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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject: Petition 2051/2013 by Martina Kurz (German) on the overshoot of carbon dioxide limits in the air in the city of Reutlingen in Germany**

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner complains that the permitted levels of carbon dioxide emissions in the city of Reutlingen are exceeded at least 60 times a year and that the measures taken by the city of Reutlingen are not sufficient to reduce these levels. Unlike what occurs in other cities and other countries, the pricing policy adopted in respect of buses gives people no incentive to use them and so they prefer to travel by car.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 8 August 2014.

Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 30 January 2015

Preventing climate change is a strategic priority for the European Union. The European Union has adopted a comprehensive legal framework to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in order to fight climate change. The EU legal measures in force, however, do not provide for outdoor CO<sub>2</sub> limits.

Regarding the second matter pointed out by the petitioner, it should be noted that the ticket pricing policy of bus companies is a matter for local government. Indeed, while a number of measures taken at the EU level will help Member States to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, like CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for new cars and vans, it is the responsibility of Member States themselves and the local governments to implement policies and measures to limit emissions from the

sectors like transport, buildings, and waste.

### Conclusion

Neither of these matters are regulated at the EU level and appear to be regulated by national law.