

# Consultation on the evaluation of the Environmental Noise Directive

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## Survey context

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### ***Noise from transport and industry – a health concern***

Noise pollution is a concern: the World Health Organisation has identified noise as the second largest environmental cause of health problems, just after the impact of air quality (particulate matter), and a [report from the European Environment Agency](#) states that exposure to excessive noise from transport affects an estimated 125 million people in Europe and causes – at least – 10.000 premature deaths per year.

### ***Legislation on noise at EU level***

Noise from transport and industry is regulated by the “[Environmental Noise Directive](#)”, which requires Member States to take a common approach to the management of noise by mapping noise from transport and industry and drawing up actions plans to address it. These action plans need to be publically consulted. The collected data also serves to develop measures to reduce noise at source (e.g. EU legislation which imposes limits on the noise created by individual cars, trains, aircrafts or industrial equipment). The Environmental Noise Directive does not require Member States to take specific noise reduction measures, nor does it set limit or target values for noise pollution. This remains the responsibility of Member States.

### ***Why are we consulting on the Environmental Noise Directive***

The Commission has decided – in the context of “Better Regulation” – to evaluate the Environmental Noise Directive with a view to regulatory fitness. The Commission already collected - via an external evaluation - the views of enterprises and public bodies by means of dedicated interviews. This was followed up by an [expert workshop](#). With this questionnaire, the Commission is now collecting the views of citizens and associations of citizens, but also of all other interested stakeholders, addressing specifically the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and EU added value of the Environmental Noise Directive.

### ***The questionnaire***

The questionnaire consists of 5 short introductory questions about the persons completing the questionnaire. Following this there are 13 substantive - mainly multiple-choice - questions (sometimes with the possibility to further explain the views in a free text field). The questionnaire also offers the possibility to upload documents containing written statements.

## Personal information

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\* In which capacity are you participating in this consultation?

- As a single citizen
- As an association of citizens
- Private company - non SME
- Private company - SME
- Public company
- Academic/scientist
- National/regional/local authority
- Industrial or trade association
- Consumer association
- Other

\* Please give your name if replying as a single citizen, otherwise give the name of your organisation.

*40 character(s) maximum*

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\* Please indicate your country

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

If you are a legal entity and you are not registered in the [Transparency Register](#), please do so before answering this questionnaire. If your entity responds without being registered, the Commission will consider its input as that of an individual/private person and as such, will publish it separately.

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[1] Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

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- \* Before filling in the questionnaire, you may upload a document to express your views.
- I want to fill in the questionnaire without uploading a document
- I want to fill in the questionnaire and upload a document
- I don't want to fill in the questionnaire but I want to upload a document

## General issues

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- \* (1) How important for your quality of life is the level of noise in your surroundings?

- Very important    Important    Moderately important    Of little importance    Unimportant    No opinion

- \* (2) Should noise be addressed by legislation?

- Yes    No    No opinion

- \* If yes, in your view, what would be the appropriate level?

- European level (EU)    National    Local    No opinion

(3) How much do you know about noise legislation

	Very much	Much	Some	A little	Hardly anything	No opinion
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*in your country	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*in the European Union	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## The Environmental Noise Directive (END)

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The Environmental Noise Directive (END) requires Member States to **produce noise maps** and **adopt action plans** to manage noise.

\* (4) Are you sufficiently informed about the noise situation (e.g.: by means of the **noise maps**) in your area?

Very well informed     Well informed     A little informed     Not informed     No opinion

\* (5) Are you sufficiently informed about the **measures** your national/local authorities have planned in the adopted **action plans** to manage noise?

Very well informed     Well informed     A little informed     Not informed     No opinion

\* (6) Have you had the opportunity to **comment on draft action plans** to manage noise before their adoption?

Yes     No     No opinion

\* Did you use this opportunity to comment?

Yes     No

(7) The END provides a framework to address noise pollution from transport and industry and requires EU Member States to undertake a set of actions. For each of them, **do you think they are appropriate?**

	Yes	No	No opinion
*Make <b>maps of noise exposure</b> to inform the citizens on noise pollution and as basis for action plans.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* <b>Adopt action plans</b> to manage and, if necessary, reduce noise.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* <b>Consult the citizens</b> on the action plans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

\* **EU legislation does not set any limits, nor targets, and leaves Member States free to choose if to intervene and how.**

(8) Do you think this is appropriate?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* (9) The END aims at providing a basis for EU measures to reduce noise from transport and industry, for instance by developing common methods for noise mapping.

Do you think that the END has provided a good basis for **developing source-based regulatory measures?**

Yes  No  No opinion

\* (10) The END aims at protecting areas within and outside cities where the noise quality is good, called "**quiet areas**".

Are you aware of any such area in the vicinity of your home?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* (11) The END requires Member States to designate such quiet areas. Do you think that such designated **areas are useful to avoid, prevent or reduce the harmful effects of noise from transport and/or industries?**

Yes  No  No opinion

\* (12) Are you aware of any noise reduction measures taken in your area to reduce noise from transportation and/or industry?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* Do you think that the EU measures implemented in your country/region have been **effective in reducing noise from transportation and/or industries**?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* Do you think that the measures adopted are proportionate to the benefits?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* Do you think that measures would have been taken **if there was no EU legislation** on environmental noise?

Yes  No  No opinion

\* (13) What would happen if the END were repealed?

- Nothing, all will be the **same**
- Noise protection in my Member State will **diminish**
- Noise protection in my Member State will be **improved**
- I do not know

Feel free to explain your choice:

*200 character(s) maximum*

## Contact

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