

Research infrastructures services reinforcing air quality monitoring capacities in European urban and industrial areas

The problem

Atmospheric pollution is a major cause of premature mortality and disease in Europe.

According to the 'Air Quality in Europe 2021' report, around 307,000 premature deaths were attributed to chronic exposure to fine particulate matter in 2019.

Objective

RI-URBANS aims to improve the service tools from atmospheric research infrastructures to better monitor air pollution and quantify its impact on human health.

Even though the success of the European Air Quality Directive in reducing this number over the last decades, poor air quality remains a health issue in urban, industrial, and rural areas.

Pilot cities 🖸 Helsinki Birmingham 🕘 Amsterdam Rotterdam Paris

What do we do?



MEASURE

novel air quality metrics and contributions from various sources



EVALUATE

their impact on health and map the urban population exposure







Service tools

RI-URBANS provides 12 advanced service tools to reply to the challenges of new and complex urban air quality pressures, and improve the analysis of air quality across Europe.

TEST

the Service Tools in 9 pilot cities



UPSCALE

to air-quality monitoring networks, administrations and agencies



CREATE

new emission inventories and models



IMPROVE

the Service Tools taking into account authorities and citizens' feedback



Identification and quantification of new pollutant sources and development of tailored air-quality parameters

Evaluation of urban variability and health effects through novel air quality metrics

TOOLS

3 TOOLS

Creation of

new emission

inventories and

implementation

of cutting-edge

models

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