

Beyond the smoke: Building support for clean heating measures in Europe

 20 October 2026

 10:00–16:00 EEST
[Event Space 2020](#), The Small National Palace of Culture, 1 Bulgaria Blvd, Sofia, Bulgaria.
 In-person and livestream event. Bulgarian interpretation available.

This is the final conference of the project “Beyond the smoke: Building support for clean heating measures in Europe”. The event will include presentations of key findings from work conducted across several European cities and will facilitate knowledge-sharing and dialogue among various actors on remaining gaps, scalable solutions and best practices to improve air quality and decarbonisation.

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Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker
9:30 – 10:00	Registration – Welcome coffee	
10:00	Welcome address	Vassil Terziev , Mayor of Sofia Municipality
10:10	Keynote speech	Deputy Mayor of Sofia Municipality
10:30	Session 1: Presentation of main findings	Chiara Antonelli , Topic lead, IEEP
11:10	Q & A	
11:30	Coffee break	

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11:50	Session 2: Focus on City Case Studies	Presentation by Irene Chiocchetti , Policy Analyst, IEEP Dialogue with Marin Marinov , Director of Sofia Air Quality Department
12:30	Q&A	
12:45	Networking lunch	
13:45	Panel session + moderated discussion	• Prof. Angel Burov, University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy • Joel Boehme, Clean Heat Europe • C40 representative • EnEffect representative Moderator: Journalist
14:40	Interactive session	
15:40	Keynote concluding remarks	Cecilia Vaca Jones , Executive Director, Breathe Cities
15:55	Wrap-up	Clean Air Fund
16:00	End of the Conference	

For more information about the event, please contact cantonelli@ieep.eu



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