Clean air is an essential need for all, not just a luxury

Our health, our environment ... even our economy depend on it

We need to tackle air pollution together, as it does not respect borders

We can all make a difference through adopting greener practices in transport, energy, industry and agriculture

Take a deep breath!
Every breath matters

The air around us is primarily made up of molecular nitrogen and oxygen, but also contains particulate matter and other air pollutants. Some of these occur naturally, others are man-made.

Air pollution affects everyone, but not to the same extent. People with heart or lung diseases are more vulnerable, and so are those with allergies, the elderly and infants.

Thanks to effective policies and international cooperation, the air in Europe today is cleaner than it has been for decades, benefitting us all.

But with millions of people still severely affected in the EU, our efforts for cleaner air must continue.

Clean Air Programme for Europe aims to cut air pollution-related health impacts by half or more by 2030.

Clean air policies have made a difference!