

# BELLONA

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### NEWS

**Brussels:** Bellona debate in European Parliament puts spotlight on cities' role in tackling air pollution crisis through clean mobility

23 November, Bellona hosted a conference on air pollution and clean mobility in the European Parliament. Co-organised with MEPs Seb Dance (S&D) and Keith Taylor (Greens), the event gathered EU, national and local policy makers, industry actors, civil society and citizens for a discussion around tackling today's air pollution crisis through clean mobility measures. >>[Read more](#)

**Brussels:** Low carbon transport takes the backseat in new Renewable Energy Directive

Members of the European Parliament's Industry, Transport and Energy Committee (ITRE) voted on 28 November to create loopholes in the Renewable Energy Directive that could create a back-door to new public funding for industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emitters and polluting internal combustion engines. >>[Read more](#)

**Global:** Bellona gathers industry and policy makers to discuss plug in solutions on land and sea

Infrastructure needs, synergies between land and sea transport infrastructure, as well as the need for policy coherence were at the core of the discussions during Bellona's side event on 16 November, at this year's UN Climate Summit, COP23, in Bonn. >>[Read more](#)

**Global:** Bellona COP23 event puts electric shipping in the spotlight

Bellona and partners who play an important role as game-changers in developing products and services compliant with a zero-emission future in coastal shipping inspired the audience by sharing their stories and best practices, while calling for a regulatory framework to ensure the whole industry follows suit. >>[Read more](#)

**EU:** Commission's transport package fudge fails to back its 'electric ambitions' with convincing enforcement design

November 8, the European Commission published its long-awaited, though hollow transport package, containing a number of legislative proposals determining fuel economy standards for new cars and vans, criteria and targets for the procurement of clean vehicles by public authorities, as well as plans for financing the Union's alternatively fueled charging infrastructure. >>[Read more](#)

### ON THE BELLONA AGENDA

**Bellona seminar on CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure in Nordic countries**

On December 7, Bellona will be hosting a breakfast seminar in Kulturhuset in Oslo on shared, full-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport and storage infrastructure in the Nordic countries. The high level seminar gathers members of Nordic Parliaments, industry representatives and Bellona's CCS team. >>[Read more.](#)

### EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS

**Masterclass in air pollution and health:** 7 December, Renaissance Hotel, Brussels

Exposure to indoor and outdoor air pollutants damages the lungs. Environmental policy is a core EU activity and the European Respiratory Society (ERS) Environment and Health Committee is an active partner in forming European policy. The masterclass will go deeper into issues such as health effects of transport emissions.

**Event:** Digital Disruption, battery revolution and solar energy, 6 December, Sentralen, Oslo

Event organised by The Solar Energy Cluster, Oslo Renewable Energy and Environment Cluster (OREEC), Smart Innovation Norway and Institute for Energy Technology (IFE) will touch upon important developments in energy systems and storage among other issues. >>[Read more](#)

**Publication:** Bellona warns against premature electric vehicle (EV) incentive cuts in Norway

According to media sources, ESA (EFTA Surveillance Agency) is questioning whether the Norwegian state's subsidies to EVs are necessary. Bellona sent a letter to ESA, justifying why it is crucial to keep the incentives untouched, until EV models in all sizes are available on the market, and can compete in price with internal combustion engine alternatives. >>[Read more](#)