

# Understanding air quality and its role in urban transportation

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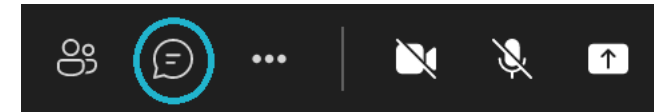
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## Objectives of the session

- Understand the difference between Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and air pollution
- Identify the main air pollutants, their impact on health and their main sources
- Understand the contribution of transport to air pollution



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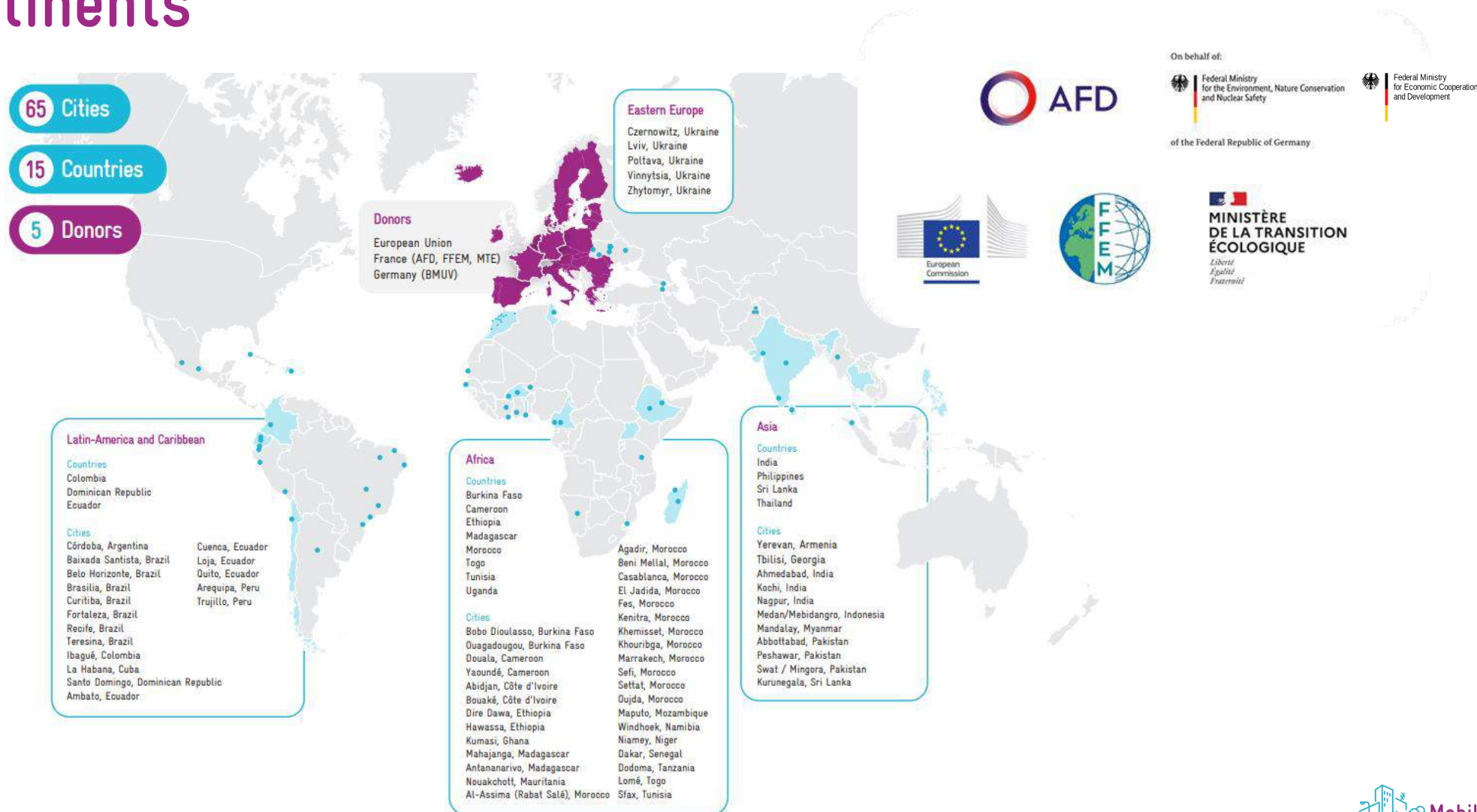


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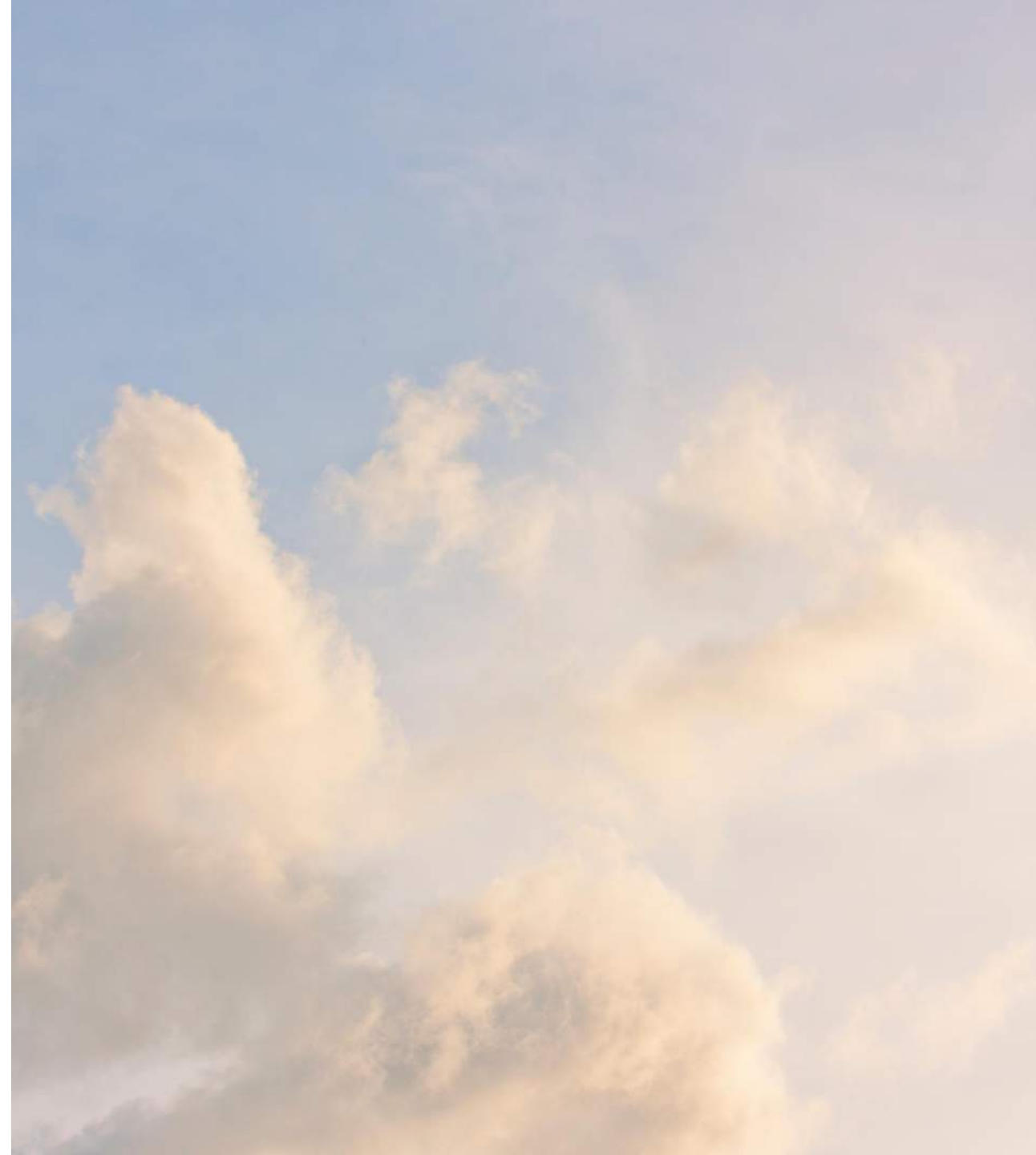
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# Word Cloud: Air quality – what does it mean to you?

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# Introduction to air quality

What does air quality mean and why is it important?

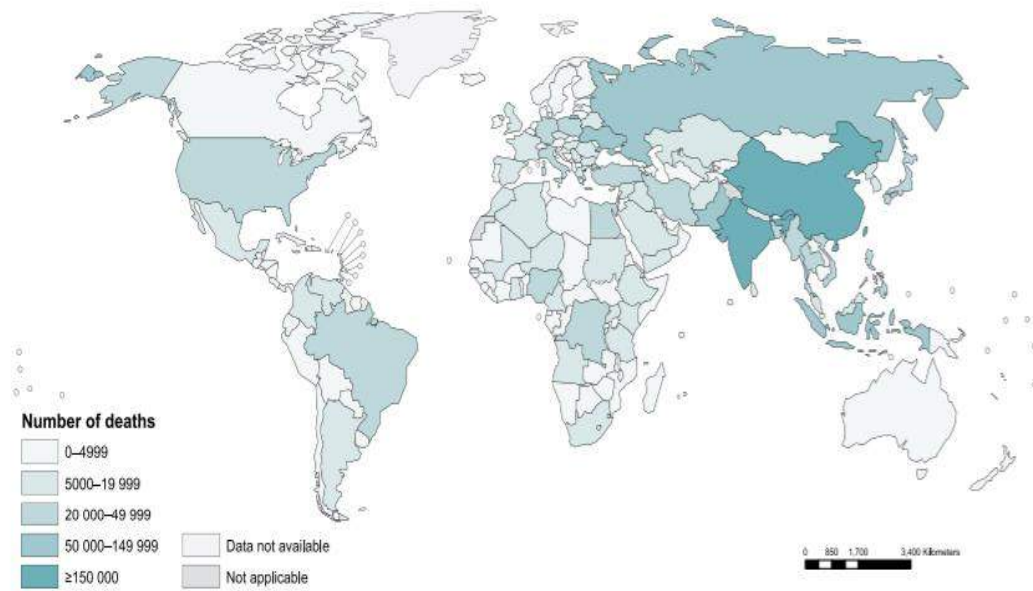
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## What does air quality mean and why is it important?

Figure 16: Deaths attributable to AAP in 2012, by country



AAP: Ambient air pollution



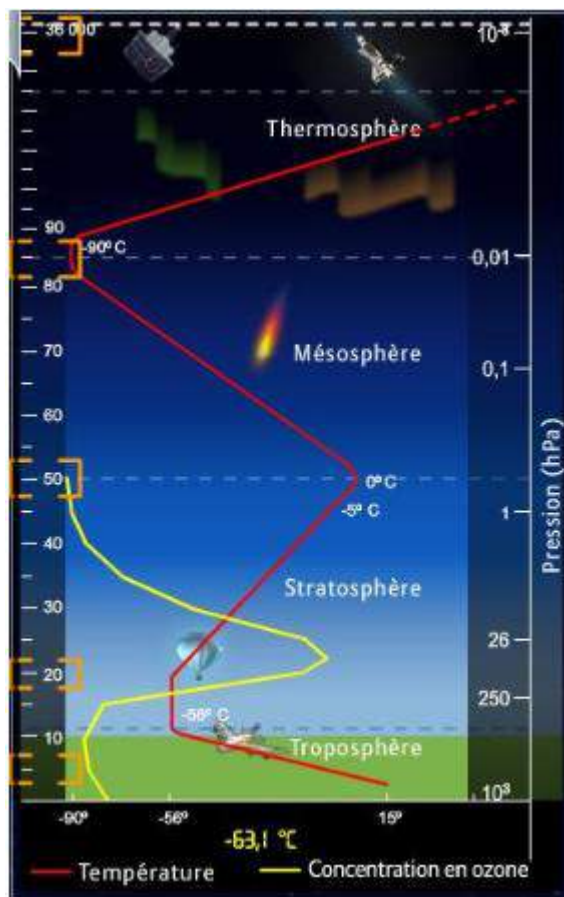
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Ambient air pollution: a global assessment of exposure and burden of disease, WHO 2016

7 million premature deaths due to the effects of air pollution (WHO)

## Air pollution, a public health issue

# Air composition and atmospheric structure



<http://education.meteofrance.fr/>

Constitutive gases of dry air	% in volume
Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	78.09
Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	20.95
Argon (A)	0.93
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	0.035
Neon (Ne)	1.8 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Helium (He)	5.24 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Krypton (Kr)	1.0 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )	5.0 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Xenon (Xe)	8.0 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	1.0 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Radon (Rn)	6.0 10 <sup>-18</sup>





La pollution de l'air en 10 questions, ADEME 2020

# Emissions / concentrations

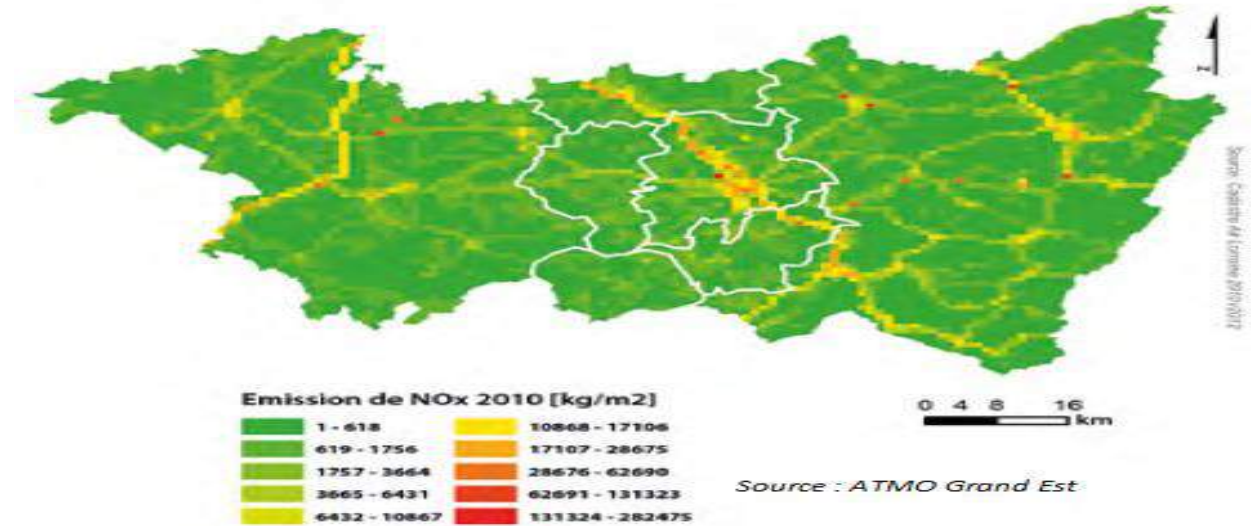
## Some figures for France (CITEPA, 2020)

- About 90% of primary particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions from road transport are from diesel vehicles
- 84% of fine particles emissions from the residential sector are linked to heating

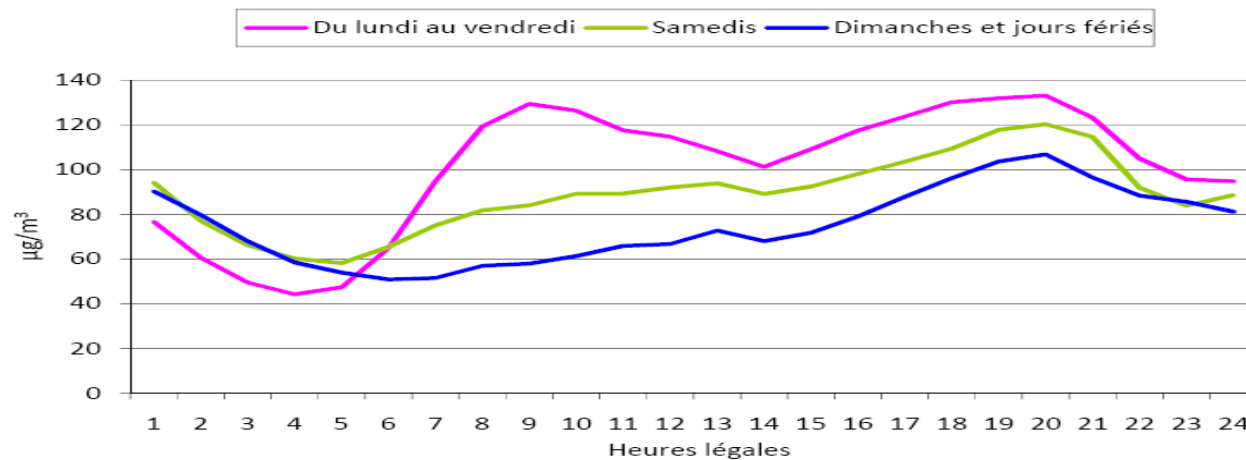
# Emissions / Concentrations

- **An emission inventory** consists of recording the nature and quantity of **air pollutants emitted by different sources** according to their location and over time. When emissions are geographically distributed, it is generally referred to as an emissions register.
- **Concentrations** correspond to the mass of pollutants per volume of air. They can be transformed into an air quality index. These are the local concentrations that we breathe. Assessing these concentrations requires the setting up of measurement network stations.

■ Cadastre d'émission de NO<sub>x</sub> sur le périmètre du SCoT et du département des Vosges  
(source : Air Lorraine)

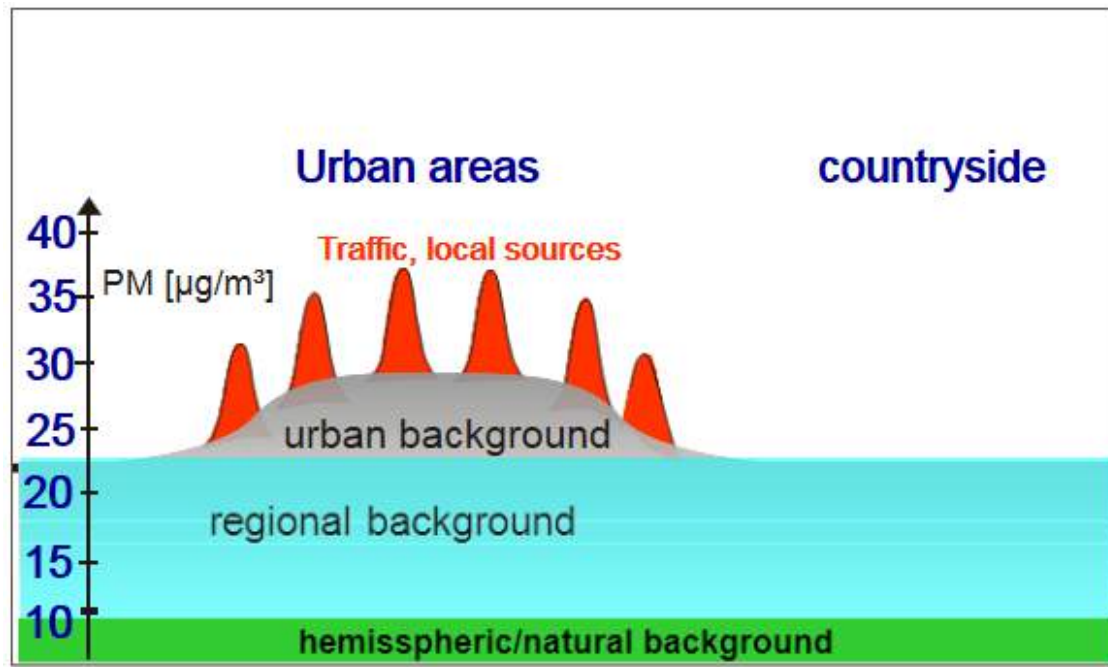


PROFIL JOURNALIER MOYEN EN DIOXYDE D'AZOTE (NO<sub>2</sub>)  
SUR LA STATION TRAFIC DE LA PLACE VICTOR BASCH  
POUR L'ANNEE 2010





# Emissions / Concentrations



Source : Martin Lutz, Sénat de Berlin

Pollutant concentrations are often broken down into the sum of **background pollution and pollution of more local origin.**

Inhomogeneous concentrations, varying from day to day

Reactive pollutants

$\text{O}_3$	: a few hours
$\text{NO}_x$	: 1,5 days
$\text{SO}_2$	: 5 days
Particles	: a few days
COV	: 0,5 - 60 days
CO	: 2 months
$\text{CH}_4$	: 7 years
CFC	: 7 - 150 years

# Emissions / Concentrations : influence of meteorological conditions

## • wind



Absence of wind: concentration of pollutants  
Moderate wind: good dispersion of pollutants  
Strong wind: plume effect and localized pollution

## • rain



Raindrops and fog droplets catch gaseous pollutants and particles and carry them to the ground

## • topography



Natural obstacles, buildings or land and sea breeze phenomena on the coast can generate the dispersion of pollutants

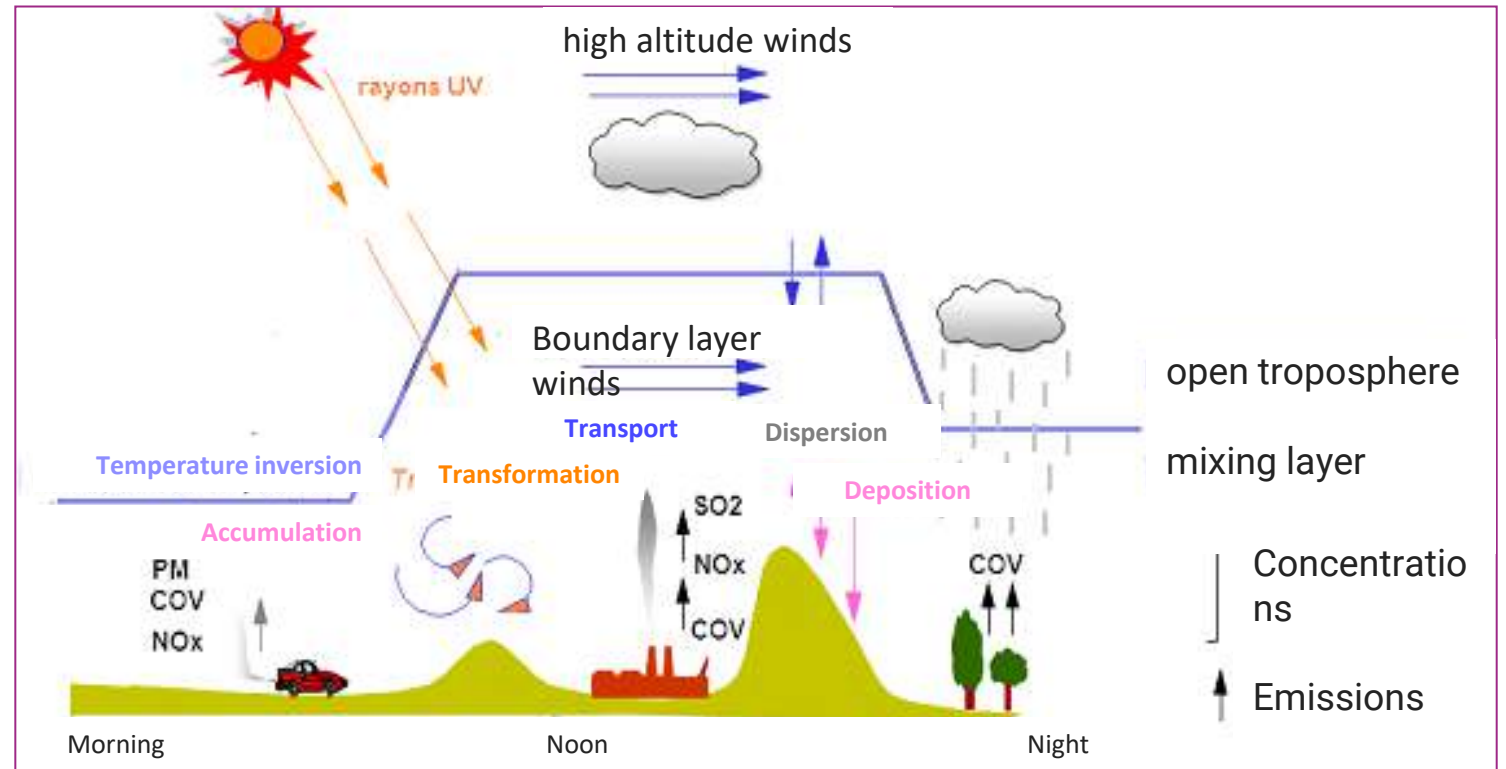


Illustration Airparif

### Primary pollutants:

- Combustion
- Volatilization
- Mechanical process

### Secondary pollutants:

- Chemical or photochemical reactions from primary pollutants
- Examples: ozone, secondary particles

# Greenhouse gases/air pollution: how to tell the difference?

- **Air pollutants:** composed of toxic gases or harmful particles, that have a direct effect on health and ecosystems.



**Short term & local impacts**

- **Greenhouse gases:** are responsible for climate change. They remain in the atmosphere for a very long time but have little direct effect on health (with the notable exception of ozone, which is also an air pollutant).



**Long term & global impact**

# Air pollution and climate change

## Pollutants

Main sources of pollution (climate and air):

- Short lived compounds (SLCs) including soot

Impact of climate change on air pollution

- Increased burden of ozone pollution
- Lengthening of the pollen season



## Sources

Same origins

- With different contributions



<https://www.atmo-nouvelleaquitaine.org>

## Action Plan

Research for synergies

- Reduction of energy consumption
- Behavior change (mobility and sustainable agriculture...)

Vigilance against actions with antagonistic effects:

- Energy substitution (diesel, combustion of wood, etc.)

Key role of cities: efficiency of bottom-up actions

- Local action = Positive local and global impact
- Short-term benefits for health and economy

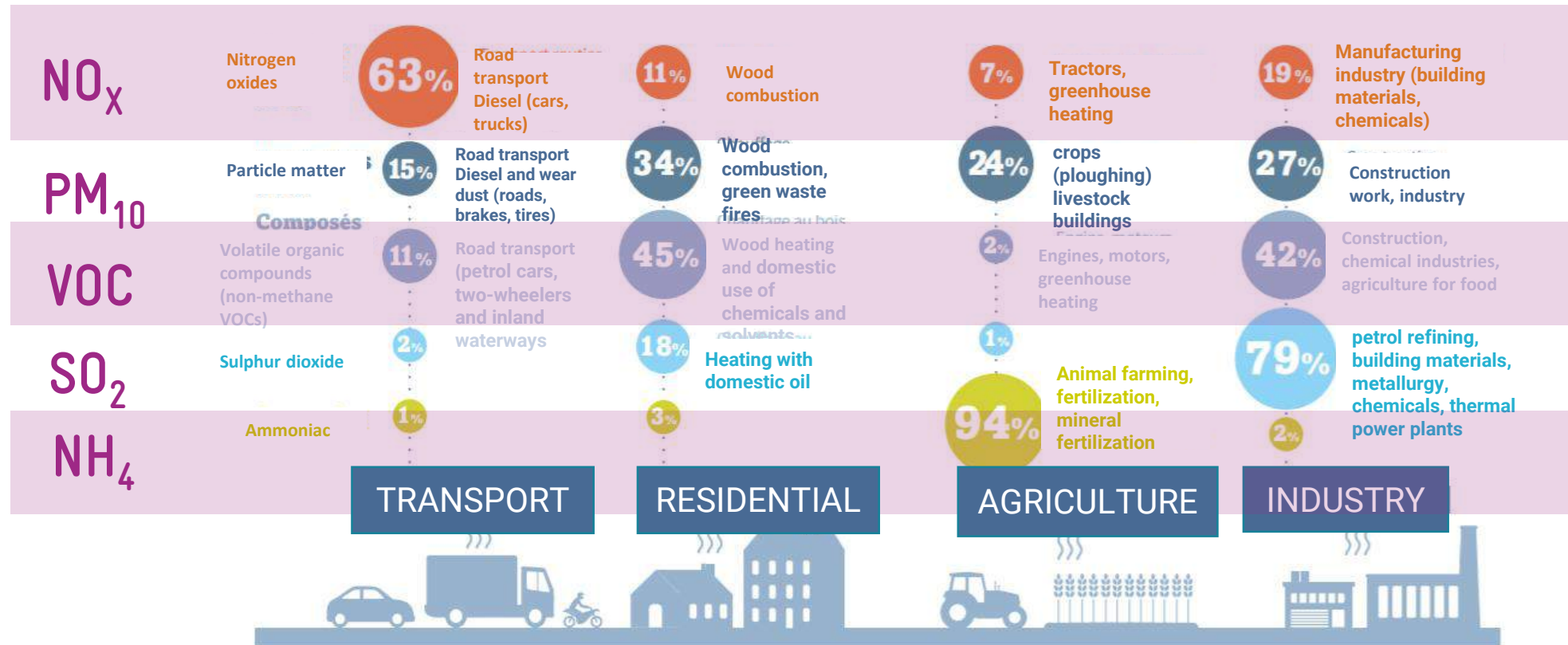
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What are the main pollutants and where do they come from?



# Main sources of pollution

## LES PRINCIPAUX POLLUANTS ET LEURS PRINCIPALES SOURCES



Source : chiffres CITEPA 2019 (pour l'année 2018) - chiffres présentant des moyennes nationales ne tenant pas compte des disparités locales

<https://www.ademe.fr/sites/default/files/assets/documents/guide-pratique-pollution-air-en-10-questions.pdf>

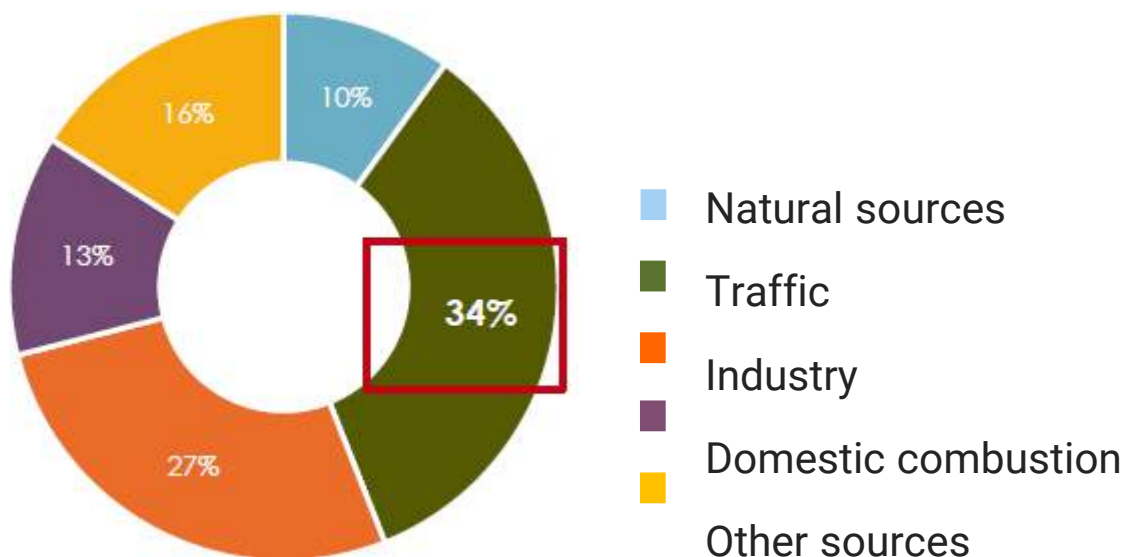


# Main sources of pollution

Contribution of different sectors to PM<sub>2,5</sub> emissions

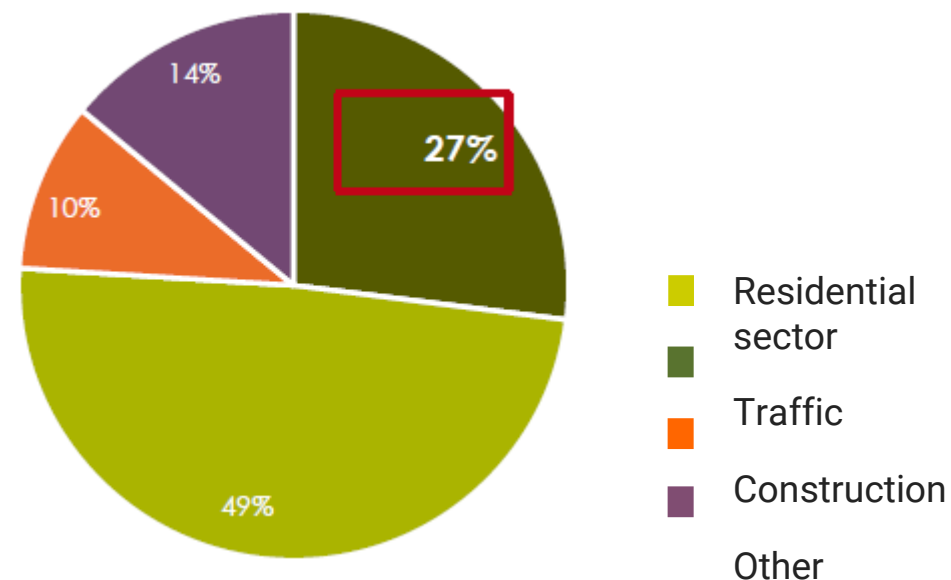
## South Asia, 2015

Source : Karagulian et al. 2015



## PARIS, 2015

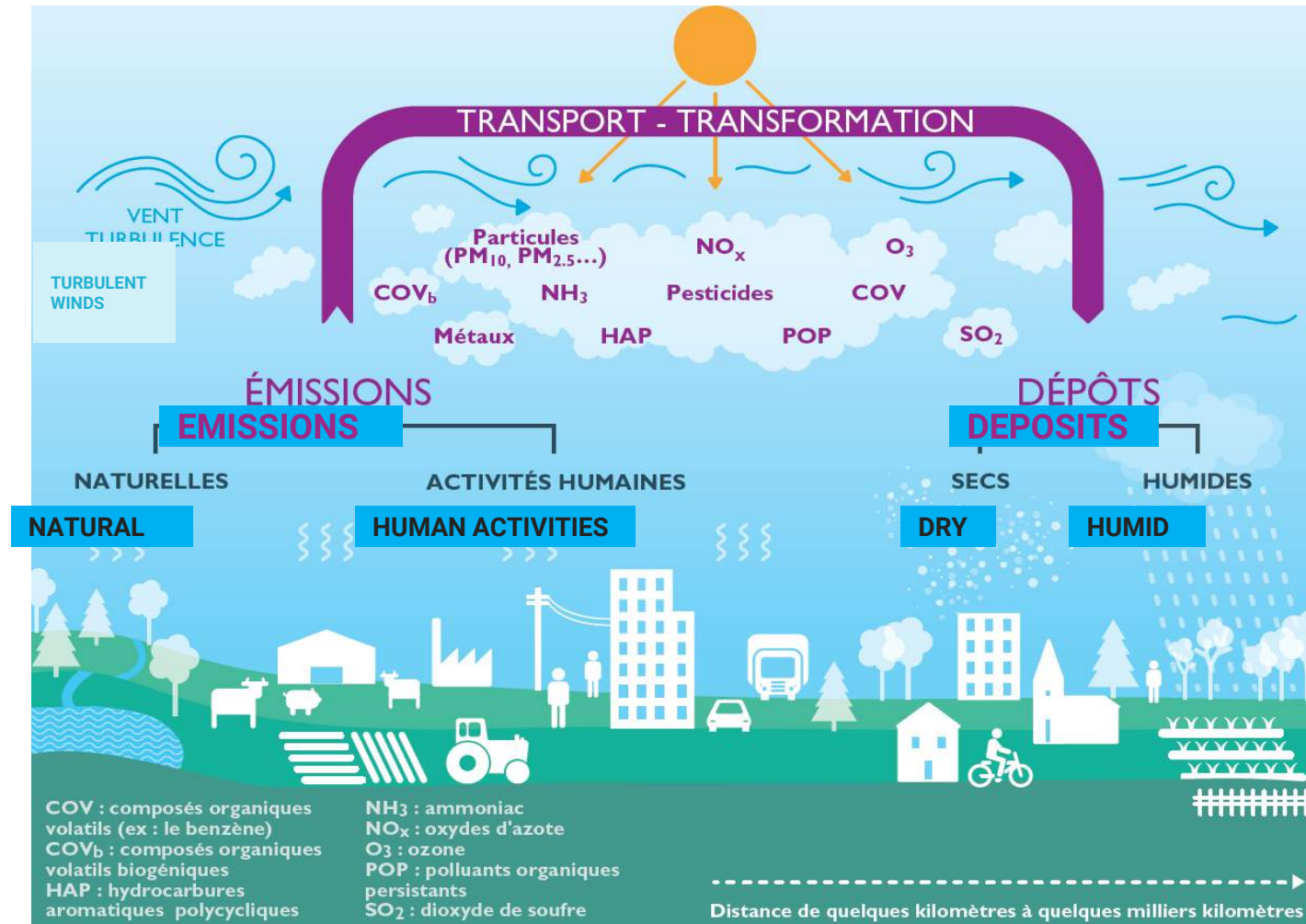
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# Impact of the environment on pollutants

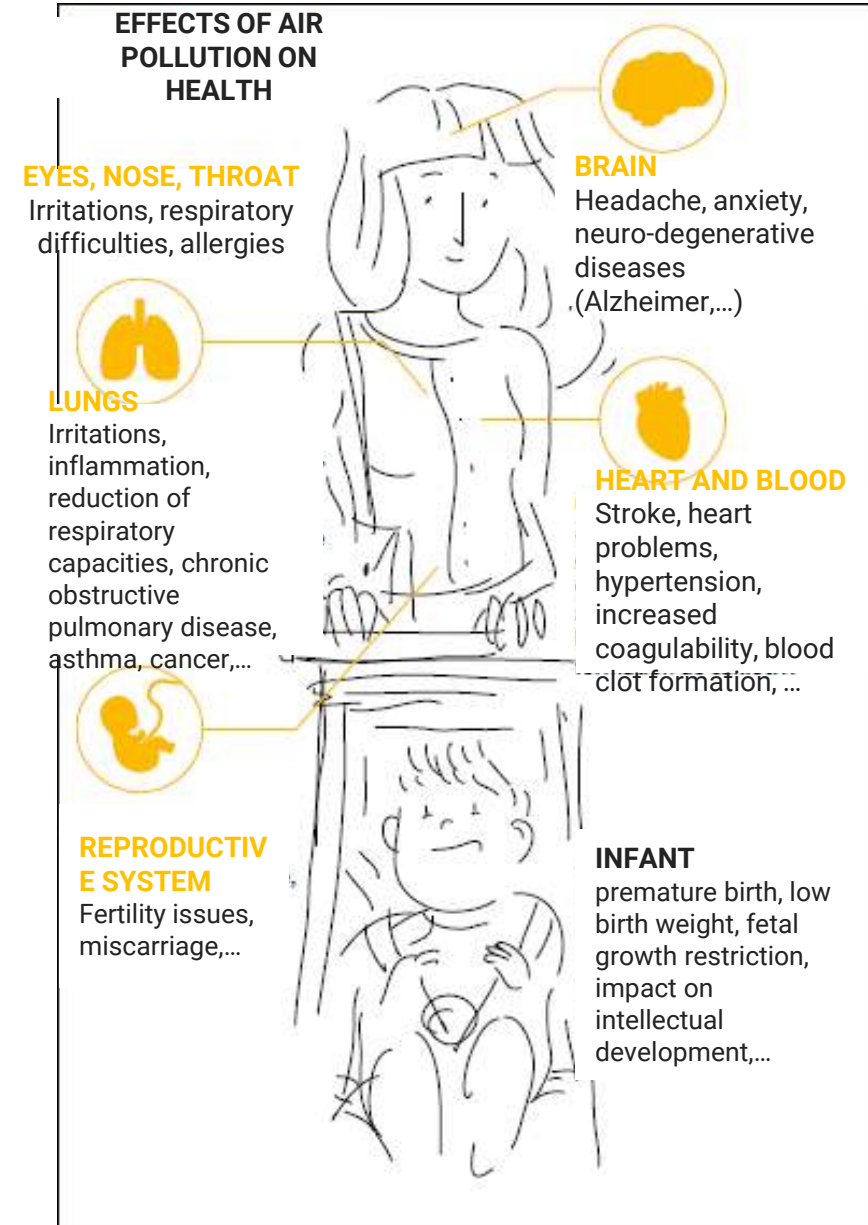
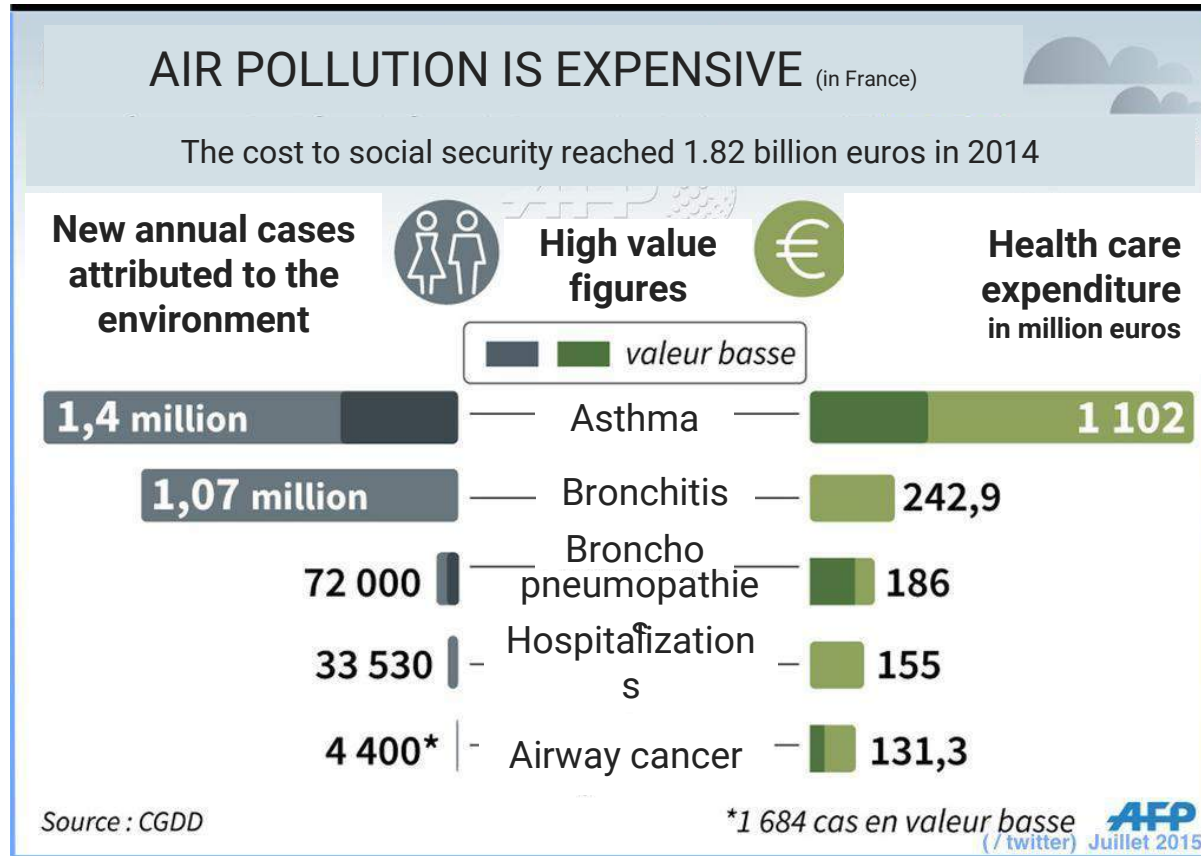
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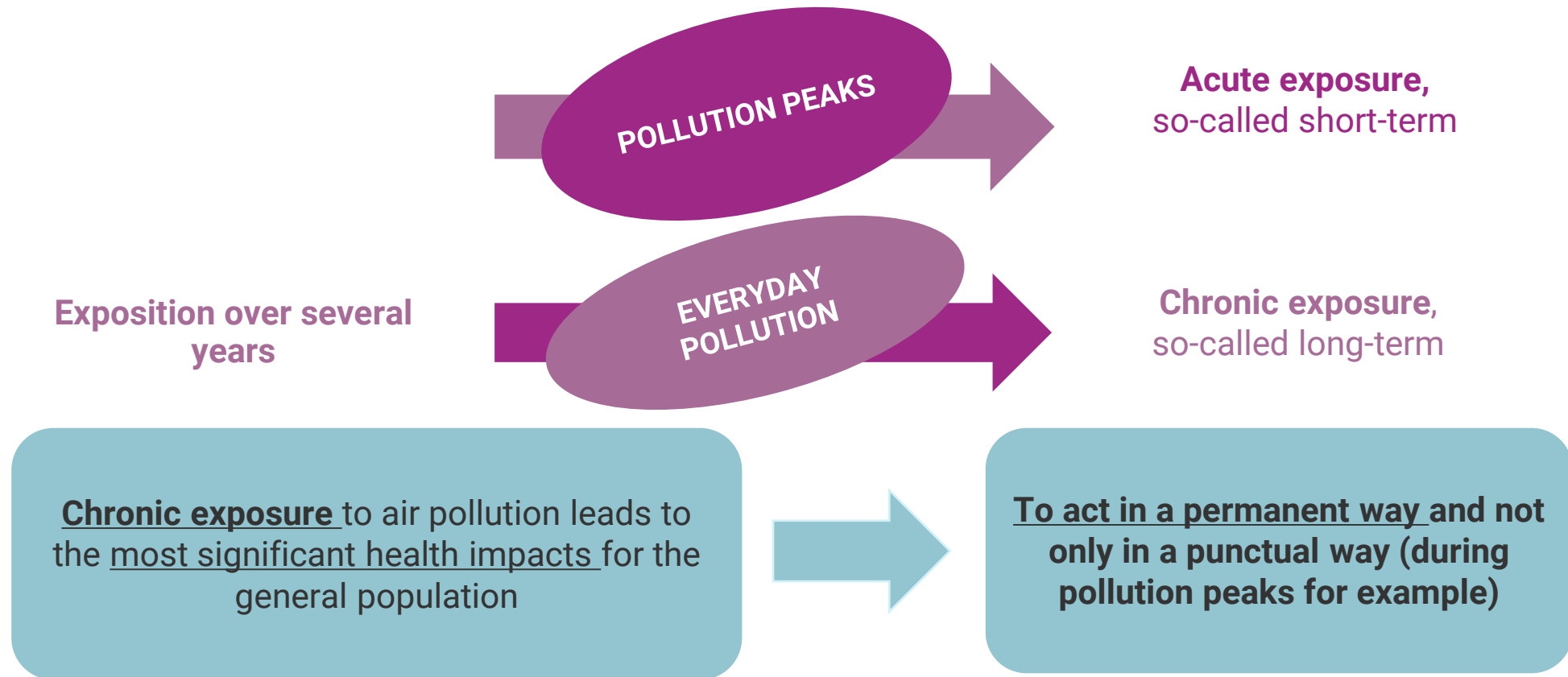
## Impacts of atmospheric pollution

# Impact on health



# Impact on health

Exposition: from several hours to several days





# Other impacts

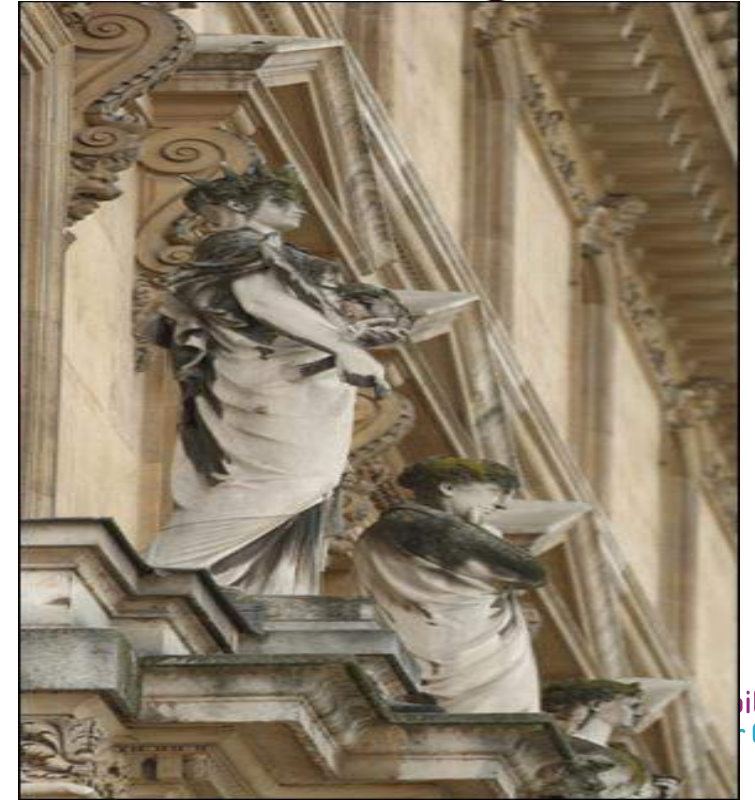
## Environmental impacts

- Excessive nitrogen deposition
  - Acidification and eutrophication of environments
  - Nitrophilous species favored and species vulnerable to excess nitrogen regressed
  - Biodiversity
- Ozone excess
  - Decrease in agricultural, forestry and fish farming yields
  - Impacts on the quality of marketed plants
- Acid rain:  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ 
  - Acidification of wet deposits (rain, snow, fog, etc.)
  - Disruption of photosynthesis and mineral salt absorption
  - Acidification and loss of soil fertility
  - Death of trees

## Impact on buildings: Air pollution dirties and degrades materials and buildings

- Formation of black crusts on facades (particularly by particles linked to the combustion of petroleum products)
- Dissolution of stones (especially limestone under the effect of acid rain)
- Corrosion ( $\text{SO}_2$ )

**Damage is sometimes irreversible.**

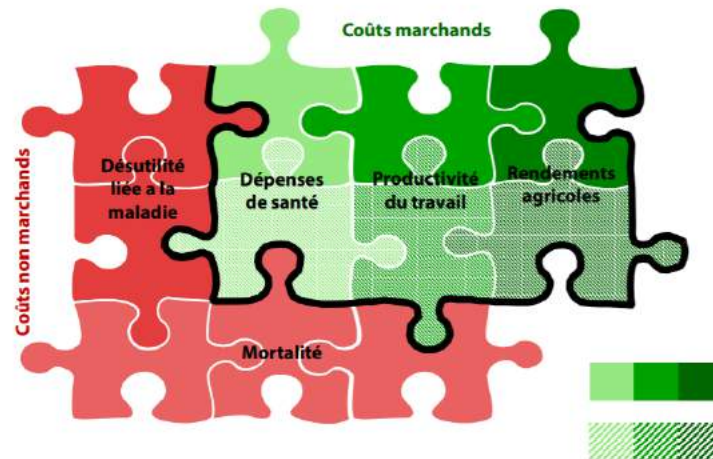




# Other impacts

## Economic impact

- €68-97bn in France (Senate, 2015)
- A progressive increase in overall economic costs, projected to reach 1% of global gross domestic product (GDP) by 2060. (OECD, 2016)



	OECD		World	
	2015	2060	2015	2060
<b>TOTAL market impacts</b>	90	390	330	3 300
Revenue share %	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	1.5%
Per inhabitant (USD per inhabitant)	70	270	50	330
<b>TOTAL non-market impacts</b>	1 550	3 750 - 3 850	3 440	20 540 - 27 570
En part de revenu (pourcentage)*	5%	5%	6%	9 - 12%
Par habitant (USD par habitant)	1 210	2 610 - 2 680	470	2 060 - 2 770

Consequences-economiques-de-la-pollution-air-exterieur-essentiel-strategique, OCDE, 2016

# New WHO guidelines

Table 0.1. Recommended AQG levels and interim targets

Pollutant	Averaging time	Interim target				AQG level
		1	2	3	4	
PM <sub>2.5</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual	35	25	15	10	5
	24-hour <sup>a</sup>	75	50	37.5	25	15
PM <sub>10</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual	70	50	30	20	15
	24-hour <sup>a</sup>	150	100	75	50	45
O <sub>3</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Peak season <sup>b</sup>	100	70	–	–	60
	8-hour <sup>a</sup>	160	120	–	–	100
NO <sub>2</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual	40	30	20	–	10
	24-hour <sup>a</sup>	120	50	–	–	25
SO <sub>2</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-hour <sup>a</sup>	125	50	–	–	40
CO, mg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-hour <sup>a</sup>	7	–	–	–	4

<sup>a</sup> 99th percentile (i.e. 3–4 exceedance days per year).

<sup>b</sup> Average of daily maximum 8-hour mean O<sub>3</sub> concentration in the six consecutive months with the highest six-month running-average O<sub>3</sub> concentration.

The average level for PM<sub>2.5</sub> (10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) is exceeded by 70% of the measuring stations in Europe  
Air quality in Europe - 2020 report

Between 2009 and 2018, for PM<sub>2.5</sub>:

- 22% reduction in annual average concentrations,
- 13% reduction in premature deaths linked to air pollution

Air quality in Europe - 2020 report

WHO global air quality guidelines, 2021

# Additional resources

- A 20-minute awareness-raising tool on air, climate and energy issues
- An online training tool on air quality
- An ADEME guide for the general public on air pollution
- A reference website: <https://www.ccacoalition.org/en>

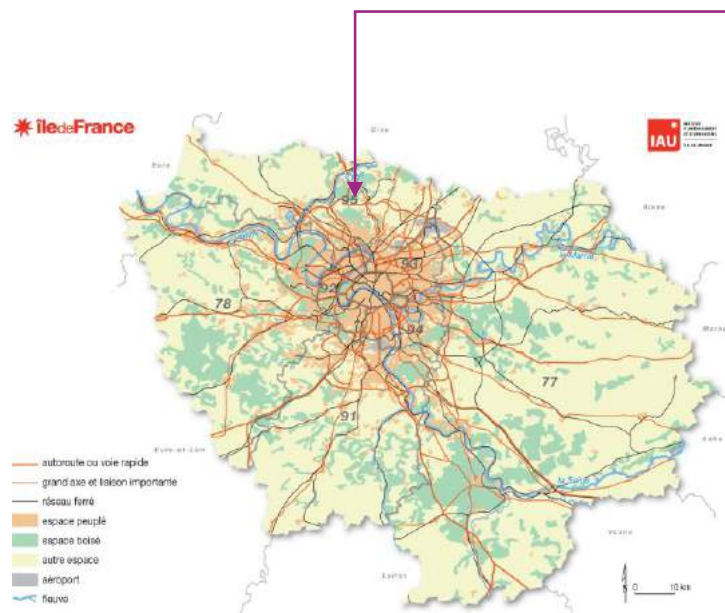


# Case Study 1

Road transport and air pollution: the example of the Paris metropolitan



# Paris and the Île-de-France region



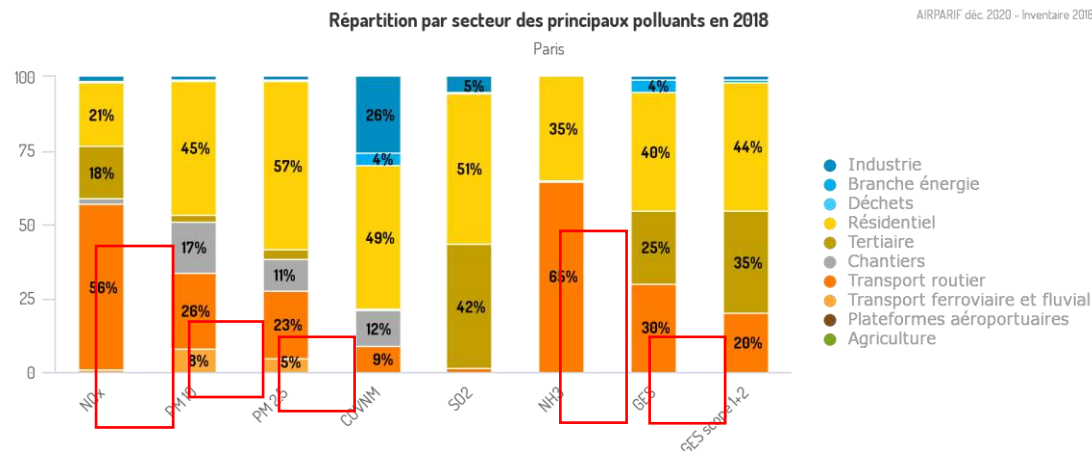
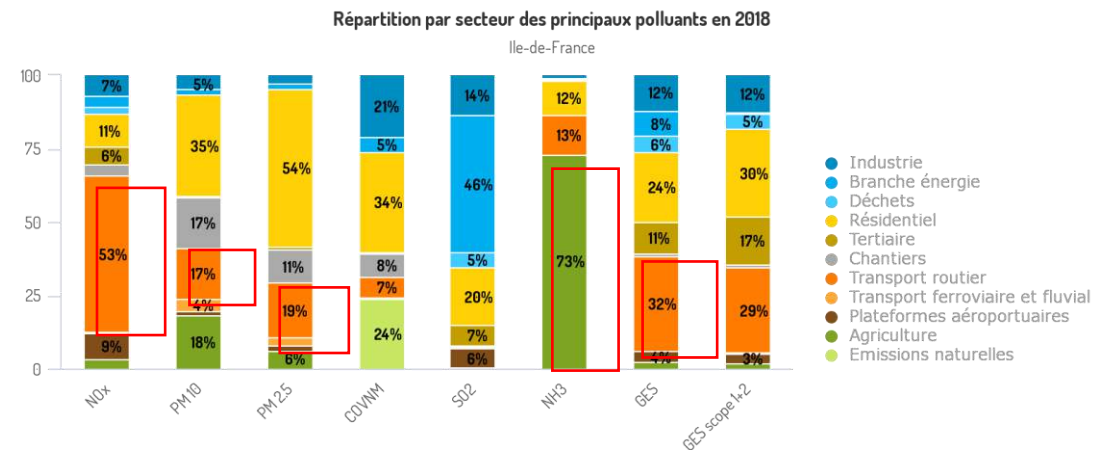
## Paris

- 1.2 million inhabitants
- 1st European megapolis in terms of **population density** (20,600 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>)
- High concentration of economic activities and **traffic**

## Île-de-France

- 12 million inhabitants
- Attractive economic centre
- Increasingly dense road network towards the centre of the agglomeration
- 50% agricultural land, with many forests on the periphery

# Emissions inventory: Paris vs Île-de-France – Road traffic



**Transport sector: road traffic is by far the biggest emitter, ahead of rail and waterway transport and airports**

## Road transport :

- Primary source of NOx
- Secondary source of PM2.5

## Different emission profiles depending on the territory:

- PM10: road transport 2nd source in Paris, 3rd in Île-de-France (behind agriculture)
- Ammonia: 65% emitted by road transport in Paris, but 73% emitted by agriculture in Île-de-France

## Links to climate change :

- 30% of GHG emissions from road transport



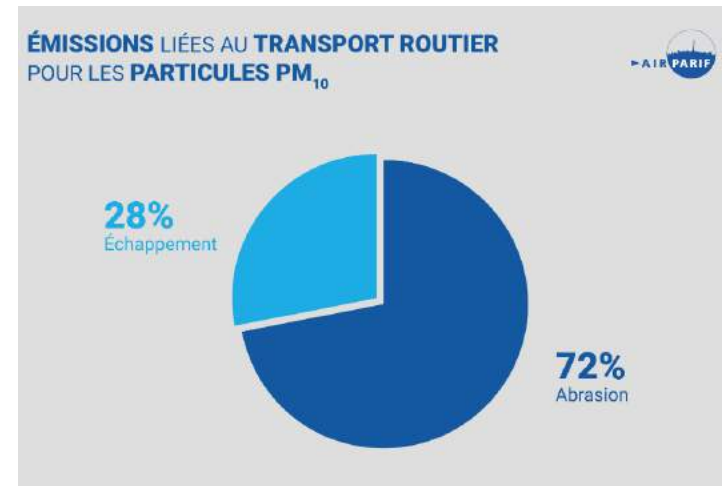
# Evolution of road traffic emissions

- **Clear downward trend (2005-2018) :**
  - NOx: -46%.
  - NH3: -52%
  - PM10: -55%.
  - PM2.5: -65%.
- **Technological improvements and tightening of regulations (EURO standards)**
- **Abrasion particles**
  - With the decline in combustion-related particulate emissions (exhaust), the relative share of **abrasion particles** (tyres, brakes, roads) is becoming the majority.
  - Little impacted by the **renewal** or **electrification** of the fleet
  - Importance of **good** road and vehicle **maintenance** and **eco-driving practices** (to avoid sudden acceleration/deceleration).

NOx



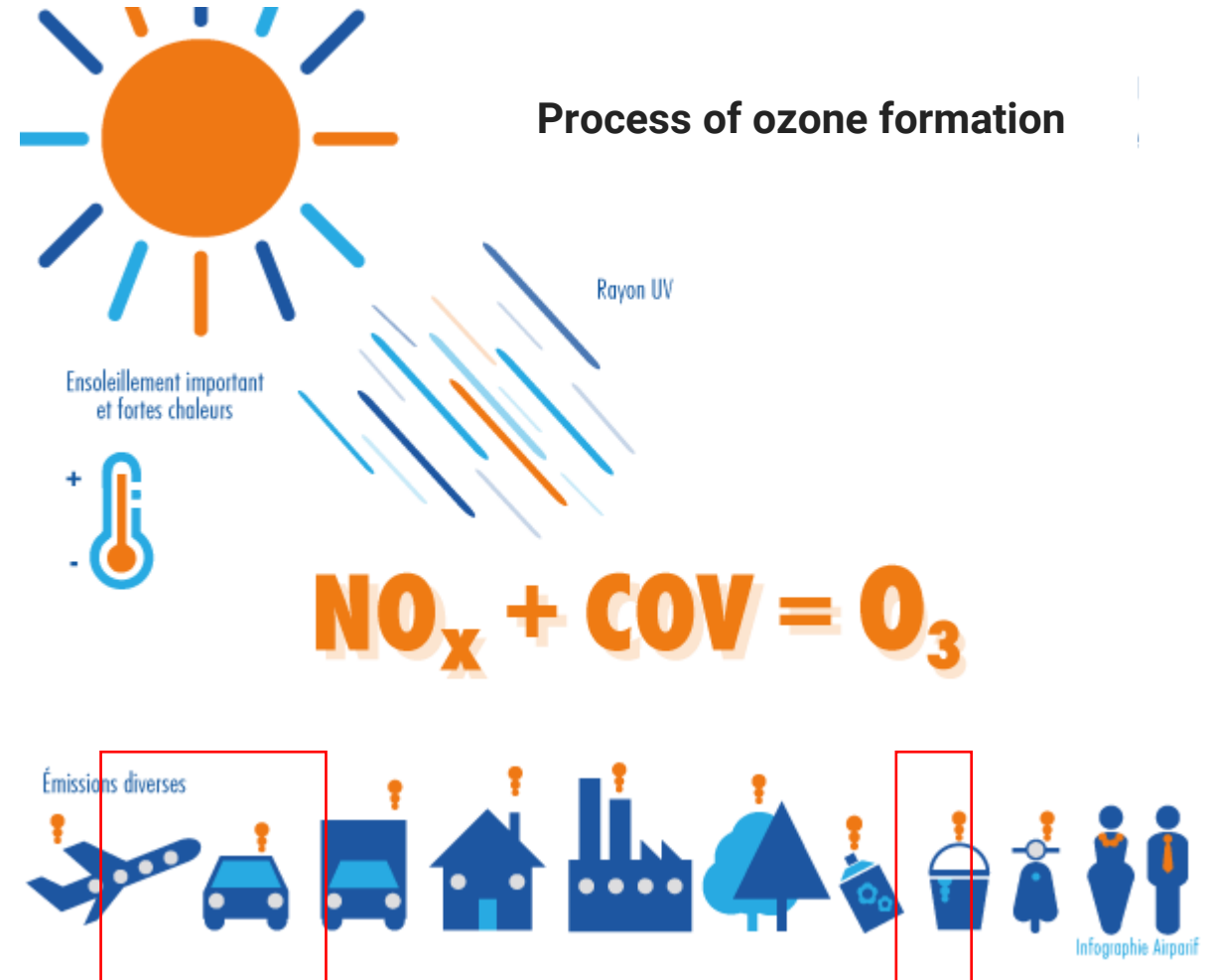
NH3



# Ozone Formation

**Nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds** from road traffic:

- Precursors of ozone that contribute to its formation in the atmosphere.
- Only pollutant on the rise in Île-de-France

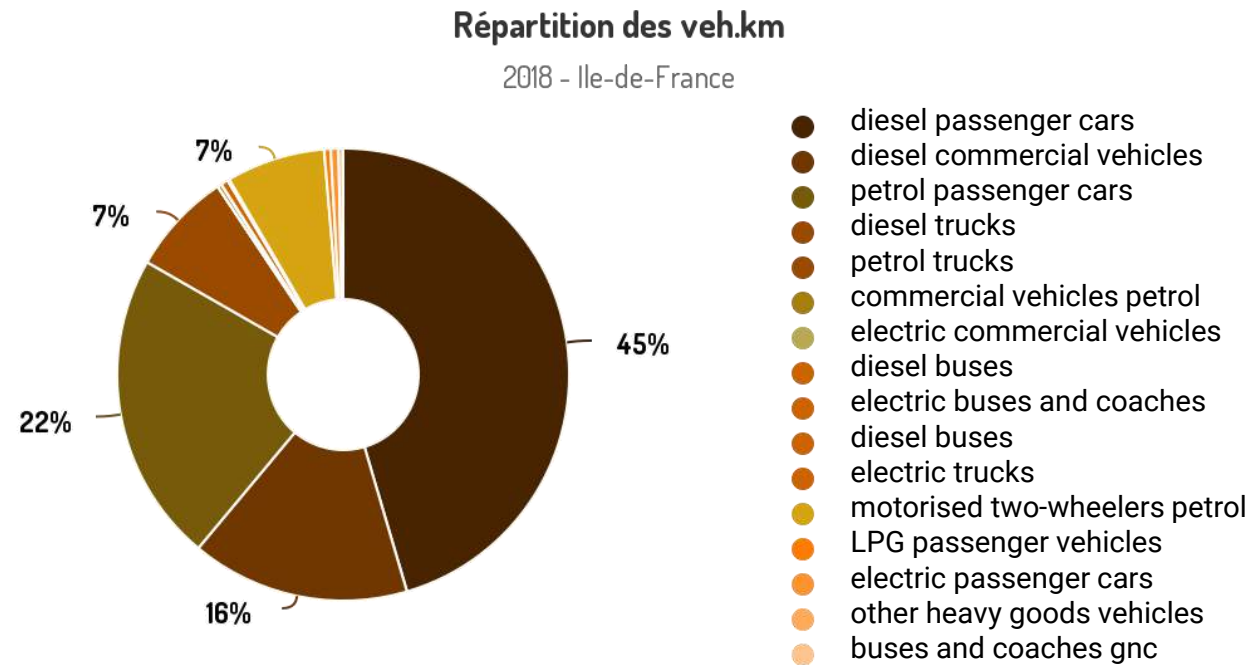


# Conclusion on traffic emissions in Île-de-France

- **Emissions have fallen sharply** thanks to **technological developments** and increasingly strict **regulations** on vehicle emission standards.
- Traffic remains a **major source** of air pollution.
- **Health issues** (*IARC: particles and gases from diesel vehicles are classified as definite carcinogens; particles and gases from petrol vehicles as probable carcinogens*).
- And **climate** (*technological improvements in vehicles having little impact on their CO2 emissions*).

# Factors influencing road traffic emissions: fleet composition, speed, congestion

- **Static fleet:** number plate file
- **Rolling stock:** kilometres travelled by vehicles according to their type
- Necessary to determine actual road traffic emissions



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# Factors influencing road traffic emissions: fleet composition, speed, congestion

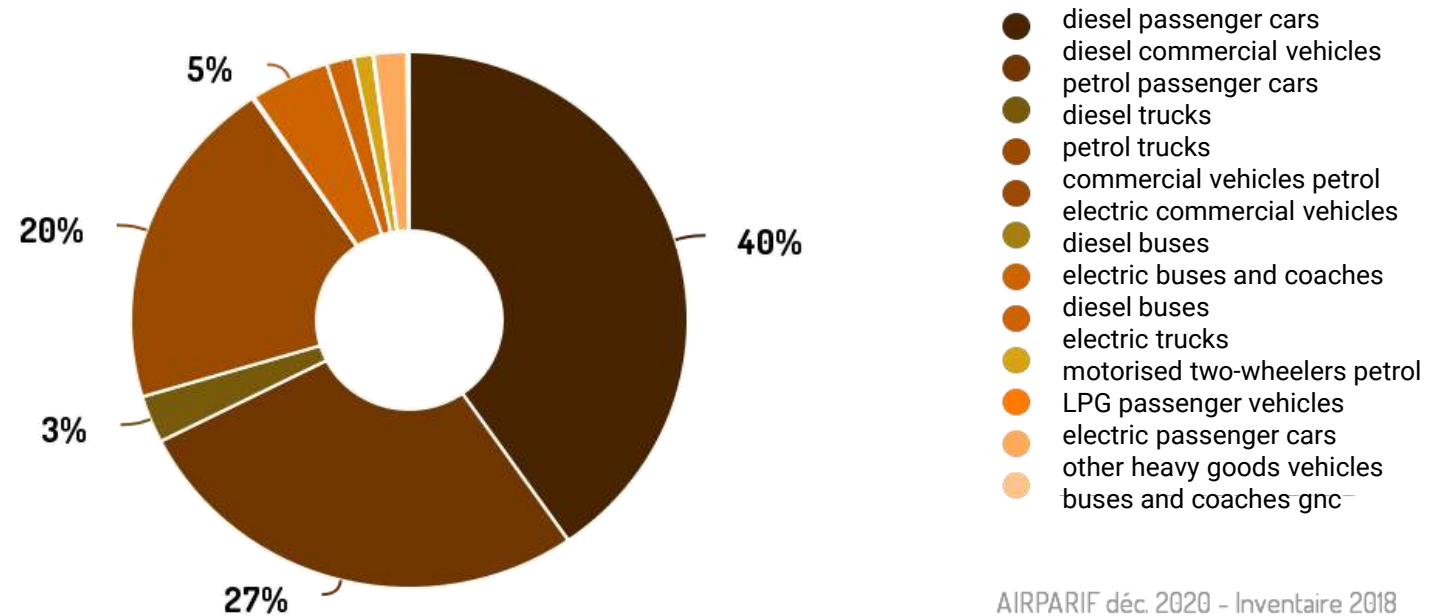
## Nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions

Diesel vehicles (VP + VUL + PUL) :

- 68% of the fleet
- 87% of Nox emissions

## Répartition des émissions - NOx

2018 - Ile-de-France



AIRPARIF déc. 2020 - Inventaire 2018



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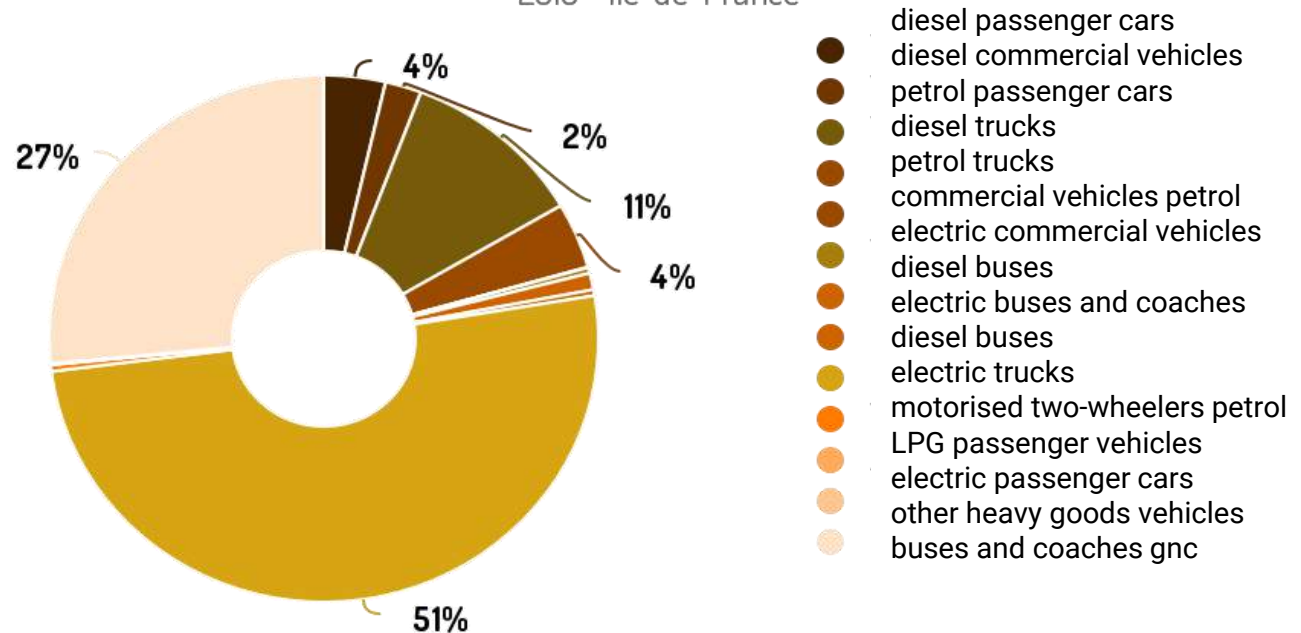
## Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds

### Motorised two-wheelers

- 7% of the vehicle fleet
- 51% of NMVOC emissions (excluding evaporation)

## Répartition des émissions - COVNM

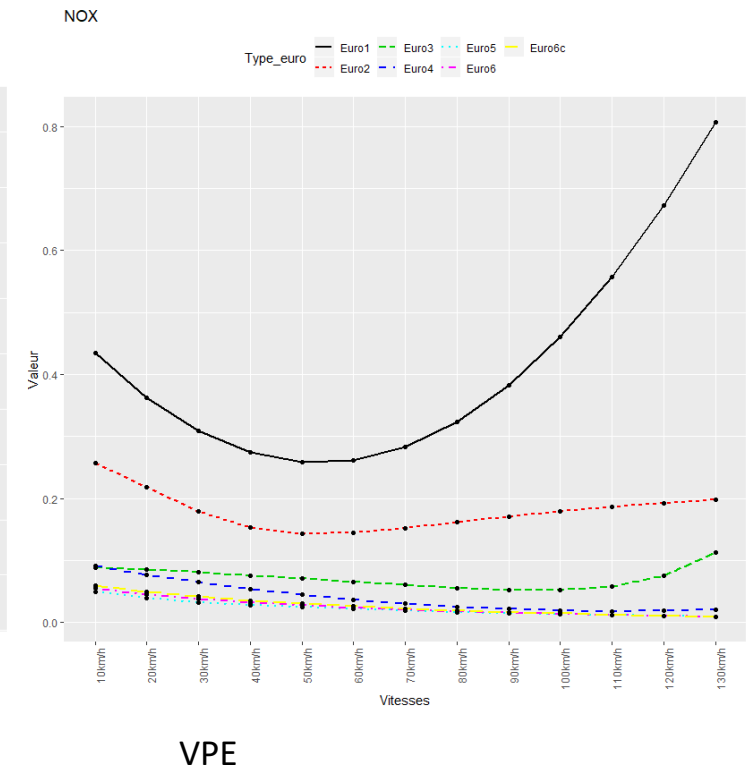
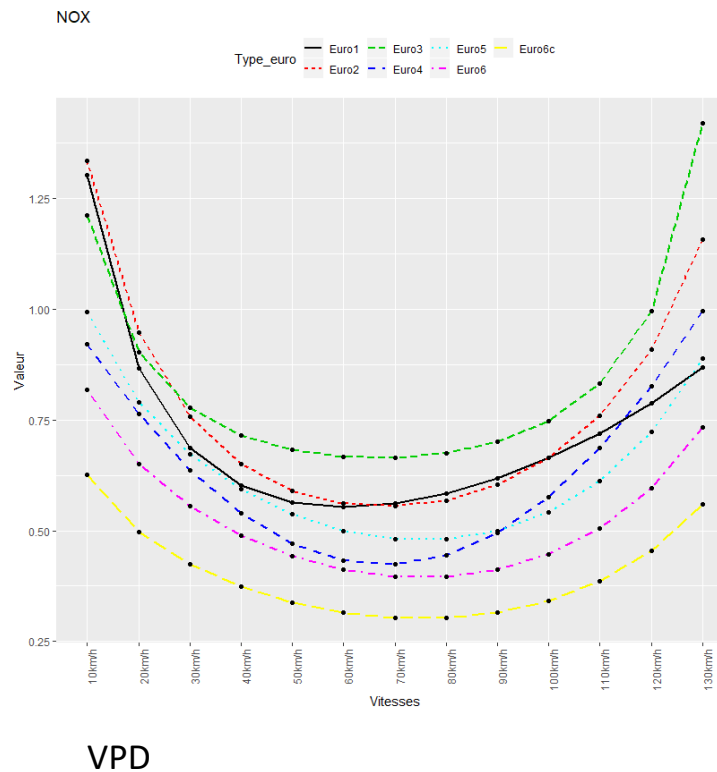
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# Factors influencing road traffic emissions: fleet composition, speed, congestion

## Impact of speed on emissions (NOx)

- For diesel cars, speed impacts emissions in a bell-shaped pattern, with an optimum of around 75km/h :
- Between 130km/h and 70km/h, a decrease in speed leads to a decrease in emissions
- Below 70km/h, a decrease in speed leads to an increase in emissions
- For petrol cars, the bell-shaped profile is only found for the oldest vehicles (Euro 1); emissions from more recent vehicles are less affected by speed.



# Factors influencing road traffic emissions:

fleet composition, speed, congestion

## Impact of congestion on emissions

- Less traffic flow leads to higher emissions of air pollutants (and GHG):
  - Decreased speed (from 75 km/h)
  - Increased deceleration and acceleration cycles
  - Cooling of engines...
- All these phenomena combine, and it is therefore **difficult to quantify precisely** the excess emissions linked to congestion.

Source : ADEME 2014







# Conclusion on the factors influencing emissions

- Traffic emissions in urban areas depend directly on the number and type of vehicles on the road, but also, in a more complex way:
- **The average speed**
  - This impact differs depending on the type of vehicle, the fuel used, and the pollutants considered.
- **Congestion**
  - It is difficult to quantify this impact because many factors come into play

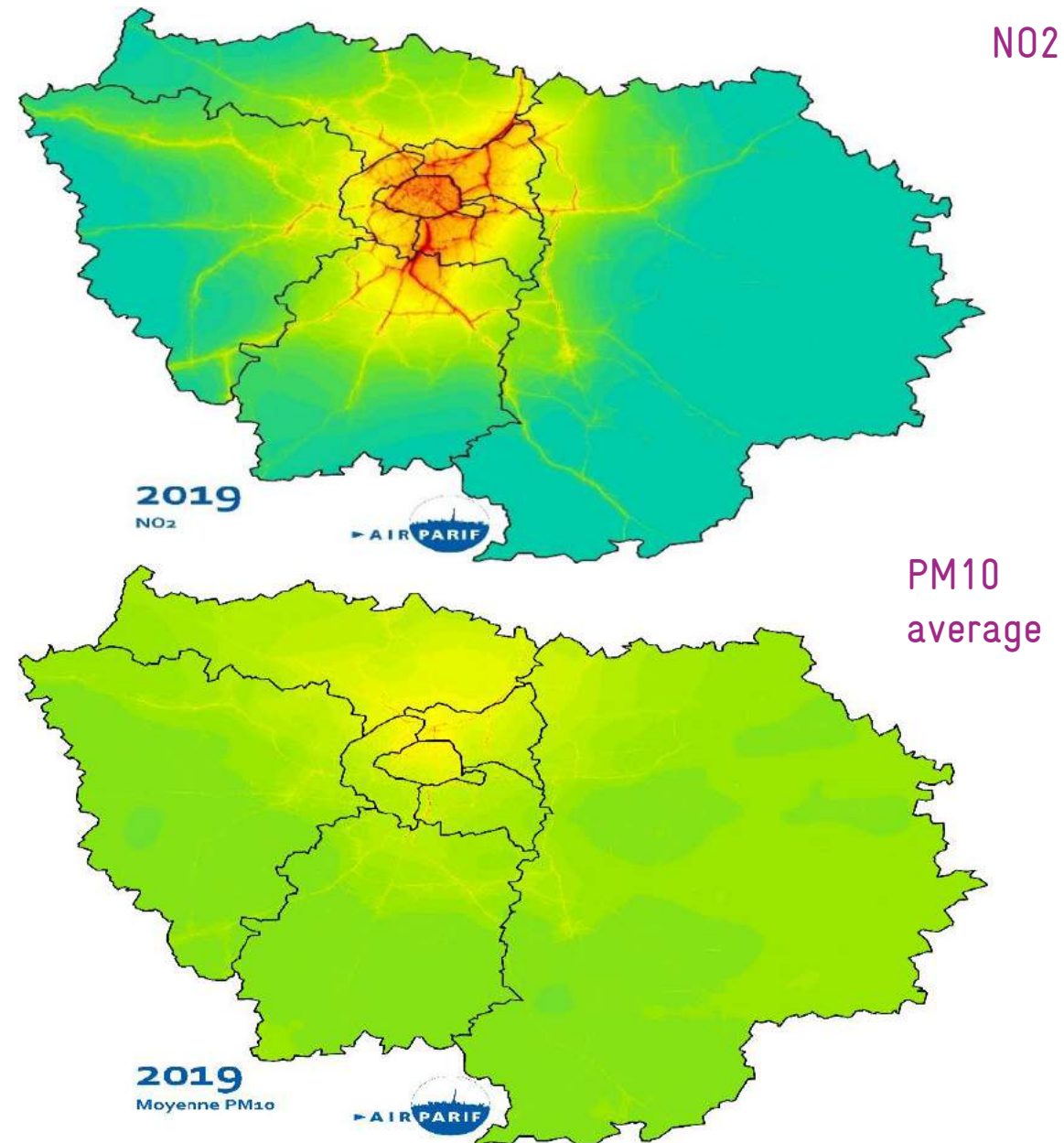
# Exposure of the inhabitants

**The road network stands out on the pollution maps:**

- NO<sub>2</sub> (tracer of road traffic)
- PM<sub>10</sub> (even though there are many sources)

Near major roads, NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are 5 to 6 times higher than WHO recommendations.

Some areas near traffic exceed the binding limit values (EU litigation).





## Travel that is most exposed to outdoor air pollution



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**Car drivers** are most exposed to air pollution due to road traffic



Let's choose

AFIC ROUTIER



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## Exposure of the inhabitants

Individual exposure varies according to where people live, but also according to the modes of transport used:

Car drivers are most exposed to both PM and NOx

Pedestrians and cyclists are more protected as they move away from the traffic flow

Particulate pollution issue in underground rail networks (metro).

# Conclusion

- The contribution of road traffic to air pollution depends strongly on
  - The **number of vehicles** on the road
  - The **composition of the vehicle fleet** (type, fuel, age, etc.)
  - **Traffic conditions** (speed, congestion, etc.)
- The composition of the vehicle fleet leads to specific problems from one territory to another:
- Large proportion of **2RM**: issues related to **VOC** emissions
- Older vehicles, use of **sulphurous petrol**: issues related to **SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, benzene emissions...**
- **Accordingly, adapt air quality monitoring**

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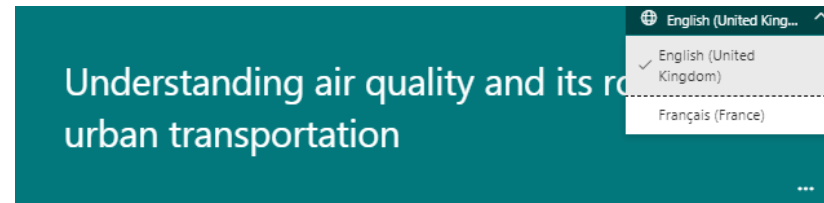
## Break and Poll

# Break and Poll

- Where are you from?
- Do you know if air quality is a priority for citizens in your context?
- Does your city monitor air quality?
- If not, will it become important in the future?

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# Air quality and transport

Data and tools for diagnosis



# Data and tools to be mobilised

**To establish a diagnosis of air quality, different tools can be used with different advantages/disadvantages and degrees of reliability:**

- Concentration data (pollution levels): spatial and temporal variability, hot spots, problematic pollutants...
  - Measuring stations
  - Modelling
  - Micro-sensors
  - Satellite data...
- Emissions data (discharges into the atmosphere): main emitting sectors -> which levers to use to improve air quality
  - Emissions inventory
- To know precisely the contribution of transport to pollution :
- Data on concentrations in the vicinity of roads
- Input data for the transport emissions inventory :
  - Fleet composition
  - Travel survey
  - Counting loops...

# Monitoring air quality

**High** temporal and spatial **variability** of pollution levels and sources.

- A monitoring scheme should be able to characterise air pollution for :
- **Different environments**
  - Background pollution (far from sources) / proximity pollution (around roads)
  - Hot spots (transport infrastructures, industries, airports...)
  - Individual exposure
- **Different pollutants**
  - Pollutants regulated for their effects on health and the environment
  - Emerging pollutants (ultrafine particles, pesticides, etc.)

# Monitoring system

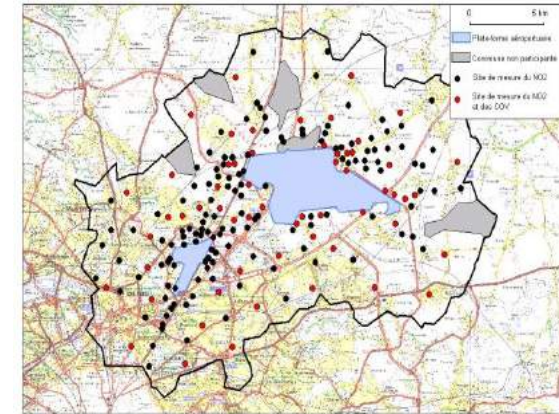
3 complementary tools for different environments and pollutants



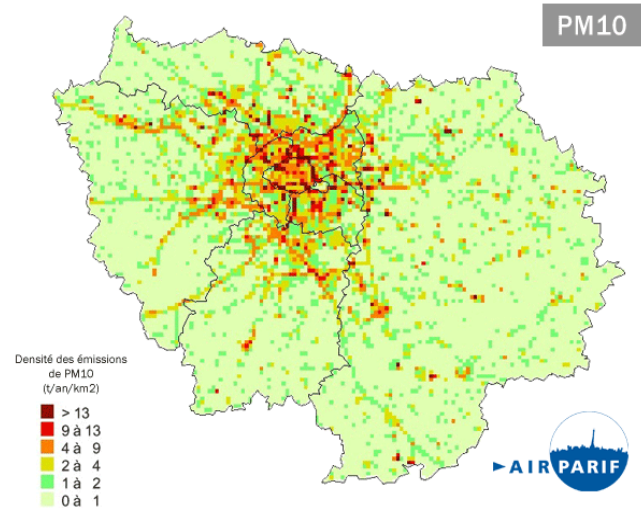
Measure stations



Modelling and emission inventory



Measurement campaigns



# Monitoring system

## Network of fixed stations

- Produce **baseline data** on pollution levels
- Monitor **pollutants of concern** in the territory
- **Several typologies** to characterise different environments:
  - **Background stations\*** (urban, suburban or rural)
  - **Proximity stations\*** (near road traffic)
  - **Industrial stations\*** (near industrial/artisanal activities)



## Network of Airparif stations

70 stations spread out over 12 000 km<sup>2</sup>

\* European classification. Other classifications exist.

# Monitoring system

Tailoring a measurement network according to the objective

The Airparif network is 40 years old... and has been built up little by little.

A few reference stations can constitute a solid base for a measurement network:

Representativeness of sites and typologies

Attention paid to equipment maintenance and data processing

Possibility of coupling fixed stations to other tools:

- Passive tubes (NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>): low-tech, low-cost and reliable tool
- Micro-sensors: in full development; not so low-cost, reliability issues (see below)
- Always using station data as reference data.



Passive tubes



Mini-stations



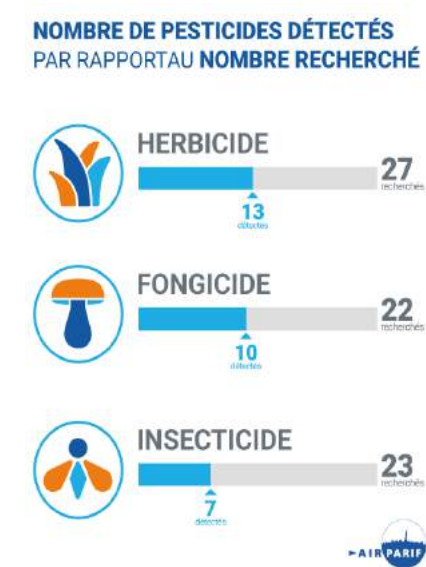
Micro-sensors



# Monitoring system

## Measuring campaigns

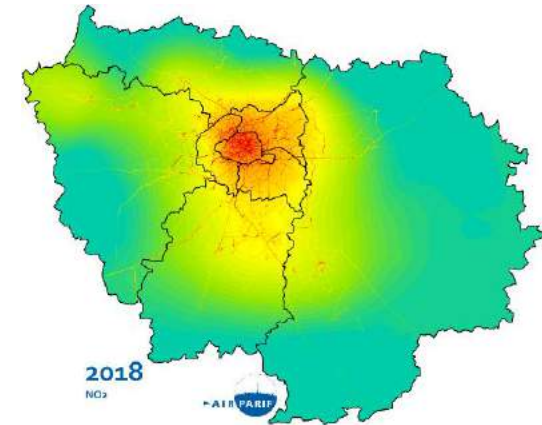
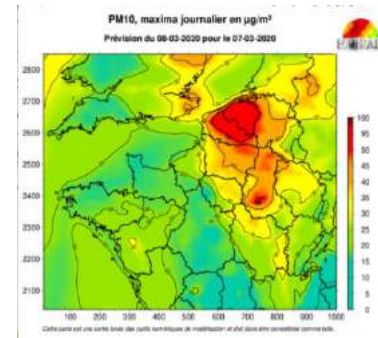
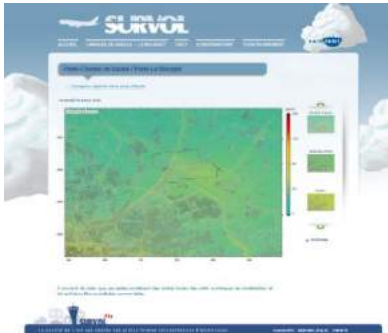
- Measuring **non-regulated pollutants** (e.g. pesticides)
- Assessing **individual exposure** (e.g. cycling)
- Assessing the impact of a road **infrastructure**, an **industrial site**, an airport platform, etc.
- Consolidate **models**
- Prior to the creation / extension of a network of stations to **validate the location of sites**.



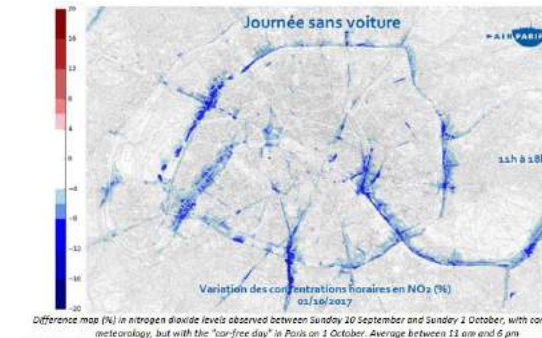
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## Modelling tools

- Produce air quality maps
- Forecasting air quality (pollution episodes)
- Assessing the impact of projects or action plans
- Test scenarios
- Different tools, scales, degree of accuracy, depending on the needs



Hourly mapping of concentrations  
25 x 50m grid



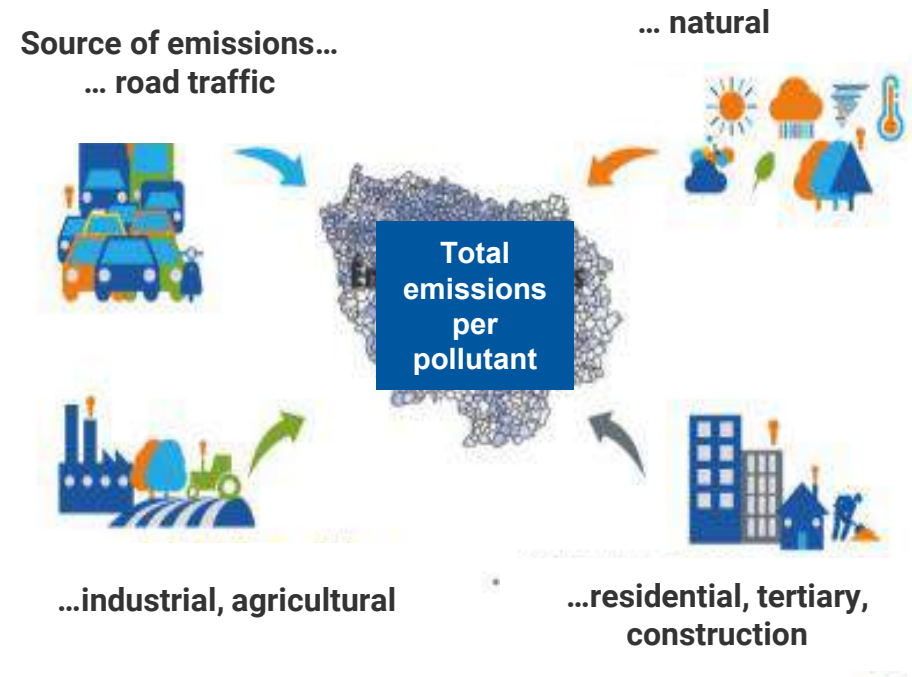
Impact of Car Free Day on NO2  
concentrations

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## Emissions inventory

- Determine the respective **contribution** of the sectors to pollutant / GHG **emissions**
- Identify priority **levers for action**
- **Evaluate the effectiveness** of public policies / regulations / action plans (e.g., fuel regulations, fleet renewal)

NB: the emissions inventory is an essential input data for modelling.



## More or less extensive inventory:

- Spatial resolution
- Temporal resolution
- Sectors considered
- Pollutants considered
- Methodology used (tier 1/2/3, bottom-up / top-down)

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## Micro-sensors

- Advantages: cost of purchase, portability, ...
- Attention to: **data reliability**, maintenance costs, lifetime, **skills** needed (metrology, IT...), ACT...
- **AIRLAB challenge**: test the performance of micro-sensors for different uses and environments.
  - Metrology tests (accuracy and reproducibility of data)
  - Field deployments
  - Results available online  
(<http://www.airlab.solutions/fr/actualites/r%C3%A9sultats-du-challenge-airlab-microcapteurs-2021>)



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### MICROSENSOR CHALLENGE EDITION 2021

To challenge and to compare different microsenors to help the choice for users, in complete independence



Test of microsenors in real conditions



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## Integrating microsensors into a monitoring network: recommendations

- First question: **What use** and **what purpose**?
- Choose the sensor according to its **performance by use and by pollutant**
- Do not disseminate data in real time (except for public awareness projects): **data processing** is necessary before use and publication
- Always have **reference measurements** (fixed stations, passive tubes) for functional tests

***NB: in the current state, micro-sensors cannot replace a regulatory measurement network.***

- Perform pre- and post-deployment tests (reference station, calibration laboratory):
  - Performance tests (at least on a sample) and identification of faulty devices
  - Calibration of the devices
  - Control of deviation over time
  - Access to raw data (for correction)



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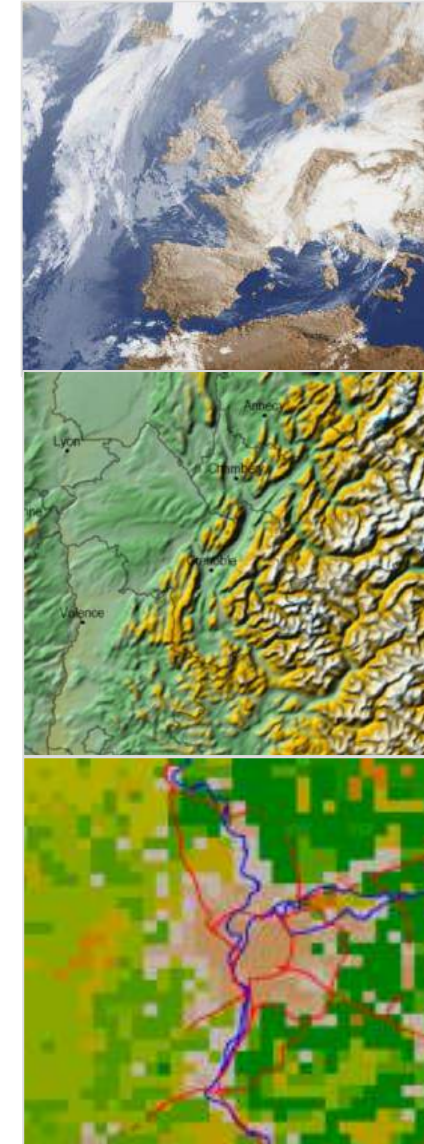
## Satellite data

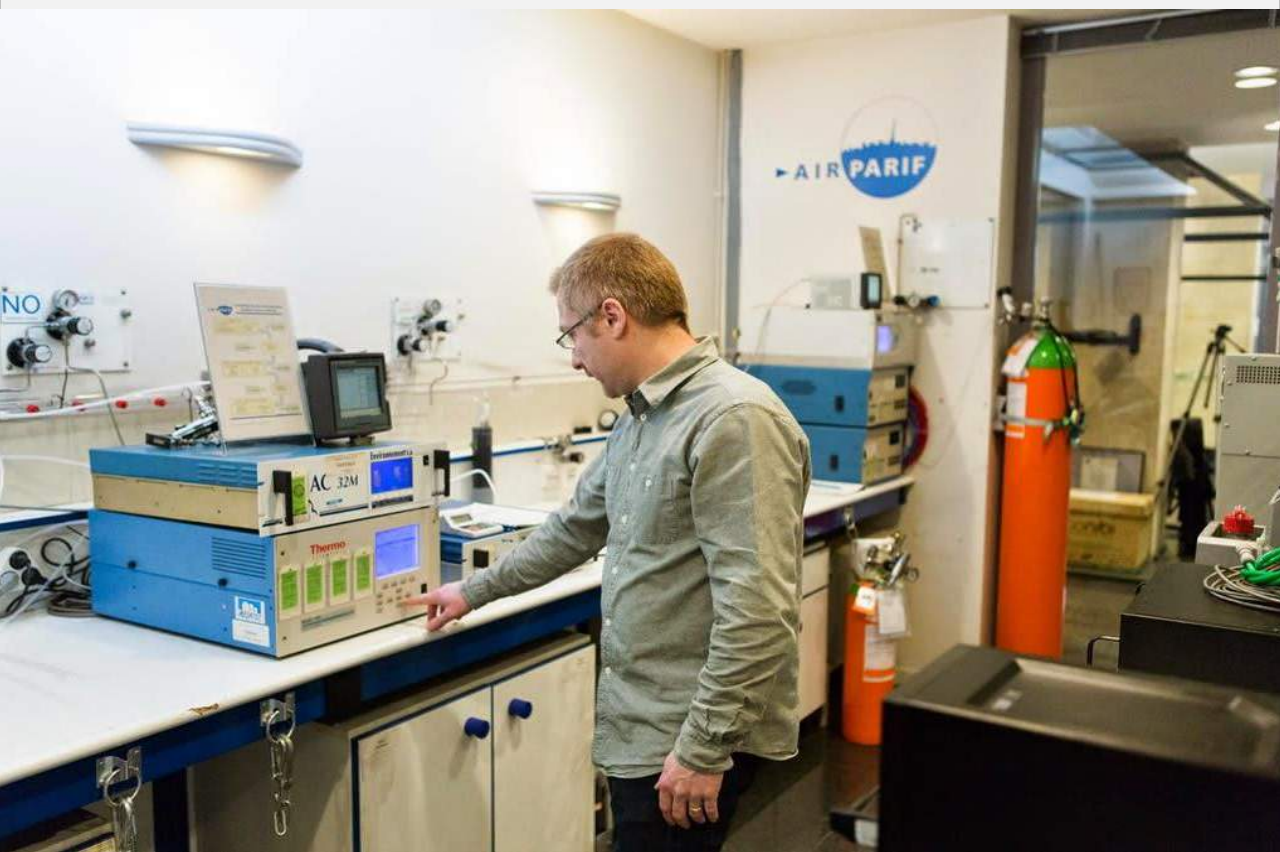
Available data:

- Input data (modelling): **weather, topography, land use**
- **Monitoring of smoke plumes** (volcanoes, forest fires...) and **specific sources** (shipping)
- Macro data: pollution **transport**, temporal **evolution**

Limits :

- **Spatial resolution** too large for urban application (several km)
- No **temporal continuity**
- Lack of **precision** (data integrates the whole atmospheric column)
- Problem of **cloud cover**
- **Cost** of data





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## Data processing

The **reliability of the data** is crucial because it is used by all:

- Decision-makers (regulation, action plans, litigation...)
- Media
- Citizens
- Companies...

To guarantee reliable data:

- Calibration Laboratory
- QA/QC procedures & certifications
- Model evaluation



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## Communication and public information

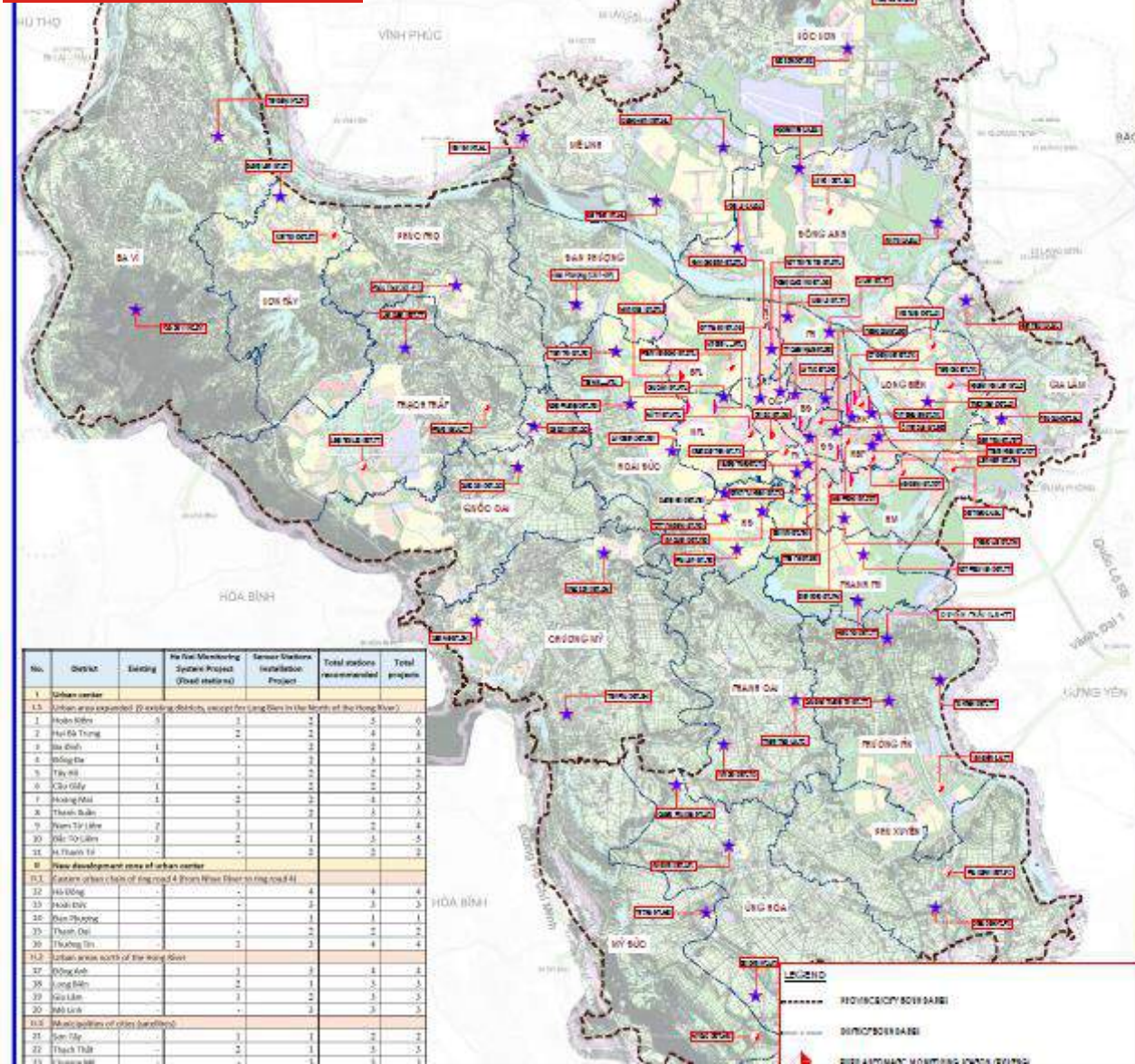
Multiply the channels to make the data easily accessible to all:

- Media (TV, radio, press...)
- Social networks
- Website + mobile application
- Local relays (municipal notice boards)

Educate and raise awareness of air quality issues among residents to change behaviour.







# International projects: Hanoi

## Supporting municipal authorities

Developing local skills in the management of a measurement network:

- Sampling plan
- Typology of stations
- Pollutants measured
- Improvement of maintenance



# International projects: Dakar

## Increasing the competence of the Air Quality Management Centre (AQMC)

Support the improvement / extension of the existing measurement network:

- Maintenance of equipment
- Validation of future station sites
- Integration of micro-sensors with calibration on reference stations







# International projects: Sri Lanka

## Technical Assistance for the Ministry of the Environment

Supporting the development of the Ministry's air quality management teams

- Deployment of a measurement campaign to prepare the extension of the network
- Training in data maintenance and management
- Support for communication on air quality data
- Support for the construction of an emissions inventory (Tier 1)

# Conclusion

**An air quality monitoring network is built step by step.**

Several building blocks are essential:

- One/**reference stations** to produce reliable data and calibrate the rest of the network;
- A reproducible methodology to select **representative sites**;
- Solid procedures for equipment **maintenance** and **data validation/correction**.

Once these building blocks are in place, the network can be completed by additional tools depending on the objectives pursued:

- **Modelling** tools (mapping, forecasting, assessment)
- Emissions **inventory**
- **Micro-sensors...**

## Case Study 2

Implementation of tools for air pollution control in Yaoundé,  
Cameroon



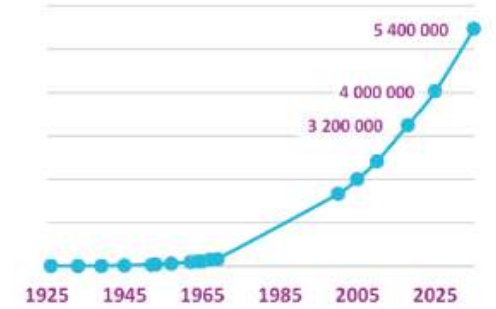
Commune Urbaine de Yaoundé

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# Yaoundé, a forward-looking metropolis



Political capital of Cameroon

Rapid population growth from 3.2 million in 2017 to 5.6 million in 2035

At the crossroads of the country's main highways

Mainly tertiary economic activities (central administration, headquarters, shops)

# The Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (Diagnostic 2018)

## The mobility system is inefficient:

①

- the majority of people travel by collective taxis or motorbike taxis, which are slow, and unreliable, and more or less private car and motorbike users are stuck in congestion;
- less comfortable;
- many people are forced to make long daily journeys on foot on uncomfortable (or not) pavements.

## Mobility is expensive for the user, and the government.

②

- and is not efficient from an economic point of view:
- trips in collective taxis cost 200 to 300 FCFA, in motorbikes 100 to 500 FCFA;
- STECY is loss-making, with very few buses to impact mobility;
- cars stuck in congestion consume a lot of fuel unnecessarily.

## The mobility system is polluting and dangerous.

③

- it consumes a lot of energy and produces greenhouse gases (GHG)
- it pollutes the atmosphere and makes the inhabitants sick;
- It is not safe, especially for pedestrians and motorbikes.

## An alarming observation...





# The Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (Diagnostic 2018)

... which determines the strategy of the SUMP

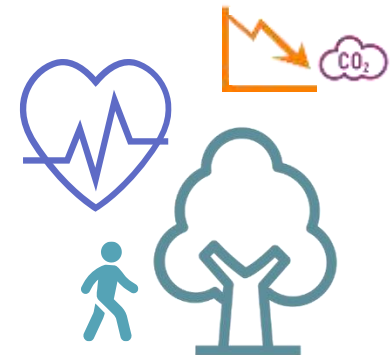
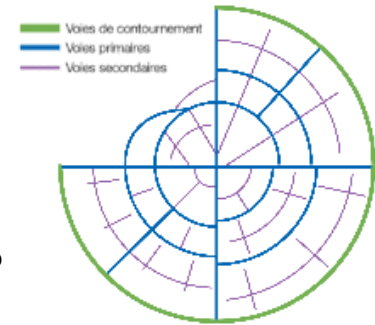
- ① **Develop the road system, treat certain crossroads and create bus lanes** to improve traffic conditions, particularly

- taxis, which are the main mode of transport in Yaoundé, with more than 2 million trips per day
- walking, with the creation of safe pavements.

- ② **Reduce the cost of mobility borne** by households:

- redefine the public transport offer and achieve a small balance with a unit cost of the bus ticket at 200 FCFA;
- modernise the collective taxi sector by encouraging a switch to large taxis with greater capacity, greater comfort and less energy consumption per person transported;

- ③ This new mobility system will **improve the quality of life in the city**, with less dangerous roads, fewer accidents and less air pollution.



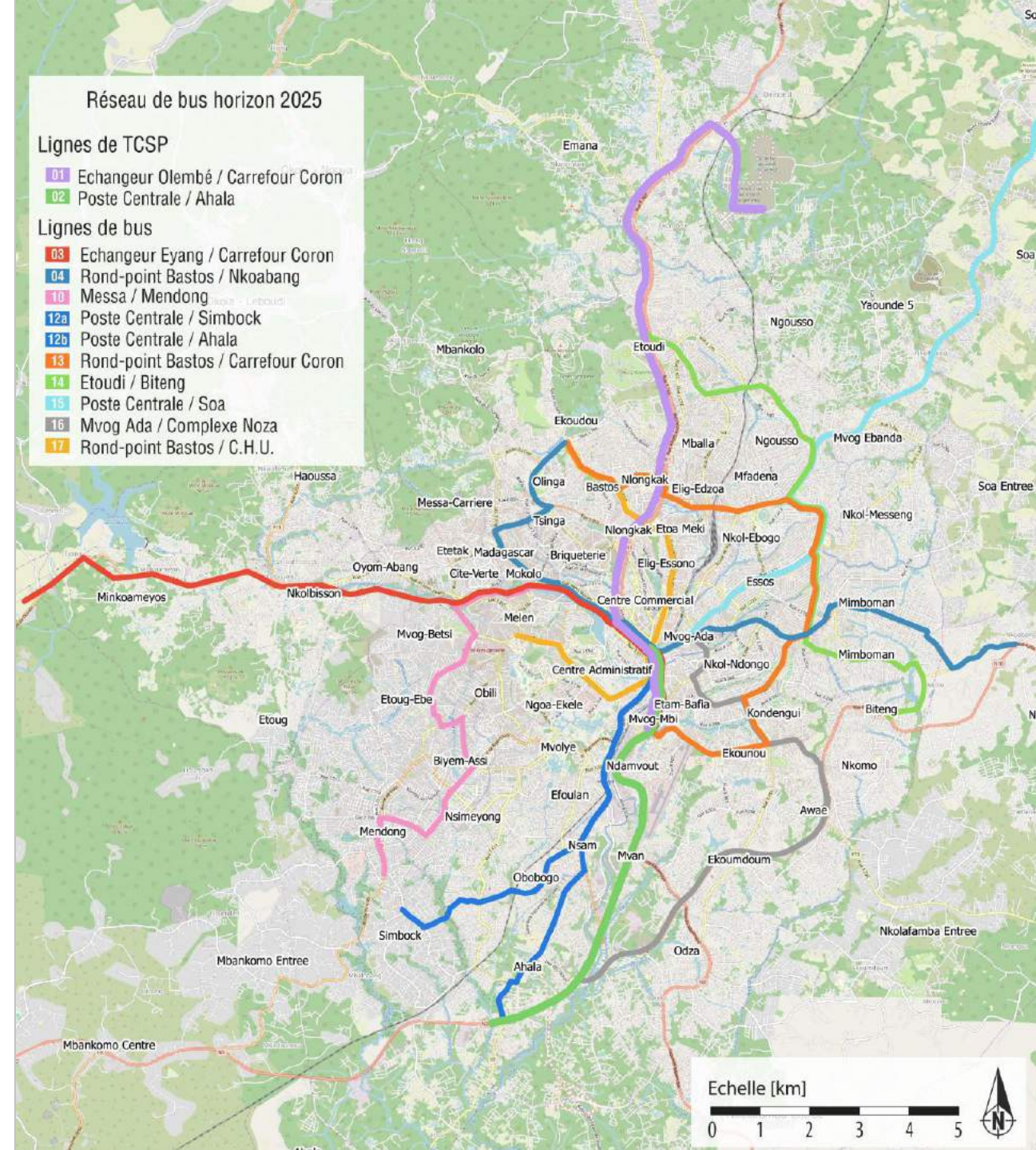
# The Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (Outlook 2035)

## Action plan

### Business-as-usual scenario: foreseeable degradation

Alternative scenario: road development, hierarchical public transport network, improvement of junctions, professionalisation of small-scale transport, strengthening of governance

- 340,000 daily public transport journeys (compared to 140 without reinforcing the network)
- 25 min reduction in travel time compared to the run-of-river scenario
- 11% reduction in GHG emissions compared to the business-as-usual scenario



# The Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan

 7 major projects underway with 4 objectives

## Improve traffic conditions

- Development of crossroads and bus stations (Yaoundé Cœur de Ville)
- Studies of the bypass road
- Project for the Development of Inclusive and Resilient Cities (PDVIR)

## Develop the different transport offers

- TCSP TransYaoundé
- Informal transport reform

## Improving the governance of mobility

- Capacity building of CUY agents in the framework of Yaoundé Cour de Ville
- ATCUDY: Setting up a Mobility Organising Authority, a mobility observatory and an urban planning agency

## Reducing air pollution

- Implementation of air pollution control tools

Partners: French Development Agency, World Bank,

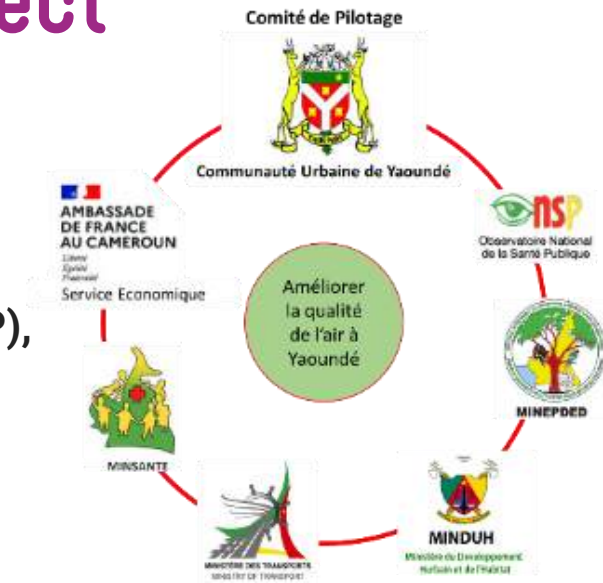
French Ministry of Economy, European Union



# Organisation of the air quality project

## One initiative

- From the **Communauté Urbaine de Yaoundé (CUIY)**,
- Financed by **French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery (FASEP)**,
- Piloted by an **interministerial committee** involving the Cameroonian ministries of health, environment, transport and urban development
- Implemented by a **group of French and Cameroonian experts**



### DVDH

Consultancy firm specialising in advising local authorities on sustainable land use and urban mobility



### AtmoTrack

Supplier of air pollutant microsensors and air quality monitoring systems



### INSERM

French public institute dedicated to biological, medical and human health research

# 3-step Methodology

## Diagnosis of the air pollution and health situation

- Deployment of sensors
- Interpretation of pollution measurements
- Identification of pollutant sources
- Health surveys

## Action plan

- Development of an action plan
- Development of a decision-making tool
- Development of an information and awareness-raising tool for the general public

## Implementation of the first actions and evaluation

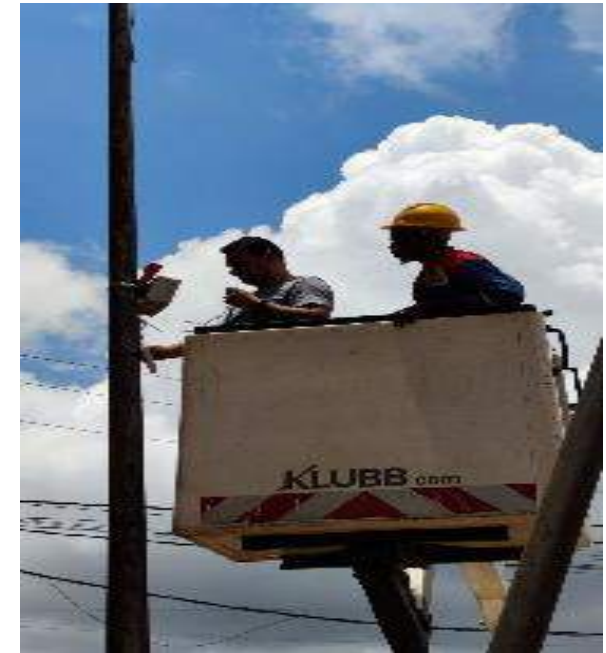
- Tactical planning operation
- Evaluation of effects
- Sustainability
- Practical guide to replicability



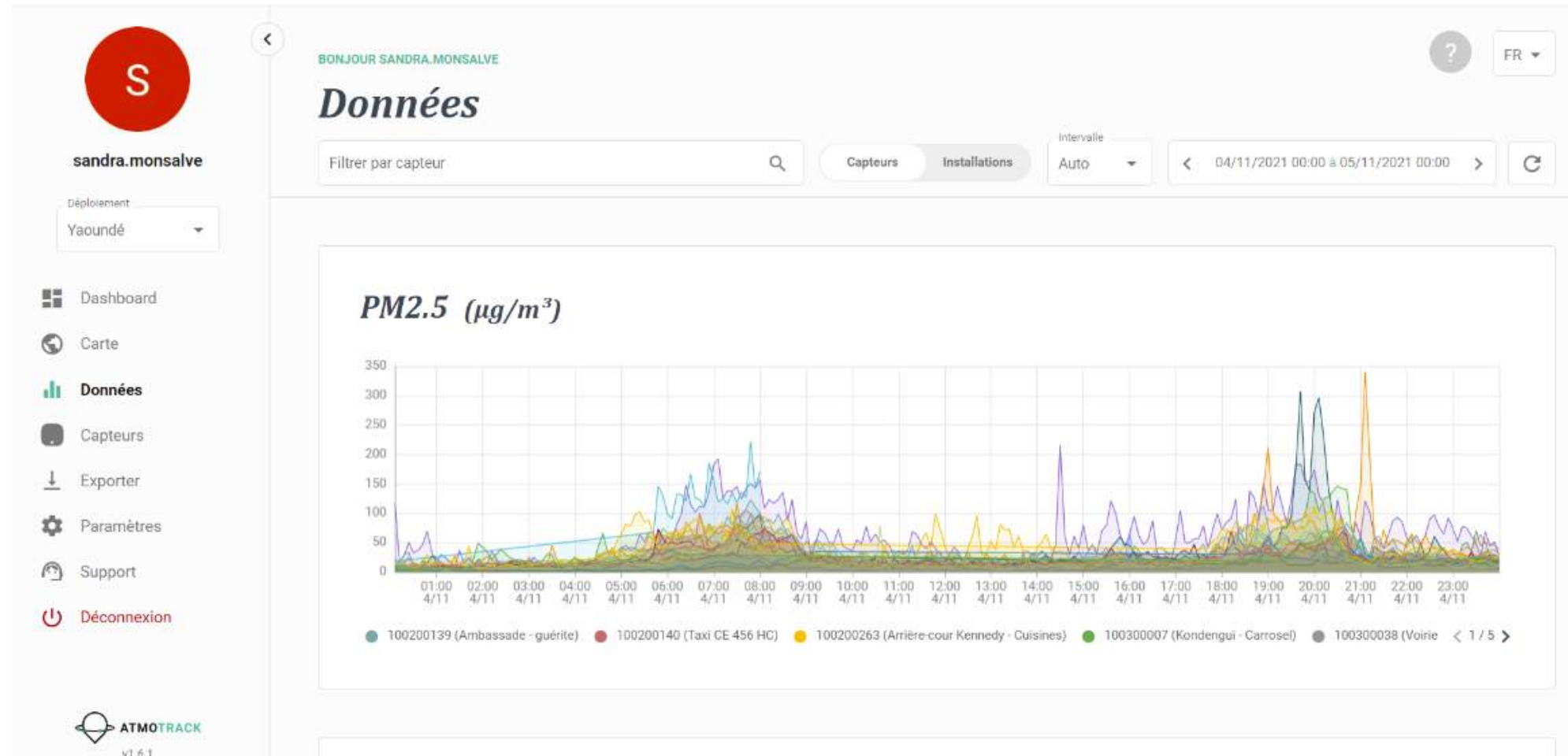
# Equipment deployed in the field

**Innovative fixed and mobile micro-sensors to form the city's first air quality measurement network:**

- 29 Atmo01 (on buildings, taxis and minibuses) measuring PM2.5 and PM10
- 8 Atmo02 (on lampposts) measuring PM2.5, PM10, NO2 and SO2  
+ a speciation study to determine the composition of the particles



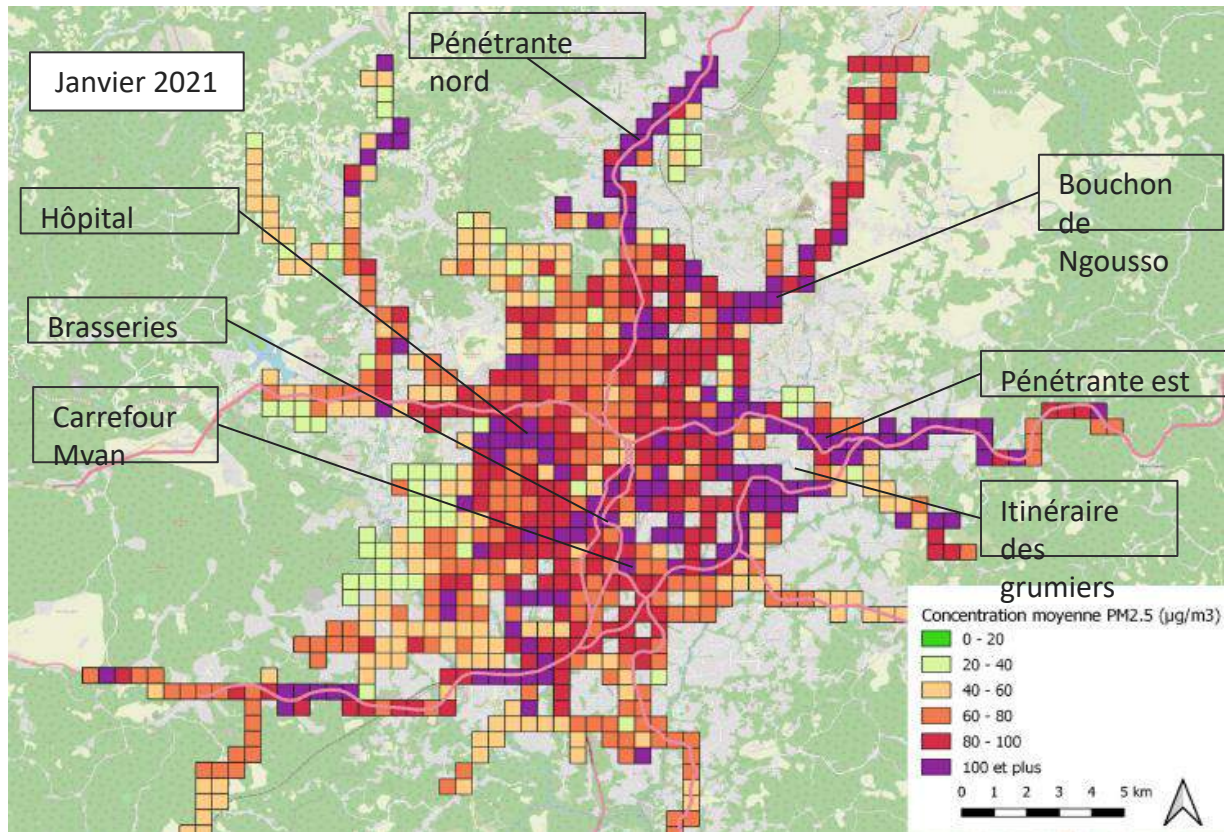
# Computer interfaces



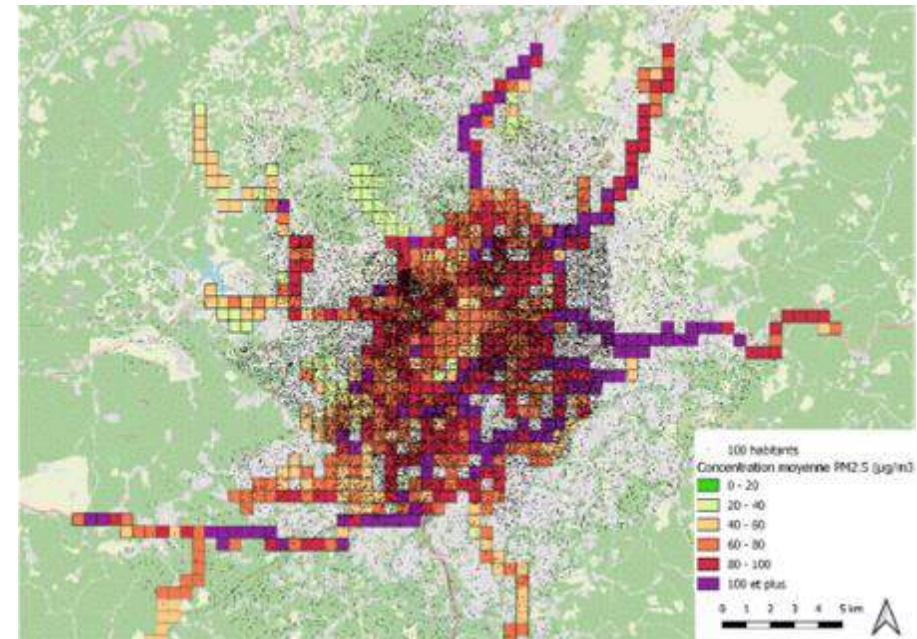


# Data interpretation

Mapping of results averaged by period (month, week, etc.)

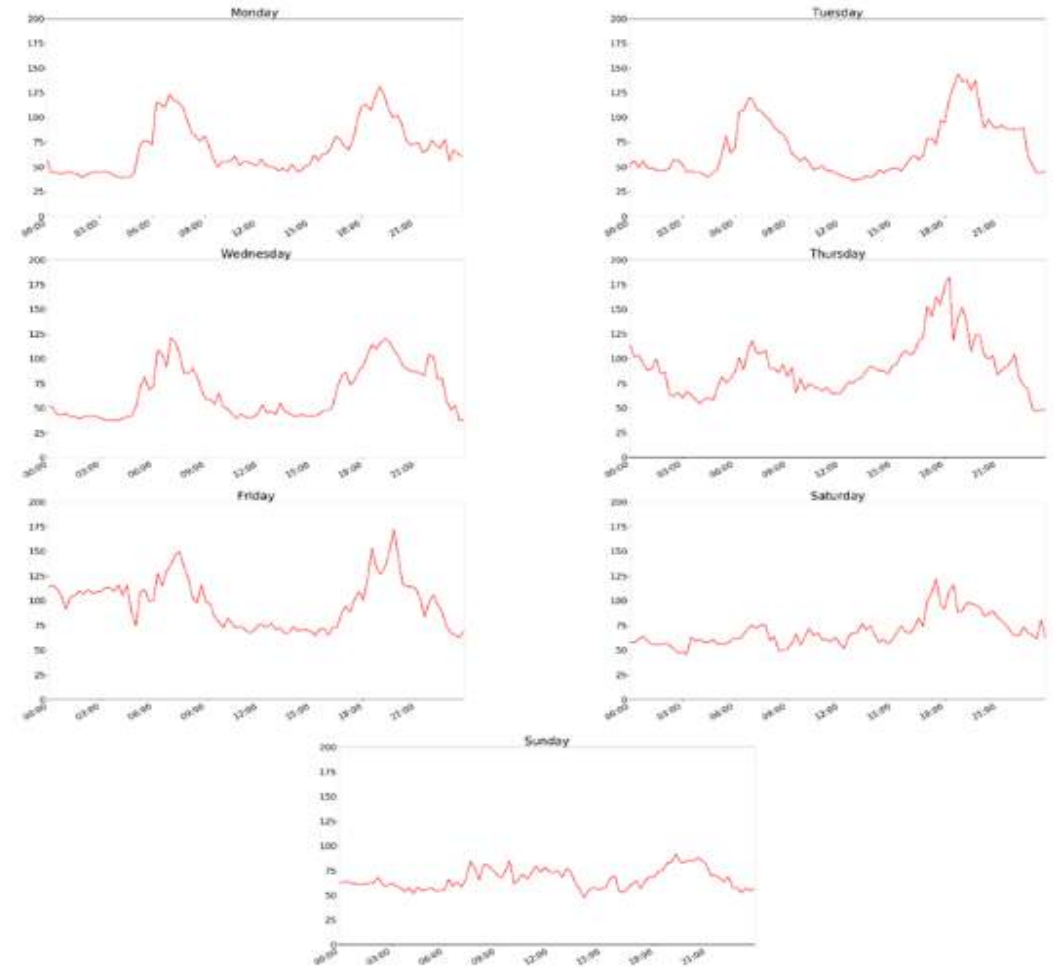
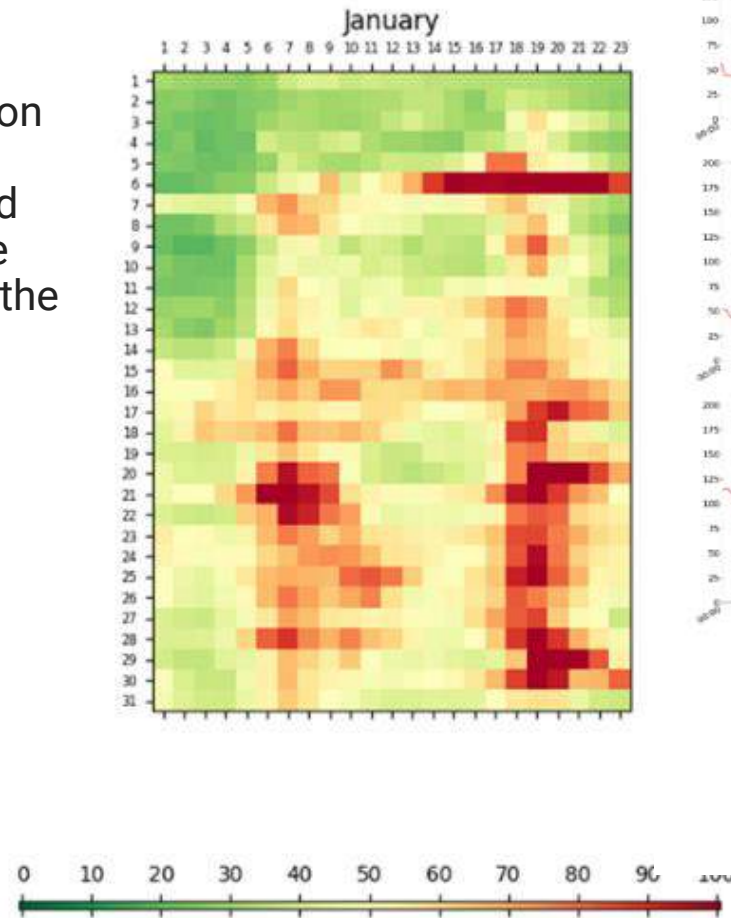


Cross analysis with other information such as road network, population density, waste collection, etc.



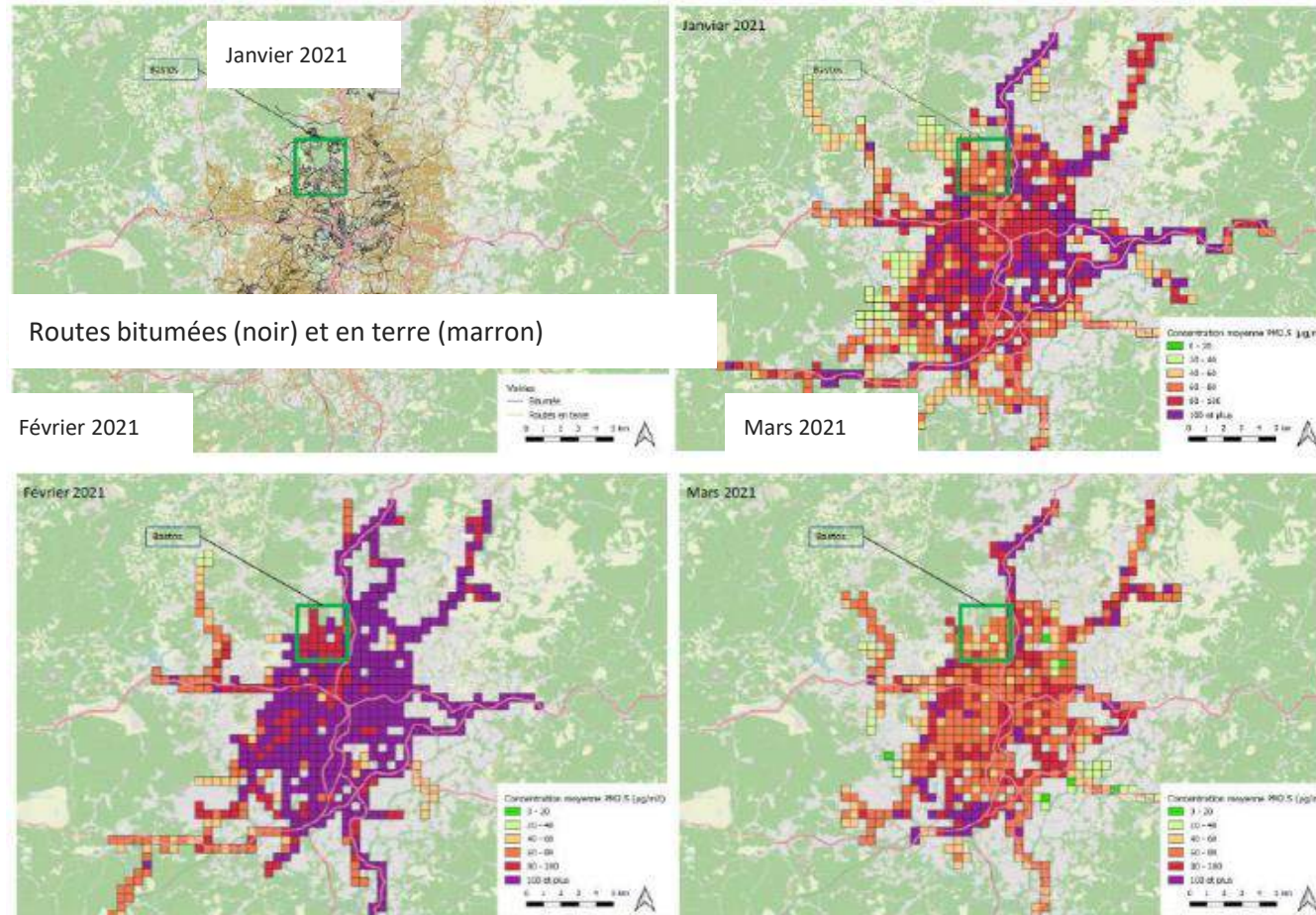
# Data Interpretation

Strong correlation between peak traffic hours and the average fine particle level in the city





# Data interpretation



Correlation between road type (dirt road or asphalt) and concentration of fine suspended particles





# Identified pollution sources and action plan

## Regulatory, fiscal and governance measures



Traffic (emissions, wear and tear and resuspension)

- Improving fuel quality
- Measure vehicle emissions during roadworthiness testing
- Promote fleet renewal/retrofitting
- Traffic calming in the most vulnerable sites
- Invest in asphalt and road sweeping
- Implement the PMUS action plan



Other human activities:  
cooking, waste burning,  
industrial activities, weeding,  
slash and burn

- Promote less polluting cooking techniques
- Support recycling and improve waste collection
- Establish sectoral standards and monitor their implementation. Promote best practice.



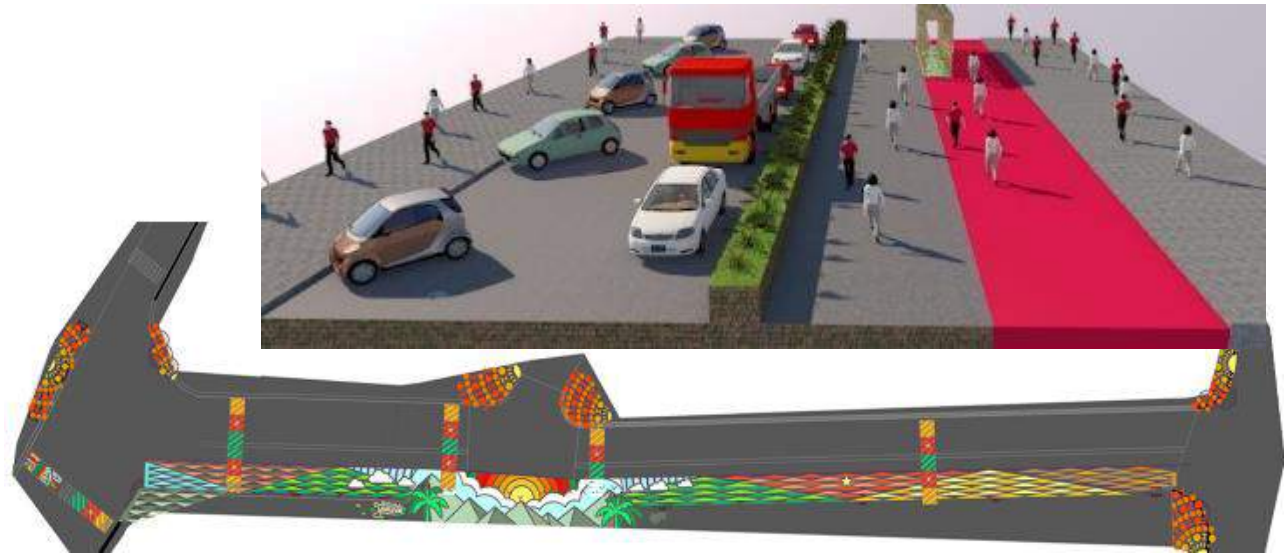
Regional natural phenomena:  
desert storms

- Create an air quality management unit
- Raise awareness and inform the population

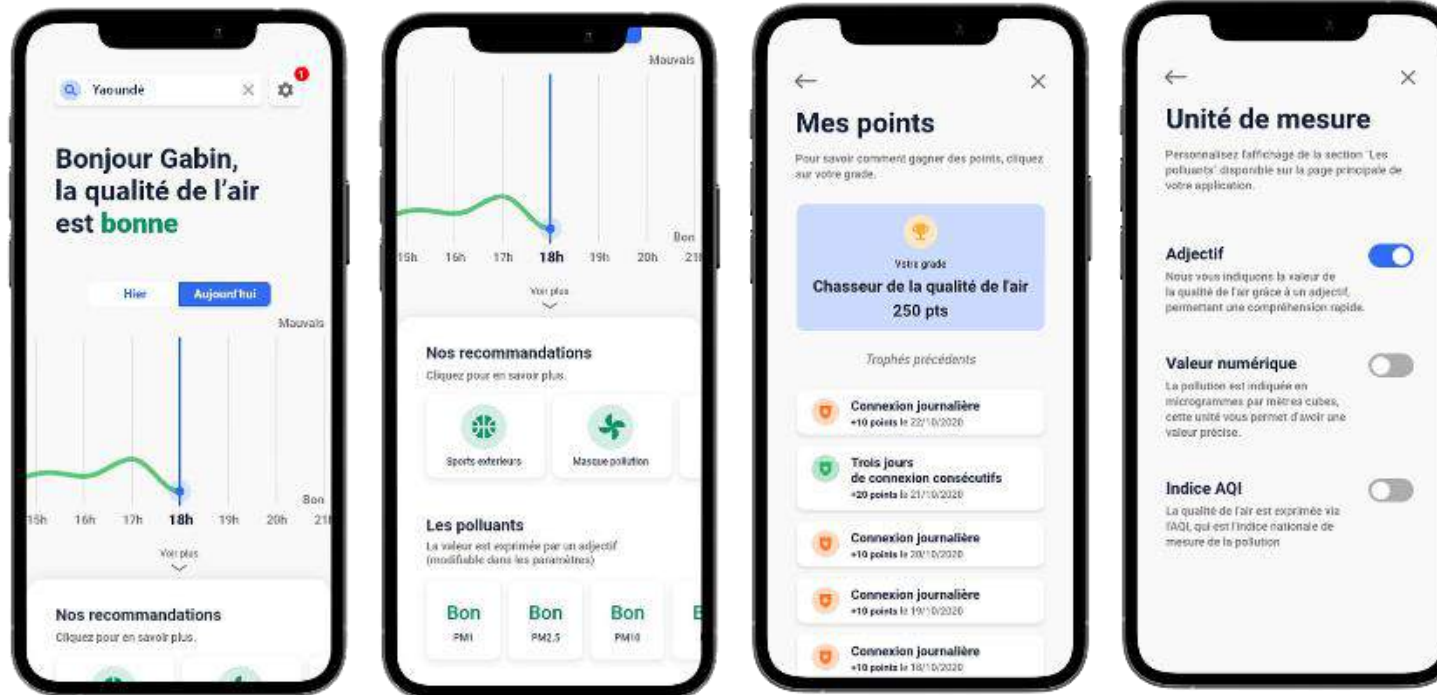
Actors: CUY, ministries, prefecture, boroughs, residents' associations, etc.

# Semaines de la qualité de l'air

Piétonnisation et embellissement de l'avenue Kennedy (centre-ville), communication, sensibilisation, consultations médicales



# Sensibilisation grand public



## Application smartphone Caeli

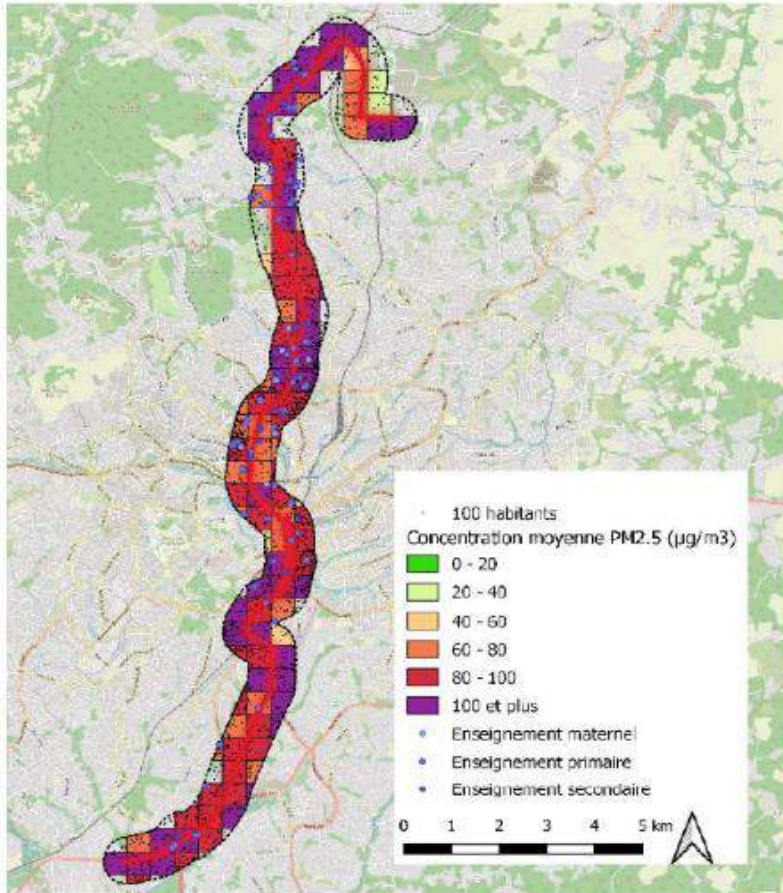
- indicateurs basés sur les mesures en temps réel
- conseils pour ajuster son comportement en fonction du niveau de pollution
- valeurs globales pour la ville, et par quartier

Objectifs : susciter une prise de conscience de la part des citoyens des enjeux de la qualité de l'air sur la santé



# Decision support: case study

## Analysis of the current pollution level on the future BRT corridor



110,000 passengers per day in old-fashioned taxis -> one of the most congested and polluted roads

The system deployed made it possible to estimate that between January and February 2021, 80% of the population living within 500m of the future BRT was exposed to chronic fine particle pollution (PM2.5) greater than 80µg/m³.

100% of the schools within this perimeter were exposed to PM2.5 pollution above 60µg/m³.

The BRT project will help improve air quality by

- Reducing congestion,
- Providing users with a less polluting transport alternative,
- Contributing to infrastructure improvements along the corridor.

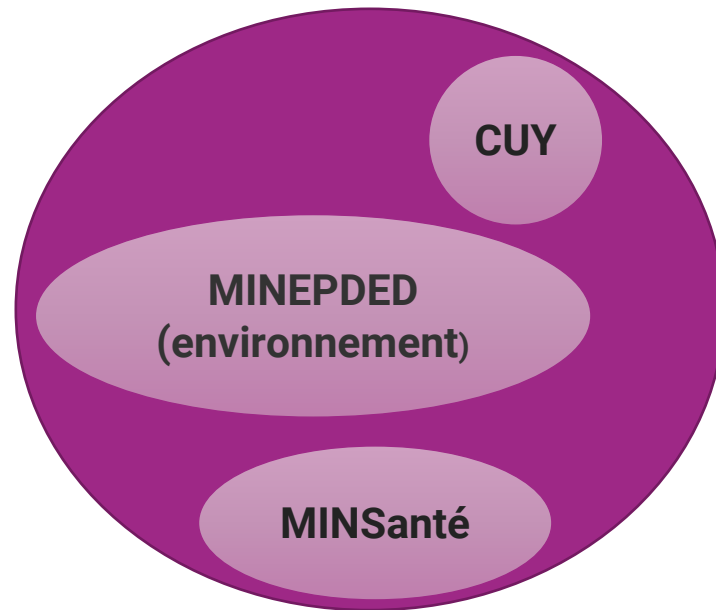


# Interministerial Committee for the monitoring of air quality in Yaoundé

- Committee being created to ensure sustainability of the initiative at the end of the project (January 2022)
- Local staff trained in air quality monitoring tools and methods

## Tasks

Manage the sensor network  
Produce and disseminate data (monitoring the evolution of air quality indicators over time)  
Supervise the implementation of the action plan



General public

Scientific and academic community

Actors of the action plan

National and international peer network

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## Questions, Feedback and Farewell?



# Q&A

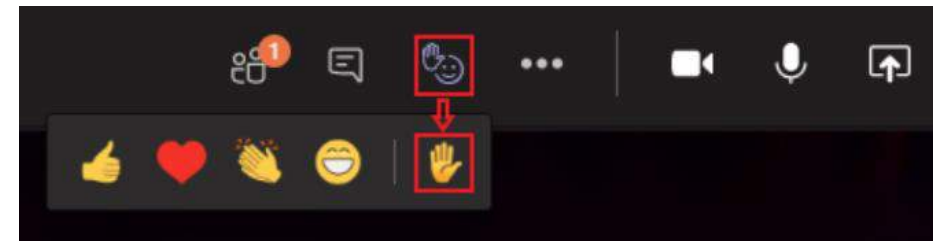
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- Post your questions in the chat and we will include them in the Q&A



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