harmful substances and of the average annual levels of pollutants in the cases where they exceed the established limit values for ambient air quality on the territory of the municipality

Means for Public Participation in the Development of the National Air Quality Programmes

- ▶ Prior to the submitting for consideration at a meeting of the Council of Ministers, draft laws and drafts of normative and general administrative acts of the Council of Ministers shall be published on the website of the relevant authority and on the Public Consultation Portal
- ▶ The notification shall include and the main reasons for the issue of the act, as well as the forms of participation of the interested persons in the proceedings
- ▶ As far as by a special law has not been established otherwise, the interested persons and their organisations shall have the right of access to the whole information, content in the file on the issue of the general administrative act at any time of the proceedings, including after its completion
- ▶ The administrative body shall ensure to the interested persons an opportunity to implement their right of participation in a reasonable term, determined by the administrative body, which may not be shorter than one month from the day of the notification

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National Air Pollution Control Programme (2020-2030) and National Programme for Improving Ambient Air Quality (2018-2024) have been published for public consultations at the website of the Ministry of Environment and Water and at the Public Consultations Portal for a 30 days period and all members of the public were provided with the opportunity to submit written comments

Means for Public Participation in the Development of the Municipal Air Quality Programmes

- ▶ Instruction for development of programmes for reduction of emissions and achievement of the established norms for harmful substances is applied in the regions for assessment and management of the air quality, where there is an excess of the established norms
- ▶ Programme Councils for Assessment and Management of the Air Quality - shall include also representatives of the interested natural and legal persons and environmental organizations or associations
- ▶ The drafts of the programmes shall be discussed with representatives of the public

***Thank you for your
attention!***

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