

Invitation letter
20th of September 2012
18:00 – 20:30

“The significance of adopting Health-Based Ventilation Guidelines for Europe for EU policies on health, air quality, energy, eco-design and buildings’ and consumers’ products”

Hosted by Mrs. Catherine Stihler MEP

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 2013 European Year of Air and the expected revision of the ambient air legislation mark an appropriate moment to stress the importance of indoor air quality (IAQ) and place it into the heart of the energy efficiency strategy. In 2010, the project Health-Based Ventilation Guidelines for Europe (HealthVent) was granted a project grant under the Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008-2013 with the objective of developing health-based ventilation guidelines for non-industrial buildings in Europe taking into consideration energy efficiency.

Europeans spend most of their time in indoor environments and a poor quality of indoor air is responsible for 2 million disability adjusted life years (DALYs) in the 27 Member States of the European Union (EU) conjointly every year.¹ To present the results of the project, the HealthVent consortium is organising an event at the European Parliament in Brussels. It will be held on *Wednesday, the 20th of February 2013* and is kindly hosted by Ms. Catherine Stihler MEP. It will focus on:

- *Presentation of the health-based ventilation guidelines*
- *The impact of health-based ventilation guidelines on ambient and indoor air quality policies as well as energy policies*

Speakers will be high-end researchers, policy-makers, representatives of patients’ organisations and other interested stakeholders.

Location:	European Parliament – Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, 3H1 room – Brussels
Date:	Wednesday the 20th of September 2013 from 18:00 to 20:30
Participants:	MEPs, researchers, EU officials, representatives of patients’ organisations and other interested stakeholders

The final agenda of the event will follow shortly. I would kindly ask you to confirm your participation to info@efanet.org, stating whether you will attend the standing dinner. *Reserve your place as soon as possible as there are limited places and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis bearing in mind all stakeholders should be represented.*

Yours sincerely,



Breda Flood, EFA President



Pawel Wargocki, Project Coordinator

¹ Final activity report of the EnVIE project, *Co-ordination Action on Indoor Air Quality and Health Effects*, available at: <http://cordis.europa.eu/documents/documentlibrary/126459681EN6.pdf> (consulted on 28 September 2012).