



Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development

Summary of the Advice on the preliminary draft of the federal plan to fight acidification and tropospheric ozone

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- Prepared by the *Energy and Climate* working group
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The Federal Council for Sustainable Development FRDO-CFDD (the acronym comes from the Dutch *Federale Raad voor Duurzame Ontwikkeling* and the French *Conseil Fédéral du Développement Durable*) takes a position in this advice on the *preliminary draft of the federal plan to fight acidification and tropospheric ozone*. The Council's view is that the achievement of the objectives described in this plan will be an initial positive step towards prevention of the harmful effects of ozone and acidification, but that these objectives will not be sufficient over the long term. The Council recommends taking structural measures and integrating the management of problems linked to greenhouse gases, ozone and acidification. It also considers a high degree of coherence among all the institutional actors in the country necessary and hopes that efforts will be taken to create a *national* plan to fight air pollutants (greenhouse gases, ozone and acidification).