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Invitation to the 1st Workshop on 'Bearable noise limits and ceilings'

In 2010 UIC has started a study regarding bearable noise limits and emission ceilings to support the discussion between EU and the UIC/CER about noise limits and ceilings. With this study UIC wants to address the following questions: Are emission ceilings suitable and necessary for a purposeful noise management? Is there a need of emission ceilings and for a European regulation? What do the other modes do (road and aircraft)? The project is carried out by dBvision consultancy (Netherlands).

> Two work packages:

- 1. Current situation + goals**
- 2. Scenario analysis + positioning**

The study consists of two work packages, each involving a workshop. Work package 1 aims at getting a clear picture of the current:

- situation of national and European legislation and future intentions
- important national topics (e.g. strategies) and discussions about railway noise
- national programs for noise measures (and their feasible noise reductions)
- situation about preparation and implementation of new noise legislation

In work package 2, the effects of different limits will be analysed in order to learn what is bearable for the railways. The point of view of EU (or the Member States) and WHO and possibly other relevant NGO's is taken into account. The analysis will focus on the consequences for UIC and the infrastructure management organisations, but also attention is paid to other stakeholders like operators, government and local authorities, residents, owner of the vehicles. The second workshop will be in autumn 2010.

> Take part in the workshop and represent your national railway

The preparation of the first workshop starts in April 2010 with interviews of UIC members. On June 17, 2010 the results of work package 1 will be presented and discussed on the noise workshop on the 11th UIC Sustainability Conference in Madrid. Please register for this at: <http://www.uic-environment.org/spip.php?article6>

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> Workshop 1

At 11th UIC Sustainability Conference
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