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## **BUSINESSEUROPE High-Level Seminar**

### ***“Is NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> trading smart policy?”***

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### **PROGRAMME**

*In order to pursue the decrease in industrial emissions witnessed in Europe since the 1990s, European companies need favourable, stable, consistent and predictable policy conditions. A comprehensive air quality legislative arsenal is already in place in Europe. However, the European Commission is investigating the feasibility of a European emissions trading scheme for industrial NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. There is a lot of on-going debate about which policy option would better deliver air quality goals.*

*The seminar will bring together European legislators, representatives of European industry and NGOs to debate the economic and environmental pertinence of adding a European NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading scheme to the existing regulatory landscape and what policy alternatives can be explored.*

*The seminar will be moderated by Marco Mensink, Chairman of BUSINESSEUROPE's NO<sub>x</sub>SO<sub>2</sub> trading Task Force.*

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13:30 – 14.00: Registration and coffee

14.00 – 14.10: Philippe de Buck, Director General BUSINESSEUROPE  
*Welcome and introductory remarks*

**Panel 1: Is the EU policy mix right to reach NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> objectives?**

*NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are already densely regulated at EU and national levels. This first session aims to discuss the current policy landscape to see if it addresses properly the NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> challenge. Panellists will be invited to give their opinion on where policy efforts should concentrate to reach NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> objectives in a cost-effective and proportionate way.*

Giuseppe Montesano, Head Environment and Climate Policy, Enel

Holger Kraemer, Member of the European Parliament (Liberals / Germany)

John Hontelez, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau

14.55 – 15.15: Q&As

15.15 – 15.35: *Coffee break*

**Panel 2: Is NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> trading a suitable alternative to existing legislation?**

*The European Commission is exploring the possible establishment of a European emissions trading scheme for industrial NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This second session aims to stimulate a policy debate on the risks and opportunities of such policy option.*

Marianne Wenning, Head of Unit, DG Environment

Jean-Marie Chandelle, Chief Executive, CEMBUREAU

Norbert Salomon, Deputy Director General, German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

16.20 – 16.40: Q&As

16.40 – 17.00: **Karl Falkenberg, Director General, DG Environment**  
*Closing remarks*

- Cocktail -