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Towards a comprehensive recognition of the electrohypersensitivity in Europe?

Is the school a source of electro-sensitive people?

The commemorative event for the International Day against Electromagnetic Pollution which was held at the Office of the European Parliament in Madrid




This commemorative event for the International Day against Electromagnetic Pollution addressed this the environmental issue from scientific, social and European political-institutional points of view, emphasizing on the following aspects:

- The [International EMF Scientist Appeal](#) (May 11, 2015) to the UN, UN Member States and the WHO requesting they adopt more protective exposure guidelines for electromagnetic fields (EMF) and wireless technology in the face of increasing evidence of risk.
- The opinion on [electromagnetic hypersensitivity](#) adopted on 7 January, 2015 by the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN) of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)** recognizing the basic demands of the electro-sensitive people (recognition as Functional Disability and Environmental Disease, white zones,...) and basic protection measures for the protection of the general public, particularly of the most vulnerable groups (as avoid connecting to wireless in schools). However, the opinion was not passed in EESC plenary causing an EESC scandal: the organised civil society found evidence of serious conflict of interest and filed a complaint with the European ombudsman, which has already opened an inquiry.
- The **protectionist measures of the EMF exposure** (particularly in infant-juvenile population), requested by institutions as the **European Parliament** ([2008](#), [2009](#)), the **European Environment Agency** ([2007](#), [2009](#), [2011](#), [2013](#)) and the **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** ([Resolution 1815/2011](#)).
- The open debate on child and adolescent vulnerability and lack of protection against the deployment of wireless technologies in education, in favour of the [Schools without Wi-Fi](#) in the same way as schools free of tobacco or junk food.



Organized by: PECCEM and Electrosensibles por el Derecho a la Salud, **mediated by** French MEP Michèle Rivasi. **With the participation of MEPs** of The Greens/European Free Alliance and **Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left**. **Contributing organization:** Coordination Nationale des Collectifs contre les antennes relais tout azimut (France)

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- **Institutional welcome** by Sr. Francisco. Fonseca, Director of the Representation of the European Commission in Spain.
- **Presented and moderated** by Julio Carmona Barros, member of the Coordination Group of the PECCEM (social platform of neighborhood organizations, consumers, environmentalists, EHS, parents, to the fight against EMF pollution and defense of health). **See the documentation submitted** 
- The [International EMF Scientist Appeal](#) requesting they adopt more protective exposure guidelines for electromagnetic fields (EMF) and wireless technology in the face of increasing evidence of risk.

SEE THE VIDEOS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION

- **Ceferino Maestu Unturbe**, “Electromagnetic hypersensitivity, fact or Fiction”. Director of the Bioelectromagnetism Laboratory, Center for Biomedical Technology, Polytechnic University of Madrid (see [C.V.](#)). **See the PowerPoint presentation:**  **See video of the conclusions:** 

ACTUAL CONTEXT IN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS





- **Bernardo Hernández Bataller**, “Electromagnetic hypersensitivity”. [Rapporteur for the opinion](#) adopted on 7 January, 2015 by the EESC TEN Section. **See video:**  **See the PowerPoint presentation :** 
- **David Gee**, “Arguments and industry strategies to avoid the application of the Precautionary Principle”. Senior adviser for science, policy, and emerging issues at the **European Environment Agency**. Associate Fellow, Institute of Environment, Health and Societies, Brunel University. **See video:** 

SEE THE VIDEO OF THE FIRST QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

PAPERS AND REPORTS OF THE MEPS

- **Michèle Rivasi**, Europe Écologie MEP (French), Vice-Chair of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance. **See video:** 
- **Florent Marcellesi**, EQUO’s European Parliament spokesman. “Primavera Europea” member.
- **Ángela Vallina**, Izquierda Unida MEP (Asturias, Spain).
- **See video Florent Marcellesi report and Ángela Vallina paper:** 
- **See parliamentary question tabled by Podemos MEPs, Estefanía Torres Martínez and Pablo Iglesias, on 3 July 2015:** 

REPORTS SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Minerva Palomar Martínez**, “The rights of EHS people”. President of Electrosensibles por el Derecho a la Salud. **See video:**  **See [Letter to the EESC in November 2014](#)**
- **Asunción Laso Prieto**, “The Children and Teenagers vulnerability, in the light of the deployment of wireless technologies in education”. Pedagogue, AVAATE ex-president, campaign activist “[escuelas saludables, acceso a Internet solo por cable](#)”. **See video:**  **See the PowerPoint presentation:**  **and erratum:** 

SEE THE VIDEO OF THE SECOND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

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