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Developing Air Quality Sensors: Perspectives and Challenges for Real Applications

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About ENEA

- **ENEA** - *Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development*
- It is a **public RTO (Research and Technology Organization)** operating in the fields of **energy**, the **environment** and **new technologies** to support the Country's competitiveness and sustainable development
- ENEA's mission is to develop new technological solutions to **meet the societal challenges**, fostering transition to a **low-carbon and circular economy**
- The institutional mandate of the Agency is to disseminate and transfer **knowledge, innovation and technology** to industry, institutions and civil society at large



Activities ENEA

- ENEA's activities span many fronts ranging from basic to applied research and innovation
- **Research:** Basic, mission-oriented, applied and industrial research, also through the development of prototypes and product industrialization
- **Technology Transfer:** Dissemination and transfer of research results to industry and public administrations, and exploitation for production purposes
- **Advanced services:** Studies, measurements, tests and assessments tailored to both public and private bodies and enterprises
- **Training and information:** Activities aimed at broadening sector expertise and public knowledge and awareness



Research Facilities and Staff



Research facilities:

- 9 Research Centres
- 5 Research Laboratories
- 13 Territorial offices
- Brussels Liaison Office
- Headquarters in Rome

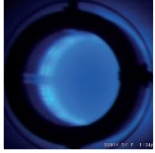
Human Resources:

About 2500 permanent staff:

- 36% women
- 59% graduates



Research and Development



Fusion & Nuclear Safety

- Fusion
- Fission (new gen)
- Radiation protection
- Nuclear safety & security
- Ionizing/non ionizing radiation applications



Energy Technologies

- RES (PV, CSP)
- Energy efficiency technologies
- Bio-fuels
- Smart grids
- Storage
- Sustainable Mobility
- Advanced energy materials
- Sustainable use of fossil fuels



Sustainability

- Resource efficiency
- Climate change: modeling, adaptation and mitigation
- Environmental technologies
 - Innovative materials
- Environmental characterization, prevention and recovery
- Seismic and natural hazards assessment and prevention
 - Bio and nanotechnologies
 - Agrifood
 - Health
- Cultural heritage

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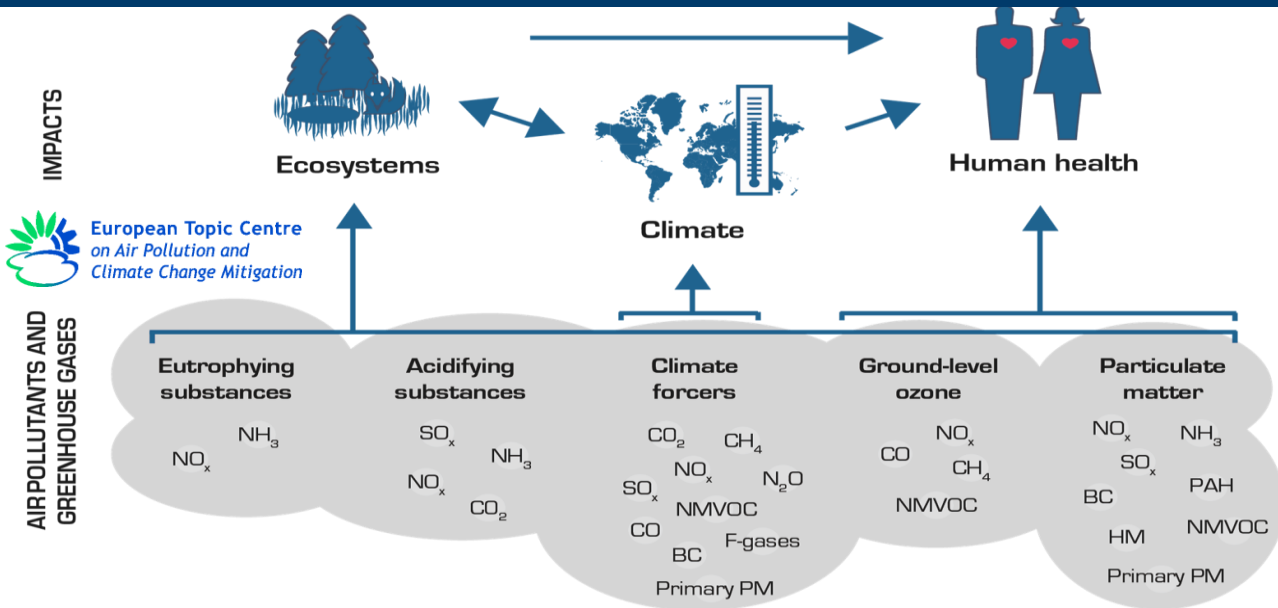
Context of Air Pollution in Europe

Cristina Guerreiro

EEA Report | No 13/2017

Air quality in Europe — 2017 report

ISBN 1975-8449



Almost one third of the Europe's citizens are exposed to excessive concentrations of airborne particulate matter.

Exposure to PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and O₃ lead to respectively 431 000, 75 000, and 17 000 **premature deaths** in Europe (2012 conc.).

European Environment Agency



EEA

Mitigation and Regulation: AMBIENT AIR QUALITY EU DIRECTIVE (2008/50/EC) and Daughters



Some Environmental Emergencies:

- 1930 - Meuse Valley (Belgium)
- 1952 - Great London Smog (UK)
- 1954 - Los Angeles (USA)
- 1984 - Bhopal (India)
- 2005 - Teheran (Iran)
- 2006 - Hong Kong
- 2008, 2015 - Shanghai, Peking (China)
- 2012 - Taranto (Italy)

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Regulated Limit of Detection

Pollutant	Limit Level
NO _x	100, 200 ppb
CO	8 ppm
SO ₂	130, 190 ppb
O ₃	120 µg/m ³
PM ₁₀	50 µg/m ³
BTEX	6 µg/m ³
PAH (BaP)	1 ng/m ³
PM _{2.5}	25 µg/m ³

Severe very-low limits of detection to preserve human health, eco-systems and environment







ENEA efforts in performance standards for AQ sensors (1/2)

- **COST Action TD1105**: *European Network on New Sensing Technologies for Air Pollution Control and Environmental Sustainability - [EuNetAir](#) (2012-2016)*
Chair: M. Penza - www.cost.eunetair.it
International Networking on sensor materials, gas sensors, sensor-systems, measurements, protocols, standards with more than 120 teams from 31 COST Countries and 7 International Partner Countries (including USA)
- **ESSC**: *European Sensor Systems Cluster (2014-present)*
Chairman: M. Penza - www.cluster-essc.eu
Working Group on sensor-systems to define a Roadmap [Towards European Leadership in Sensor-Systems](#) for H2020 Calls 2018-2020, as requested by EC
- **Italian Project ABC**: *Aerocrafts powered by Biofuel (2017-2019)*
Partnership: CNR, ENEA, Italian Air Force
Working Group to study the impact of the emissions from aircrafts powered by biofuel, as funded by Italian Ministry of Environment, Landscape and Sea

ENEA efforts in performance standards for AQ & Climate (2/2)

- **MINNI**: *Italian National Atmospheric Modelling System (Italian Legislative Law 152/2010 (2010-present) by ENEA - www.minni.org*
Air Quality Scenario Simulations at medium-long term to support the Italian Environment Ministry in negotiation to define European and International policies on air pollution, including *National Air Quality Forecasting System*
- **ENEA Station for Climate Observation "Roberto Sarao", Lampedusa (Sicilia)**:
ENEA - www.lampedusa.enea.it
A Research Facility in the Mediterranean to measure the climatic parameters. The atmospheric/oceanic observatory is composed by two sections:
 - **ground-based laboratory** (35.52°N, 12.63°E) since 1997
 - **oceanic buoy** (35.49°N, 12.47°E) for air-sea and satellite observations since 2015
- **EIT CLIMATE-KIC**: *European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) - Climate Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) - www.climate-kic.org*
ENEA linked partner on Innovation for Climate Action

Transducers for air quality sensors

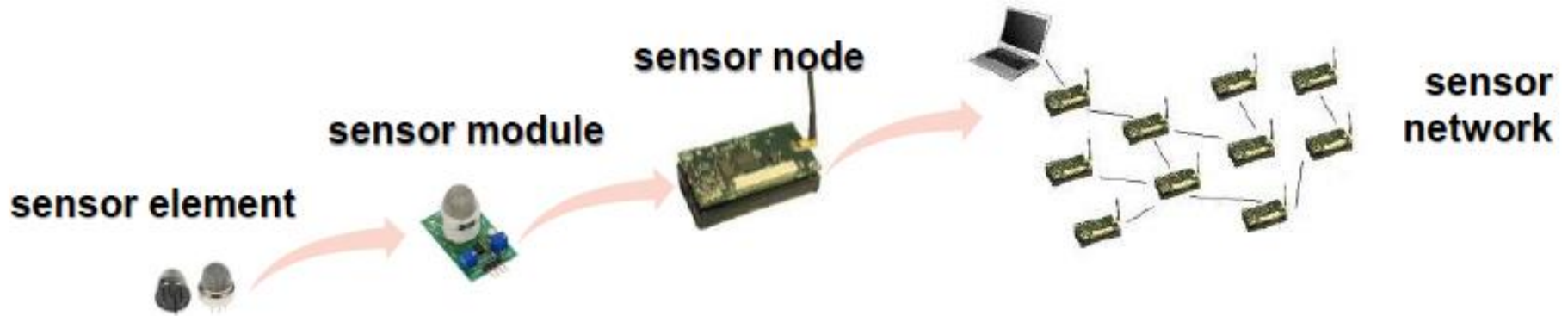
Type of Transducer	Air Pollutant	Prototype/Device
Electrochemical	NO_2 , NO , O_3 , CO , SO_2 , H_2S	
Spectroscopic and NDIR	CO_2 , CH_4 , specific VOCs	
Photo-Ionisation Detector	total VOCs	
Optical Particulate Counter	PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, $\text{PM}_{1.0}$, BC	
Metal Oxides	NO_2/NO , O_3 , CO , SO_2 , H_2S , VOCs	
Pellistors	CH_4 , hydrocarbons	

Measurement parameters for air sensor performance

Transducer	Sensitivity	Selectivity	Stability	Limit of Detection	Open Questions
Electrochemical	<i>High</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Improved</i>	<i>ppb</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>
Spectroscopic and NDIR	<i>High</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>ppm</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>
Photo-Ionisation Detector	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Improved</i>	<i>ppm</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>
Optical Particulate Counter	<i>High</i>	<i>Improved</i>	<i>Improved</i>	<i>µg/m³</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>
Metal Oxides	<i>High</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>sub-ppm</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>
Pellistors	<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Improved</i>	<i>ppm</i>	<i>Interference, calibration, signal proc.</i>

Good electronics (low noise), good mechanical design, software/firmware/cloud are needed

Sensor/Node/Network for air quality



- Study of sensor elements active control techniques on all levels:
 - **Sensor module** → enhanced electronics (i.e. for self-monitoring)
 - **Sensor node** → improved selectivity and stability via information correlation
 - **Sensor network** → enhanced reliability, auto-configuration/calibration

Rationale for the choice of the sensor performance

EU Directive 2008/50/EC: *Sensors-versus-Analyzers* 1/2

EU Directive 2008/50/EC: *Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe*, art. 2

	Definition
Fixed Measurements	<p>It means measurements taken at fixed sites to determine the levels in accordance with the relevant <i>Data Quality Objectives</i> (DQO).</p> <p>They are mandatory in zones and agglomerations where the upper assessment thresholds are exceeded.</p>
Indicative Measurements	<p>It means measurements which meet <i>Data Quality Objectives</i> (DQO) that are less strict than those required for “<i>Fixed Measurements</i>”. The “Indicative Measurements” are considered as <i>Informative Measurements</i>.</p>

Data Quality Objectives (DQO)

	Max UNCERTAINTY Requested by Directive				DEVICES FOR MEASURE
	NO ₂ /NO/NO _x , SO ₂ , CO	Benzene	O ₃	PM ₁₀ /PM _{2.5}	
Fixed Measurements (High Accuracy)	15%	25%	15%	30%	<u>Analyzers:</u> Fluorescence, Chemilumin., GC, UV Photometry, Optical Absorption, Gravimetry
Indicative Measurements (Low Accuracy)	25%	30%	30%	50%	<u>Low Cost Sensors</u> (diffusive samplers)

Examples of certification standards for air quality

European Standard EN

➤ performance criteria and test procedures for certified *Automated Measuring Systems (AMS)* for ambient air quality for **gases and PM** are defined in:

- EN 14211:2012 for **NO_x**, and daughters
- EN 14212:2012 for **SO₂**, and daughters
- EN 14625:2012 for **O₃**, and daughters
- EN 14626:2012 for **CO**, and daughters
- EN 14662-3:2005 for **C₆H₆**, and daughters
- EN 12341:2014 for **PM₁₀**, and daughters
- EN 14907:2005 for **PM_{2.5}**, and daughters
- EN 16450: 2017 for **PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}**, and daughters
- Guide to the Demonstration of Equivalence of Ambient Air Monitoring - GDE

➤ **CEN/TS 16450** supposed to become an EN Standard in future after validation work

Air Quality Sensors Network operating in BARI (Italy)

Case-Study Italian Project RES-NOVAE: *Sensors-vs-Analyzers*

11 Sensor Nodes (10 stationary + **1 mobile**)
managed by ENEA and deployed in Bari



Air Quality Monitoring Stations (10 units)
managed by ARPA-Puglia in Bari



Air Quality Sensors Network operating in Bari (Italy)

Case-Study Italian Project RES-NOVAE: *Virtual Private Network*

CO-B4	Alphasense, UK
NO2-B4	Alphasense, UK
O3-B4	Alphasense, UK
SO2-B4	Alphasense, UK
CO2-IRC-A1	Alphasense, UK
VOCs-PID-A1	Alphasense, UK
PPD20V	Shinyei, JP
TC1047A	Microchip
HIH5031	Honeywell

Smart City Bari **AQ ENEA Sensors Fixed Nodes Network distributed in Bari (Italy)**

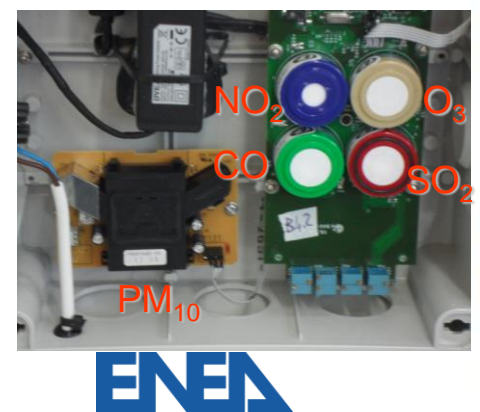
ENEA Centro Ricerche Brindisi

ENEA Sensors Lab OpenVPN Status Monitor

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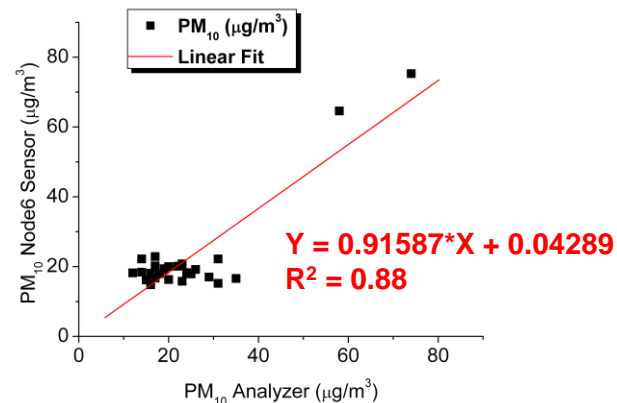
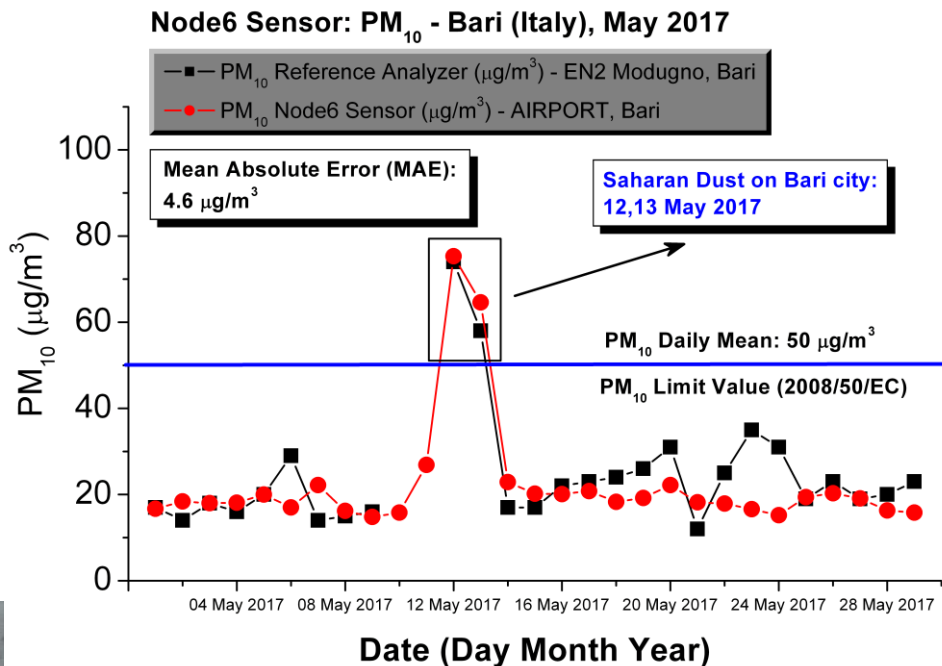
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- 10 Stationary Nodes in City
- 1 Mobile Node on Public Bus
- Campaign Period: **30 Months**
- **1 July 2015 - 31 Dec. 2017**
- Big Data: 5Gb
- Sampling Rate: 10 sec

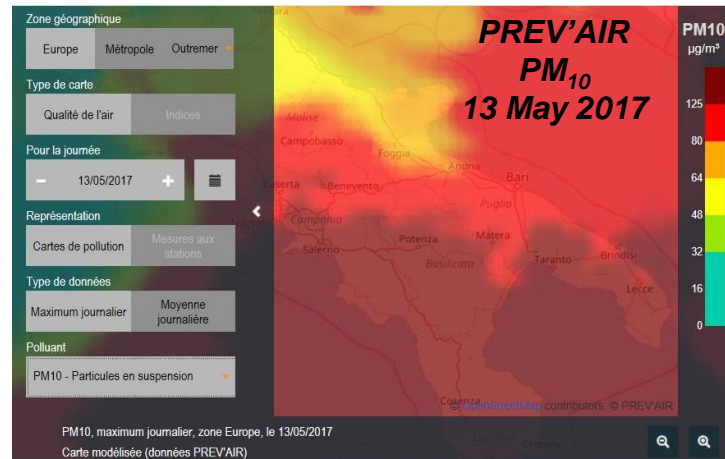


PM₁₀: Sensors Network Data operating in Bari (Italy)

Node 6 Airport: May 2017, Sensor vs Analyzer - Saharan Dust



Node 6: AIRPORT in Bari
PM sensor (PPD20V, Shinyei)



Air Quality Sensors Network operating in Bari (Italy)

Case-Study Italian Project RES-NOVAE

PM₁₀ WSN Performance: Jan - Dec 2016

Node ID	Node Location	Sensor Node PM ₁₀ Yearly Mean (µg/m ³)	Closest AQMS PM ₁₀ Yearly Mean (µg/m ³)	Sensor Node PM ₁₀ Mean Absolute Error (*) (µg/m ³)	Sensor Node Accuracy (**) (%)
Node 1	ENEL	25.85	22.56	5.61	24.86
Node 2	ENEA	22.61	25.91	5.61	21.65
Node 3	PERONI	22.32	26.67	7.78	29.16
Node 4	AMTAB	21.40	26.67	8.16	30.60
Node 6	AIRPORT K. Wojtyla	22.37	27.31	5.61	20.54
Node 8	POLITECNICO	21.34	25.91	5.08	19.60
Node 9	COFELY	21.63	24.98	4.26	17.05
Node 10	UFFICI COMUNALI (°)	24.52	24.69	6.27	25.41

(*) MAE = Mean Absolute Error

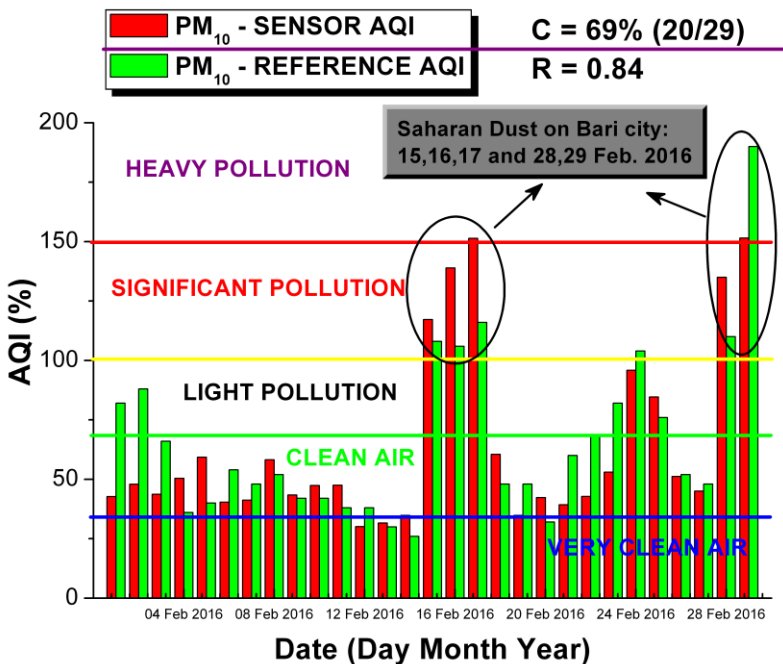
(**) Accuracy is defined as sensor MAE divided by AQMS Yearly Mean

(°) Sensor performance considering Min value instead of Avg value for Node 10 only

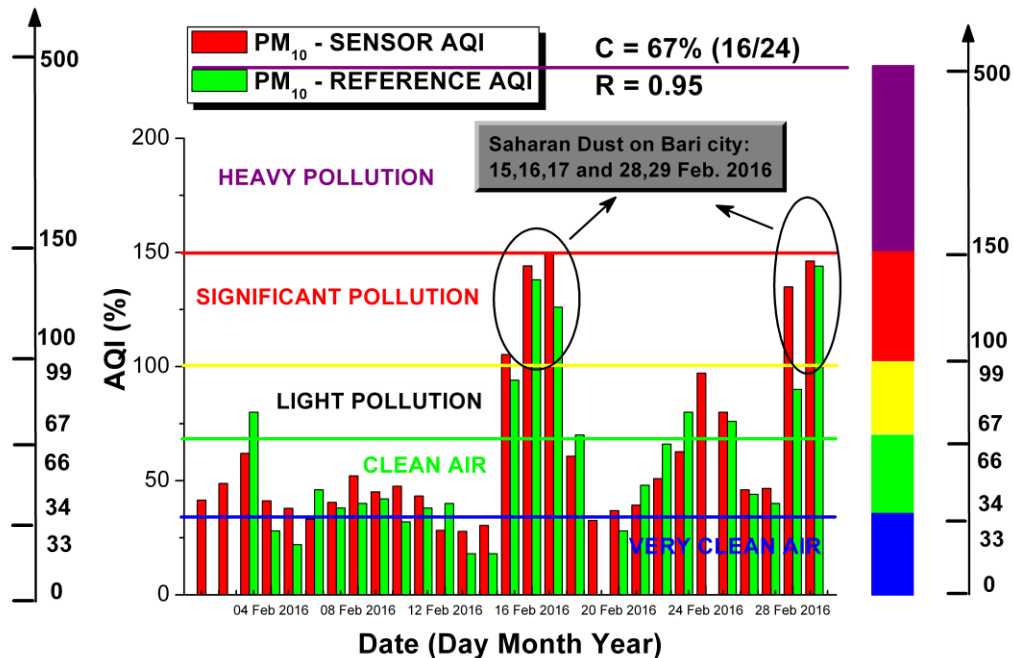
PM₁₀: Sensors Network Data operating in Bari (Italy)

AQI - Node 2 and Node 6: Feb. 2016, *Sensor vs Analyzer*

Node 2 - Feb 2016



Node 6 - Feb. 2016



Air Quality Sensors Network operating in Bari (Italy)

Case-Study RES-NOVAE: *Mobile Sensing on Public Bus*

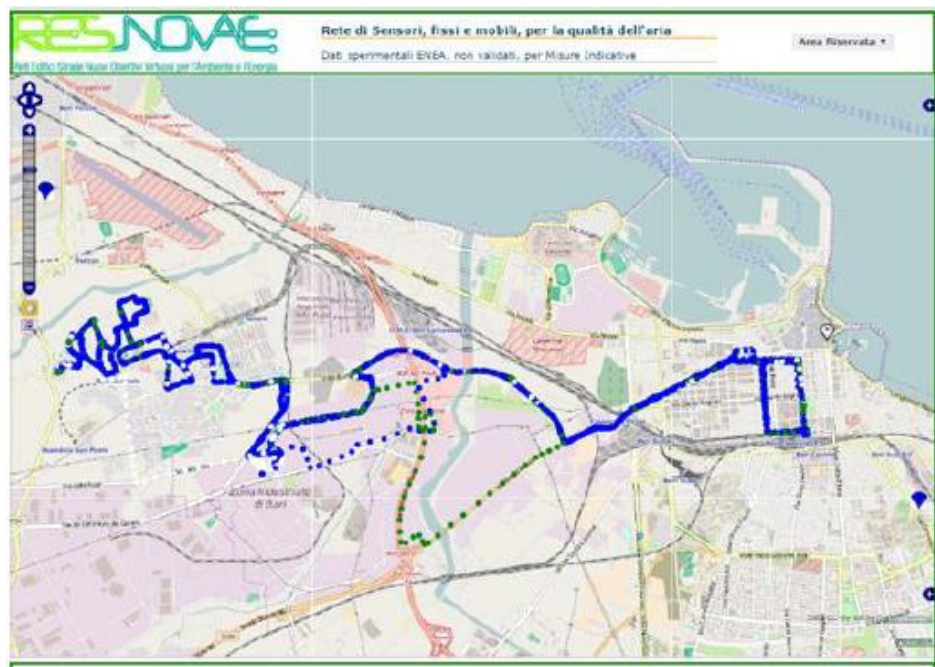
iAQI: CO

9 November 2015

iAQI: NO₂



Clean air: low CO AQI (blue)



Clean air: low NO₂ AQI (blue - green)



Air Quality Sensors Network operating in Bari (Italy)

Case-Study RES-NOVAE: *Mobile Sensing on Public Bus*

iAQI: PM₁₀

9 November 2015

iAQI: CO₂



Polluted air: high PM₁₀ AQI (yellow - red)

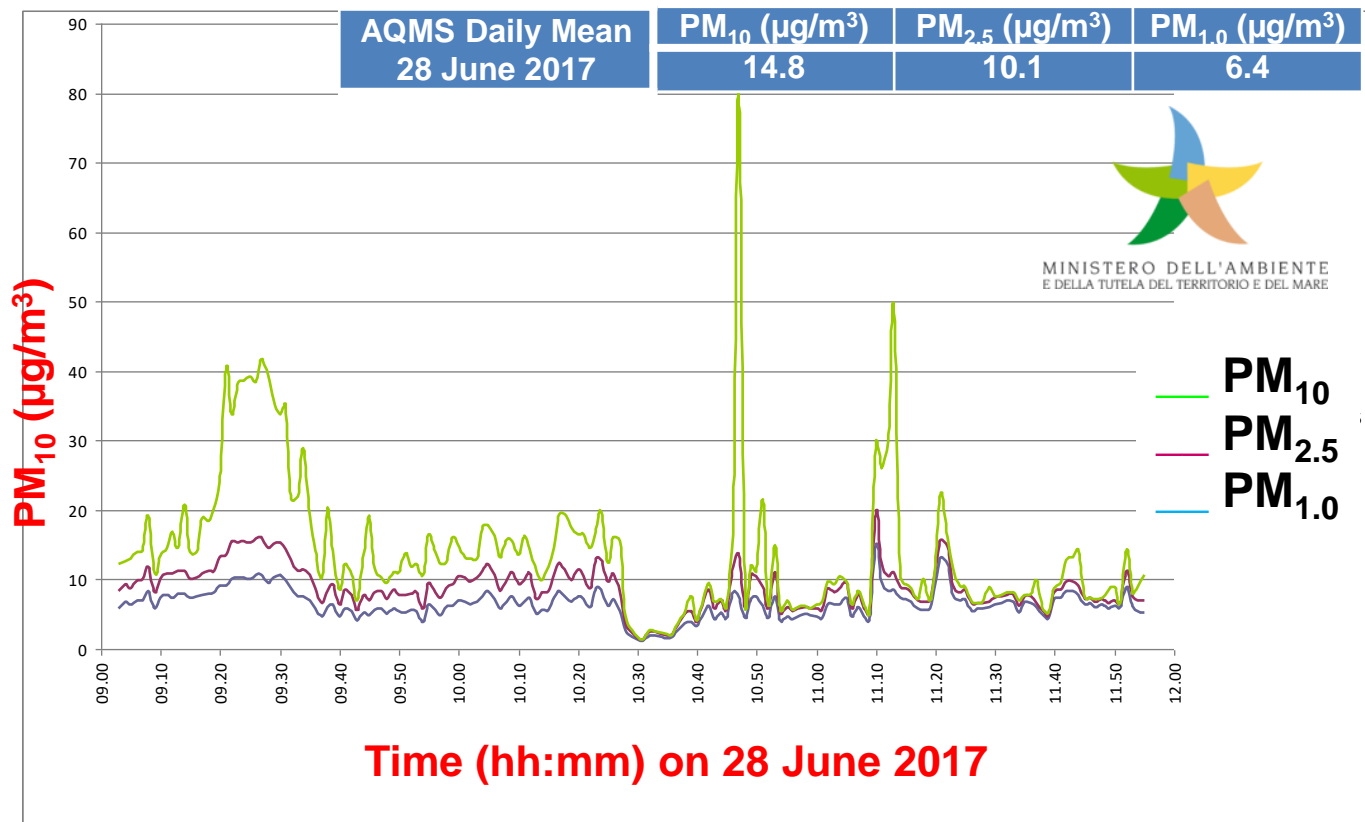


Polluted air: high CO₂ AQI (red - purple)



Air Quality Sensors: Biofuel-powered Aircraft Emissions

Airport *Pratica di Mare (Italy)*: PM₁₀/PM_{2.5}/PM_{1.0} emissions monitored by OPC sensors



Joint-Exercise *EuNetAir: Sensors-versus-Analyzers* 1/2

COST Action TD1105 *EuNetAir: Aveiro* INTERCOMPARISON

New Sensing Technologies and Modelling for Air-Pollution Monitoring



Aveiro Joint-Exercise Intercomparison & WG Meeting

13 - 27 October 2014: Starting Joint-Exercise (2 weeks duration)

14 - 15 October 2014: EuNetAir WG1-WG4 Meeting

EuNetAir Air Quality Joint-Exercise Intercomparison 2014

Local Organizers: Prof. Carlos Borrego and Dr. Ana Margarida Costa (IDAD)

Air Quality Monitoring campaign at Aveiro (Portugal) city centre 2014



Continuous measurements: CO, benzene, NOx, SO₂, PM₁₀, VOC

Temperature, humidity, wind velocity, wind direction, solar radiation, precipitation

COST partners (15 teams joined from 12 COST Countries) installed their microsensors side-by-side to compare performance with referenced equipment in the Air-Quality Mobile Laboratory

Assessment of air quality microsensors versus reference methods: The EuNetAir joint exercise

Original Research Article

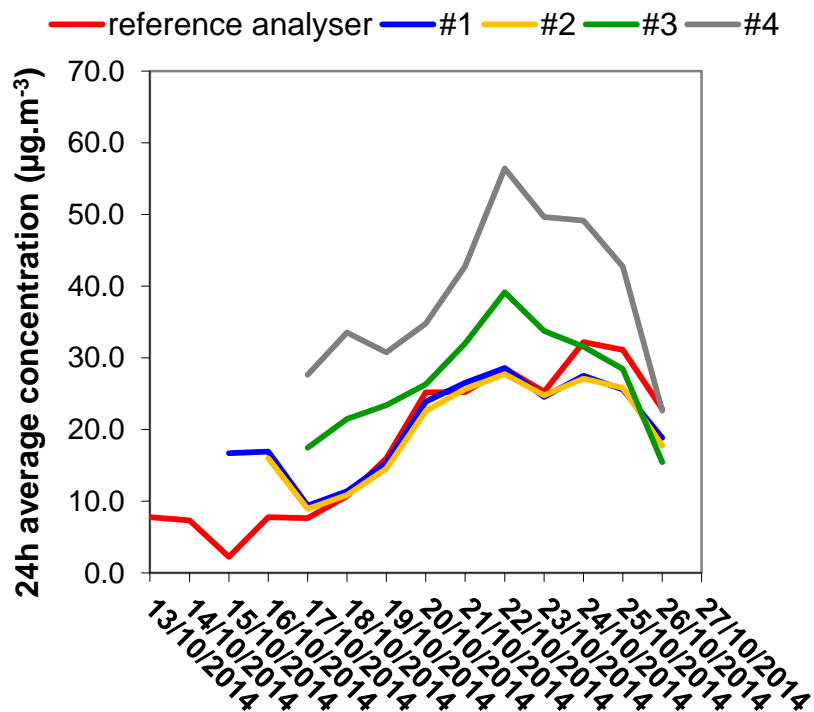
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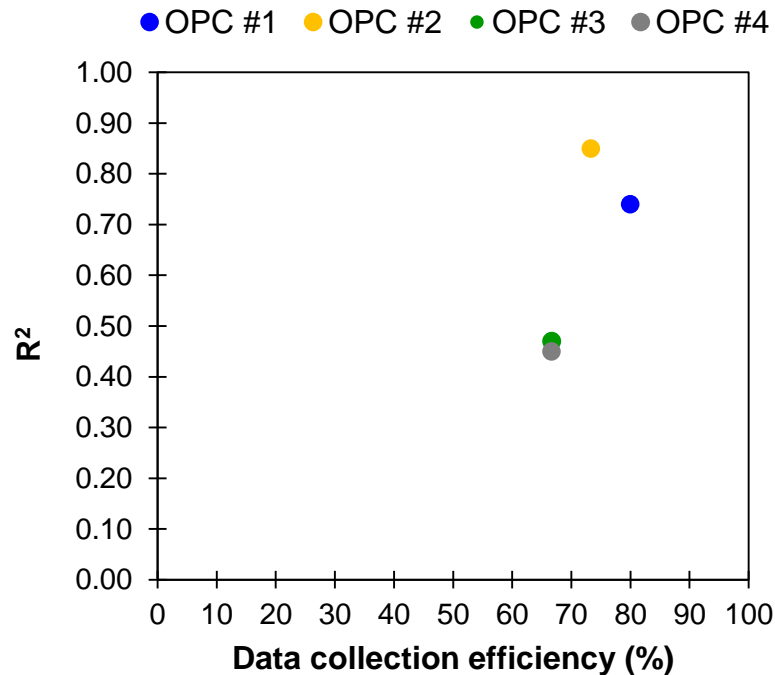
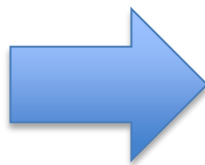
Highlights

- Several air quality microsensors were tested against reference methods.
- Significant differences in the results depending on the platform and on the sensors.
- Promising results were observed for O₃, CO and NO₂ sensors.
- The sensors can improve spatiotemporal resolution of data to complement existing air quality monitoring networks.

Joint-Exercise *EuNetAir*: Sensors-versus-Analyzers 2/2



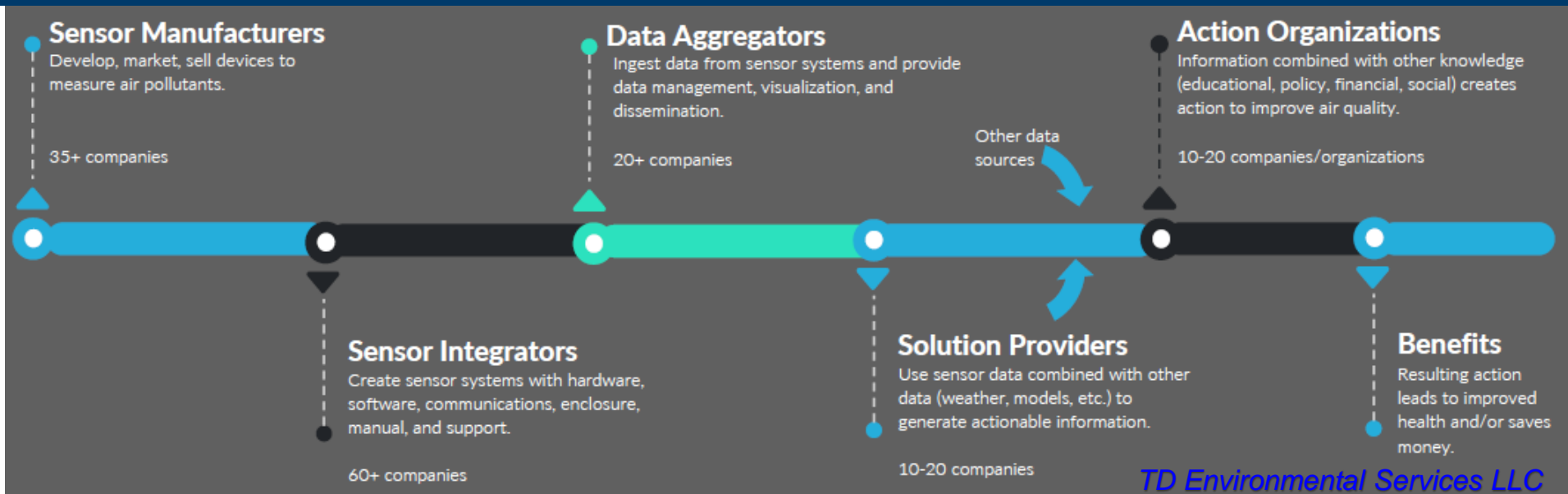
PM_{2.5}



The optical particle counters (OPC) for $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ presented correlations varying between 0.45-0.85 and data collection efficiencies in the range of 67-80%.



Value Chain for Air Quality Sensors



State of the Market:



Dominated by startups and small hardware/software companies



Large unknowns about sensor performance



Few standards exist, no regulations accepting of sensors



Lots of interest in monitoring local air quality



Funding for demonstration and proof-of-concept projects



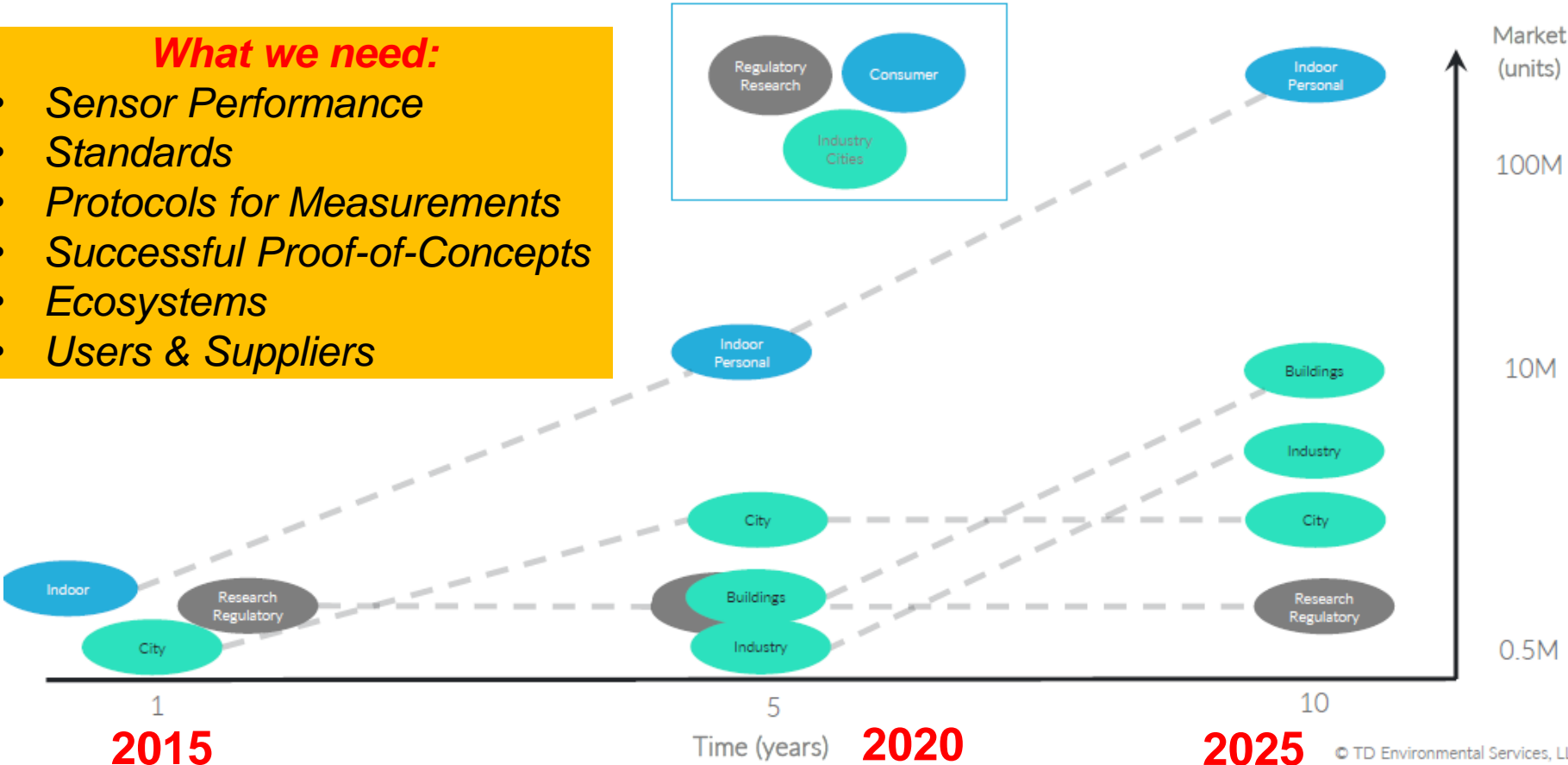
Some early results are promising



Sensors Market Evolution

What we need:

- *Sensor Performance*
- *Standards*
- *Protocols for Measurements*
- *Successful Proof-of-Concepts*
- *Ecosystems*
- *Users & Suppliers*



Selected EU projects on air quality sensors (1/2)

Project Acronym	Title of Project / Coordinator / Website
iSCAPE H2020-SC5-04-2015	<i>Improving the Smart Control of Air Pollution in Europe</i> Coordinator: <i>Dr. Francesco Pilla, University College Dublin, Ireland</i> - Website: www.iscapeproject.eu
ClairCity H2020-SC5-04-2015	<i>Citizen-led Scenarios to Improve Air Quality in EU Cities</i> Coordinator: <i>Prof. Enda Hayes, University of the West of England, Bristol, UK</i> - Website: www.claircity.eu
ICARUS H2020-SC5-04-2015	<i>Integrated Climate forcing and Air pollution Reduction in Urban Systems</i> Coordinator: <i>Prof. Dimosthenis Sarigiannis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</i> - Website: www.icarus2020.eu
ENoLL	<i>European Network of Living Labs</i> - www.openlivinglabs.eu

Selected EU projects on air quality sensors (2/2)

**Project
Acronym**

Title of Project / Coordinator / Website

CAPTOR

H2020 GA:
688110

Collective Awareness Platform for Tropospheric Ozone Pollution

Coordinator: Prof. Jorge Garcia Vidal, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain - **Website:** www.captor-project.eu

PREPAIR

LIFE15
IPE IT013

Po Regions Engaged to Policies of Air

Coordinator: Regione Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Italy - **Website:** www.lifeprepair.eu

PhotoCityTex

LIFE13
ENV/ES/000603

Air Pollution Treatment in European Urban Environments by means of Photocatalytic Textiles

Coordinator: Dr. Amalia Muñoz Cintas, CEAM, Valencia, Spain - **Website:** www.ceam.es/PHOTOCITYTEX/home.htm

Open Questions of the Air Quality Sensors

- Lower Accuracy compared to Reference Methods
- Cross-sensitivity and low Selectivity
- Low Stability and Drift to be corrected periodically
- Calibration needs periodically (e.g., at least 1 calibration/month ??)
- Regular Maintenance of the in-field AQ sensor nodes
- Data Quality Objective (European Directive 2008/50/EC) to be addressed for *Indicative Measurements* by demonstration of the equivalence to use microsensors for AQ monitoring

Advantages and Benefits of the Air Quality Sensors

- Low-cost for deployment in Cities at high spatial-temporal resolution
- Suitability for personal exposure studies
- Suitability for emission source information
- Outdoor monitoring of gases (NO_2/NO , O_3 , CO , SO_2 , H_2S , tVOCs, CO_2 , NH_3 , etc.)
- Outdoor monitoring of particulate matter (PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, $\text{PM}_{1.0}$, UFP)
- Indoor monitoring of gases (CO , VOCs, benzene, formaldehyde, naphthalene, toluene, etc.) and PM (PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, $\text{PM}_{1.0}$)
- Combination of sensors with modelling for micro-scale analysis (1-2 mt resolution)

CONCLUSIONS

- Micro-Sensors should not substitute but supplement routine environmental monitoring equipments/devices
- Future Routine Environmental Networks may look very different from today and include low-cost and accurate Sensors ?
- Green Routes through the city or access to information about air-pollution load at specific local address might be future goals
- Pervasive low-cost Micro-Sensors for Indoor Energy Efficiency should be a must for future Green-Buildings
- What do we want to provide (e.g. AQI) on the long-term in relation to Routine Monitoring and Public Information to enhance Environmental Awareness ?

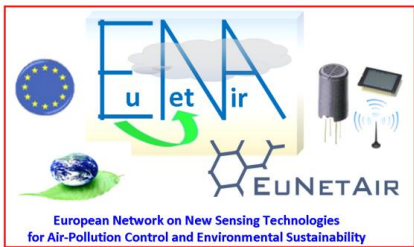
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COST Action TD1105 *EuNetAir*
Kick-off Meeting at COST Office
16 May 2012, Brussels (Belgium)



Final Meeting COST Action TD1105
at J. Heyrovsky Institute of Physical Chemistry
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