



BELGIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT



**Agenda for the Environmental Committees Chairpersons Meeting
Brussels, 3-4 October 2010
Flemish Parliament**

(as of 20.07.2010)

Sunday 3 October 2010

- 13.30 – 18.30** Visit to Umicore* and visit to the city of Antwerp**
(venue: buses leave from the hotels at 13.30)
- 13.30 Brussels – departure of bus to Hoboken
 - 14.15 Hoboken - arrival and visit of Umicore*
 - 15.45 Hoboken – departure of bus to Antwerp
 - 16.00 Antwerp – arrival and visit of the historical city of Antwerp**
 - 18.00 Antwerp – departure of bus to Brussels
 - 18.30 Brussels – arrival in Hotels in Brussels
- 20.00 – 22.00** Reception and dinner
(venue: 'De Daktuin' – Flemish Parliament – Leuvenseweg 86 1000 Brussels)

Monday 4 October 2010

(Venue: hemicycle of the Flemish Parliament)

- 09.00 – 09.30** Welcome address
Registration of the participants and coffee
- 09.30 – 09.40** Welcome by Mr Jan Peumans, Speaker of the Flemish Parliament
- 09.40 – 09.50** Welcome by Mr Bart Martens, Chairman of the Committee on Environment of the Flemish Parliament
- 09.50 – 10.20** Keynote speaker: Ms Ans Rossy, Sustenuto – Presentation of the study "Sustainable Materials Management for Europe, from efficiency to effectiveness"****
- 10.20 – 10.40** Keynote speaker: Mr Kurt Vandenberghe, head of cabinet of Mr Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for the Environment – The policy of the European Union regarding Sustainable Materials Management
- 10.40 – 10.55** Presentation of the discussion paper "Towards a European policy on sustainable management of materials"

10.55 – 11.30	Debate
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Debate
13.00 – 13.10	Family photo
13.10 – 14.00	Walking Lunch – zuilenzaal
14.00 - 15.30	Debate
15.30 – 15.45	Conclusions by Mr Bart Martens, Chairman of the Committee on Environment of the Flemish Parliament
15.45 – 16.15	Speech by Ms Joke Schauvliege, Flemish minister of the Environment and holding the Presidency of the Environmental Council
16.15 – 17.15	Reception - zuilenzaal

* Umicore is a materials technology group focusing on application areas where it knows its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy can make a real difference. Umicore generates approximately 50 % of its revenues and spends approximately 80 % of its R&D budget in the area of clean technology, such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and photovoltaics, fuel cells, and precious metals recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on this ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life. The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base. It generated a turnover of € 6.9 billion (€ 1.7 billion excluding metal) in 2009 and currently employs some 13,700 people. (<http://www.unicore.be/en/>)

** In the city of Antwerp we organize a guided tour (English-French) which will include a visit of the Cathedral and to the Plantin-Moretus museum (300 years of printing history). The visit will be concluded with the drinking of a 'bolleke' (a typical Antwerp beer) in a typical Antwerp café. (http://museum.antwerpen.be/plantin_moretus/index_eng.html)

*** The study "Sustainable Materials Management for Europe, from efficiency to effectiveness" (Rossey/Jones/Geysen/Binge 2010) (Sustenuto, KULeuven and the Wuppertal Institute) was commissioned by the Flemish Department of Environment for the Belgian EU Presidency. (<http://www.parlement-eu2010.be/en/index.html>)