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Industry calls for Balanced Air Quality Package

Commenting on the Commission's air quality package BUSINESSEUROPE Director General Markus J. Beyrer said: *"Over recent decades, European industry has significantly reduced its emissions and is committed continuing these efforts. However, we are concerned that the proposed air quality package will force industry to go beyond what is economically and technically feasible. BUSINESSEUROPE will be working with the co-legislators to balance health and environmental objectives better with the competitive needs of our industries."*

According to a European Environmental Agency (EEA) Report in 2010, industrial emissions of SO₂ fell by 70% between 1990 and 2008. This is expected to fall a further 33% by 2020. Similar trends are also evident for industrial NO_x emissions which saw a 33% reduction over the same period and are thought to drop another 33% by 2020. The EEA's 2013 report on Air Quality in Europe shows that overall emissions of SO_x fell by 50% from 2002 to 2011, which led to a fall in SO₂ concentrations of about one third across Europe.

For further details on industry's position please read [attached Joint Statement](#), issued on 4 December 2013.

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