

UN Environment and Sarajevo Film Festival to put clean air centre stage at Enviro Day

Air pollution costs Bosnia and Herzegovina US\$ 7,228 million, or 21.5% of national GDP, each year. Monitoring stations opened by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) show that air quality is currently at safe overall [levels](#), yet last year heavy smog caused schools in Sarajevo to close early for the winter break.

At least 44,000 years of life are estimated to be lost in Bosnia and Herzegovina each year due to particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide or ozone pollution.

During the Enviro Day at the Sarajevo Film Festival, experts from UNEP, the World Health Organization and Federal Hydrometeorological Institute will present the latest scientific knowledge on Sarajevo's air quality and on ways to improve it. Experts will also perform a live demonstration of the instruments used to monitor pollution in the city's air.

17 August 2016, 14:00-15:30 Festival Square

Panel discussion followed by media statements

Opening by UNEP, Federal Hydrometeorological Institute and World Health Organization

Ms Sabina Ćudić, Member, Cantonal Assembly

Ms Sanela Salihagić, Sarajevo Canton Public Health Institute

Aljaž Plevnik, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia

Aleksandar Knežević, Regional Education and Information Centre – REIC

16:00-18:00 Ars Aevi space near Wilson's Lane, Enviro Day fair

Air quality monitoring station presented by **Public Health Institute of the Canton of Sarajevo**

Air quality monitoring instruments presented by **Federal Hydrometeorological Institute**

Air pollution monitoring tool produced by students presented by the **Association for the Scientific and Technical Education of Youth in BiH**

18:30 onwards, Festival Square

Enviro Day cocktail reception co-hosted by UNEP, European Union Delegation and the Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection

For more details on Enviro Day please click [here](#).

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