

Why are existing EU rules not enough?

- Scientific evidence of health impacts of dirty air is now stronger, which prompted the World Health Organization to call for stricter limits.



- Better air quality monitoring and modelling is needed to improve air quality management and enforcement of rules.



- Preventive air quality plans would enable authorities to take faster action to improve air quality.



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Key measures



- ▶ **Stricter thresholds for pollution**, more closely aligned with new limits set by the World Health Organization.
- ▶ Enhancing the right to clean air, **improved access to justice**.
- ▶ Current law does not include provisions for citizens to claim compensation for health damage due to air pollution. The new rules will bring more effective **penalties** and **compensation possibilities** for violating air quality rules
- ▶ Strengthened rules for air quality **monitoring to support preventive action** and targeted measures.
- ▶ Requirements to **improve air quality modelling**, especially if and where air quality is poor.
- ▶ Better **public information**.



The **new standards** will cost **less than 0.1 % of GDP**, at least 7 times lower than benefits to economy and society.



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