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www.kit.edu



EFCA | The European Federation of Clean Air and Environmental Protection Associations aims at encouraging professional activity in Europe while working at the interface between science and (European) policy on environmental problems.
www.efca.net



GUS | Gesellschaft für Umweltsimulation e.V. (Society for Environmental Engineering). It is the organisation of people, institutions and companies who work in environmental engineering and testing. Since 1969, GUS supports the development of environmental engineering on a non profit basis.
www.gus-ev.de



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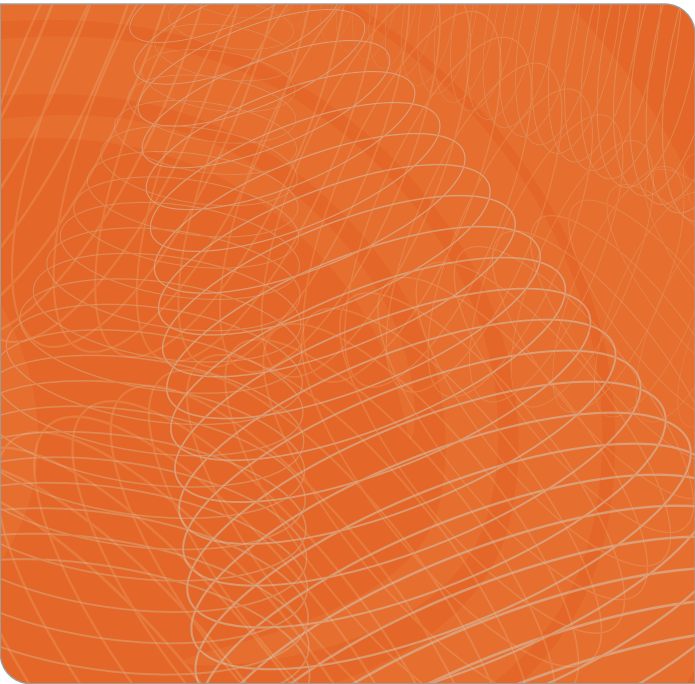


European Federation of Clean Air and Environmental Protection Associations (EFCA)
International Symposium

Ultrafine Particles – Air Quality and Climate

ANNOUNCEMENT – CALL FOR PAPERS

Brussels, Belgium
June 17 and 18, 2026



Introduction

Ultra Fine Particles (UFP), the nano fraction of air borne particulate matter, are considered to cause serious health problems and environmental effects. Combustion is a major source, also by producing volatile organic pollutants which are converted in the atmosphere by photochemical reactions. Increasing applications of man-made nanomaterials add to the problem. A further interest results from their specific role in atmospheric processes such as cloud formation and precipitation and, in fact, in climate. The relation between UFP and human health and that of UFP and climate are both areas of intense research and cross-links between these fields are found nowadays.

The political objective to decrease exposure to particulate matter makes use of the mass-based metrics PM10/PM2.5, which do not properly represent all risks for human health. EFCA is, therefore, in favor of the development of a fraction-by-fraction approach on particulate matter, both with respect to size and chemical composition. This position was adopted by the European Commission in the recent Air Quality Directive which has marked Ultrafine Particles and Black Carbon Particles as pollutants of emerging concern and has called for appropriate measurements to be taken.

EFCA's 10th Ultra Fine Particles Symposium 2026 will feature the most recent scientific progress and improve the dialogue with policy- and rule makers in Europe. The Symposium has gained visibility by its venue at the Baden-Württemberg State Representation in Brussels and attracts an effective mix of EU representatives and scientists. EFCA and KIT, together with GUS and CEEES are pleased to organize this event again. We cordially invite all experts to contribute actively and hope to see you at the State representation of Baden-Württemberg in Brussels in June 17th and 18th, 2026.

Scientific Focus of the 2026 Symposium

The scientific focus will cover entire topics on interactions between Ultra Fine Particles and air quality, recent findings, hypothesis, monitoring results, health and impact assessments. Volatile particles and toxic effects, release of UFP, and exposure assessment. A focus will be on the consequences of the European air quality directive for research and air quality management.

Thomas Leisner | Chairman

Call for Papers

Conference topics in ultrafine particles research and abatement strategies include:

Sources: Emissions, inventories, nucleation, and growth of ambient ultrafine particles

Characterization: Particle size, volume, shape, particle size distribution, chemical composition, oxidative capacity

Air quality: Measurement and methods; modelling atmospheric transformation of particles; monitoring approaches and data; equipment

Climate effects: Role of ultrafine particles in cloud formation and stimulating climate effects; regional aspects

Epidemiology: Epidemiological and human clinical studies with size differentiation of small particles

Health effects and mechanisms: *In vivo* and *in vitro* toxicity, transport in the body; relevant research techniques

Mitigation strategies and policies: Policy studies on UFP; cost-effective mitigation of PM; Decision finding: Public hearings, citizen tables

Submission of Abstracts

Please send abstracts (max. 300 words) to

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not later than **March 13th, 2026.**

The abstract should be a pdf-file. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of the paper by April, 14th, 2026.

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