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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
REDUCING TRANSPORT NOISE IN URBAN AREAS
SILENCE Seminar
Brussels, 30 March 2005, 11.00–16.00 h
POLIS Office, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels

Although noise limits have become increasingly stringent over the years, no corresponding reduction in noise levels in urban areas has been observed. Therefore, European noise policy has been revised to focus on noise perception, to avoid the harmful effects of noise exposure from all sources, and to preserve quiet areas. SILENCE, a research project co-funded by the European Commission, aims to develop an integrated methodology for the improved control of surface transport noise in urban areas. SILENCE will provide relevant and world-leading technologies for the efficient control of surface transport noise, innovative strategies for action plans on urban transport noise abatement, and practical tools for their implementation. Now that the project has been running for one year, the first results become available. This seminar aims to inform you on the progress of SILENCE and will point out the potential of different noise abatement measures.

11.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

11.20 Overview of the SILENCE project
Franz Brandl, AVL-LIST

11.40 Local Noise Abatement Policy: Where to Start?
Karen Vancluysen, POLIS

12.05 The Impact of Noise Pollution on Citizens' Health
Barbara Griefahn, Ifado

12.25 Towards Quiet Road Surfaces
Guy Descornet, Belgian Road Research Centre

12.45 Questions

13.00 Lunch

14.00 The Role of Traffic Management in Noise Reduction
Lars Ellebjerg Larsen, Danish Road Directorate (tbc)

14.20 Silent Rail Vehicles
Pierre-Etienne Gautier, SNCF

14.40 A Common Approach to Air Quality and Noise: The Experience of Paris
Fanny Mietlicki, BruitParif

15.00 London's Noise Action Plan
Max Dixon, Greater London Authority (tbc)

15.20 Questions

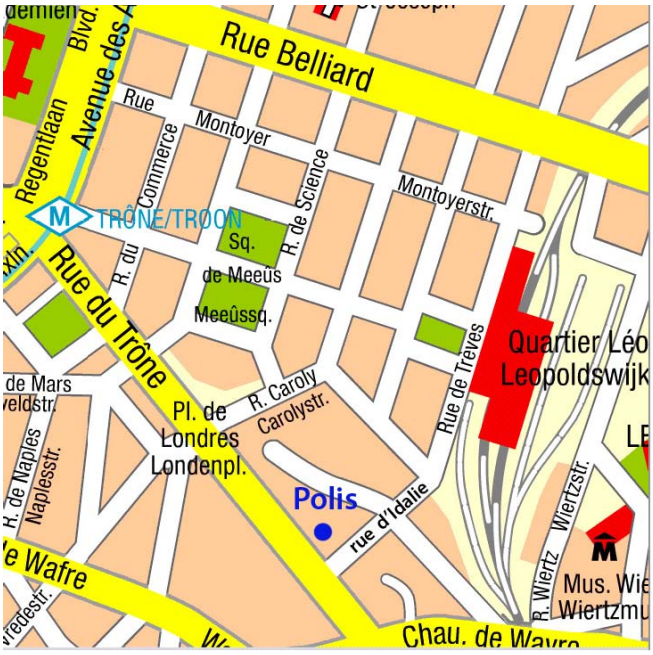
15.45 End of the Seminar

PRACTICAL DETAILS

The seminar will take place at:

Polis – Cities and Regions Networking for Innovative Transport Solutions
Rue du Trône 98
1050 Brussels

The Polis office is situated on Rue du Trône, within walking distance from Place du Luxembourg, the Luxembourg train station, metro station Trône (direct line from train station 'Brussels midi') and the European Parliament.



Transportation

Arriving with Eurostar or Thalys
From Gare du Midi/Zuidstation, take the metro northbound (line 2, direction Simonis) to Trône, and walk five minutes down on Rue du Trône.

From Brussels Airport

- Taxi costs about 25 €
- Train+Metro: +/-30 min; take the Airport City Express train service Brussels Gare du Midi; then take metro line 2 northbound to Trône and walk five minutes down on Rue du Trône. (fare 2.35 €)
- Airport bus: +/- 30 min; direct bus operated by STIB, linking Brussels airport to Place du Luxembourg. From place du Luxembourg, walk on Rue d'Idalie and turn right on Rue du Trône (fare 3 €).

Accommodation

If you would like to book a hotel, go to: https://ino.safe-order.net/resotel/sysres/hotels.php?id=10441

REGISTRATION FORM

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PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO JUDITH MABELIS BY 6 MARCH 2006
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Do note that places are limited, so we advise early booking!

❑ I will attend the SILENCE Seminar on 30/03/06

❑ Unfortunately I am not able to attend, but I would like to be kept informed about the SILENCE project.

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