

NOISE ABATEMENT IN THE CITY. FINDINGS OF THE SILENCE PROJECT

Polis Working Group Meeting on Environment & Health

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Barcelona City Hall, Pl. Sant Jaume 1, 08002 Barcelona

Is your city aware of the European legislation on environmental noise? Have you prepared your local noise map? Are you developing a noise action plan? Join this meeting to find out about your legal obligations and successful approaches for local transport noise abatement!

Noise is moving up on the policy agenda of cities and regions across Europe. Not only are more and more figures becoming available on the significant impact of noise on citizens' health, also the European Directive on Environmental Noise is requiring urban agglomerations to take action through noise mapping and noise action planning. The EU project SILENCE has developed a number of tools to assist local and regional authorities in abating noise generated by surface transport and comply with the Directive. These tools, as well as the policy issues that are at stake, will be presented to Polis members and further illustrated through the measures that Barcelona, the recently elected new Polis President, has implemented in this field.

Monday 25 February 2008

22.30 – 24.00 Site Visit: Quiet Night Delivery in Barcelona

Tuesday 26 February 2008

11.00 Site Visit: Barcelona's Multi Use Lanes

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Why noise matters. Introduction to the European Environmental Noise Directive, health impacts and costs of noise

Karen Vancluysen, Polis

15.00 The noise action planning process step by step: Organising the process, involving stakeholders and public, analysing hot spots

Melanie Kloth, Polis

15.45 Listen to the Ramblas! The soundwalk approach

Karen Vancluysen, Polis

16.00 Coffee Break

16.15 Abating Noise. Local measures on a short-term basis and long-term strategies

Melanie Kloth, Polis

17.00 Noise Abatement in Barcelona

Simon Hayes, DSD

17.20 Conclusions

17.30 End