

# Air pollution and climate change: opportunities in the transportation sector

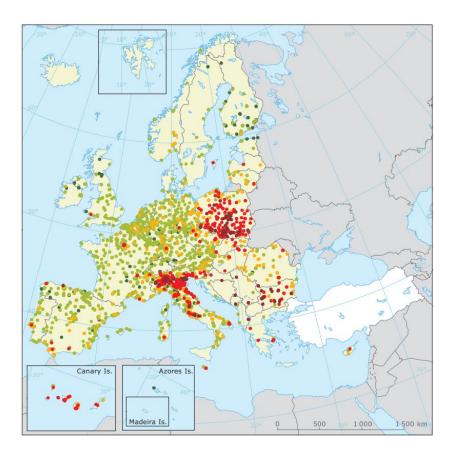
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## Air Pollution



PM10 concentrations above legislated limit values

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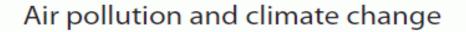
Air quality in Europe — 2017 report







## Air Pollution and Climate Change



Some air pollutants are also greenhouse gases



#### Air pollution

Smog is made when pollutants mix together on warm sunny days.

VOCs + NOx - Smog volatile oxides of organic nitrogen compounds

Particle pollution comes from burning fuels like timber and diesel.

- Hotter conditions can create more smog
- · Drier conditions can cause more particle pollution from fires and dust storms

#### Climate change

Greenhouse gases come from burning fossil fuels, industry, land clearing and agriculture. These gases trap heat which can lead to climate change.

Climate change can make air pollution worse







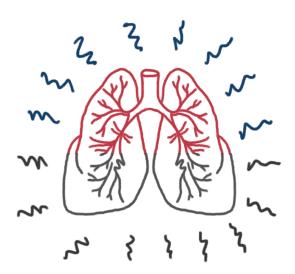


Greenhouse gases trap heat



## - Health Problems

- **Angina**
- Lung cancer
- Lung conditions (COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Heart attacks
- Strokes
- Heart disease
- Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases
- Premature births
- Reduced brain development













Data and maps Indicators

EU greenhouse gas emissions ...

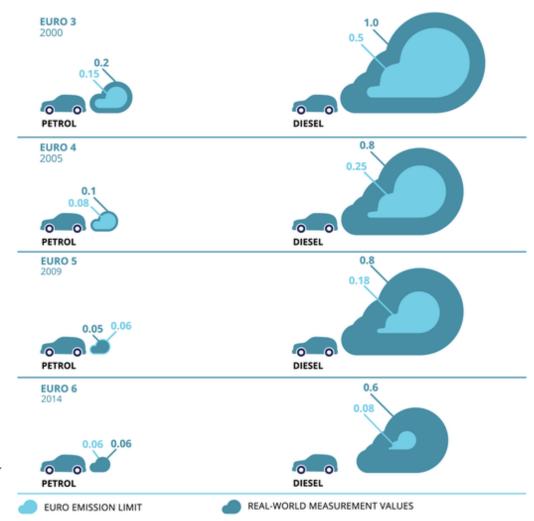
Countries





## Transports

Facts | Comparison of NOx standards and emissions for different Euro classes



NOx emissions from diesel cars improved much, have not meaning reductions have not been as large as planned in legislation. Until the Euro 6 into force, regulations came diesel already cars were permitted to emit three times as much NOx as petrol cars.

Technological measures are not enough



We need to think out-of-the-box



## Research at the service of society

#### Links between transport and air quality

#### SMARTDECISION (FCT)

Intelligent Vehicle Routing System for Enhanced Air Quality in Urban Areas: was developed a set of eco-traffic management strategies and eco-routing applications

#### @CRUISE (FCT)

Advanced Impact Integration Platform for Cooperative Road Use: to integrate road traffic impacts into a single analytical framework for use in advanced traffic management systems (ATMS).

#### CLAiR-City (H2020, SC5)

Citizen-led air pollution reduction in cities: to put city dwellers, their activities, feelings, and short and long-term preoccupations at the centre of air pollution analyses, management and mitigation.



## **SMARTDECISION**

#### Methodology

To develop a decision support information system that characterized urban mobility, helping drivers to choose the best route for a certain trip, using different factors:

Time
Traffic congestion
Fuel use
Emissions

Multi-scale Advanced Route choice traffic applications for linking Multi-scale air emissions and microscopic assignment quality fuel traffic and under modelling consumption emissions environmental estimation models concerns





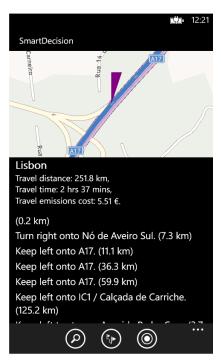
#### Results

- Tool to help the traffic assignment in a certain corridor more efficiently and environmentally friendly.
- In the route menu it can be chosen: e.g. avoid highways, shortest travel time, fastest route, low-cost route, a lower pollutant emissions or less impact on human health.
- Contribution for implementing intelligent traffic management measures.













### Methodology

Designing a conceptual methodology for assigning a link-based indicator to evaluate different traffic-related externalities, adjusted to local contexts of vulnerability.

To integrate road traffic impacts into a single analytical framework for use in advanced traffic management systems (ATMS)

Economic

Environment (also noise)

Designing a conceptual methodology for assigning a link-based indicator

Improving the interoperability between traffic models and new sources of traffic data

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Development, integration and validation of traffic models

Optimizing the network operations by means of a decision support system



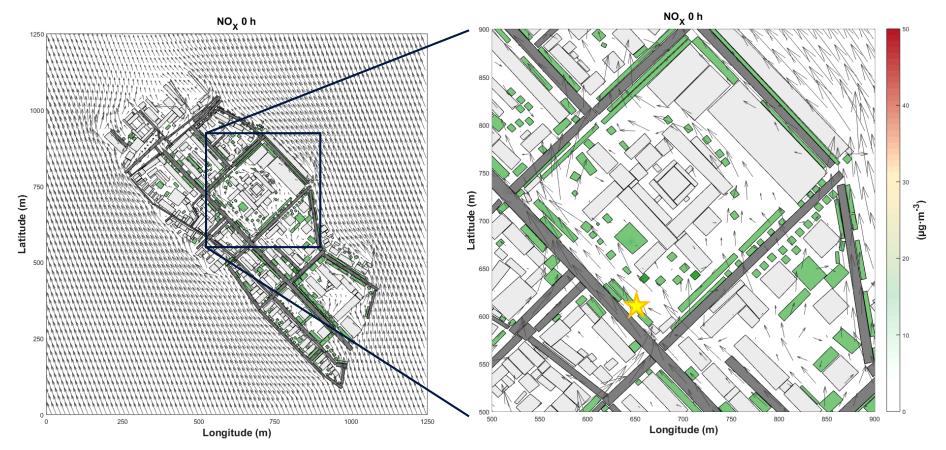
Air Quality models at local scale + artificial neural networks





## Results | NOx concentration

#### Case study | Aveiro Local Scale







# The step forward





Improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, improve public health outcomes and greater citizen awareness



Integrate and quantify citizens' behaviour and activities to enrich city, national and EU level policy-making

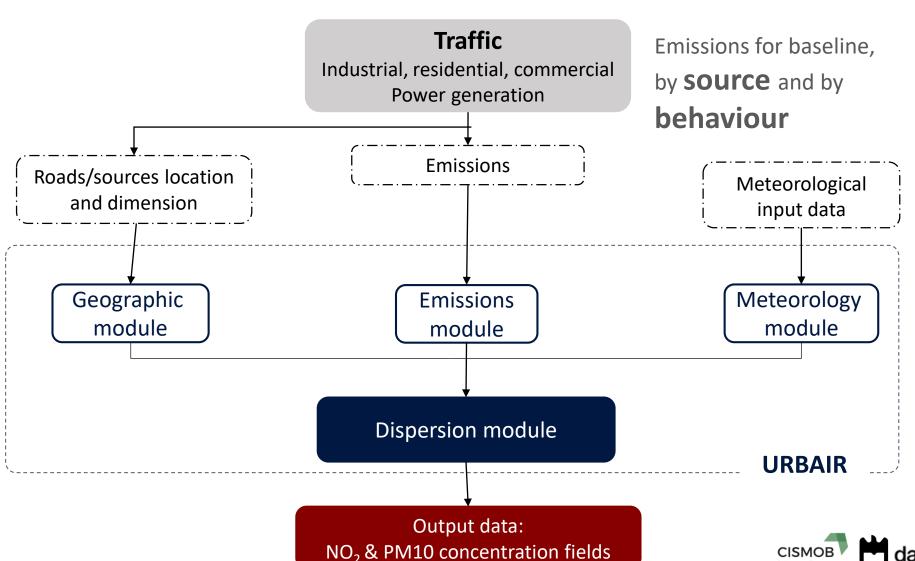


- a. Putting citizens behaviour and practices at the heart of the debate
- b. Develop a suite of innovative toolkits for enhanced quantification, engagement and impact evaluation
- c. Integrate citizens behaviours in city policies now and in the future
- d. Raise awareness of environmental changes and their solutions

## CLAiR-City

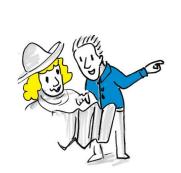
## Approach – Air quality modelling

concentrations to feed into the app to simulate future scenarios



## CLAiR-City

## Approach - Engagement



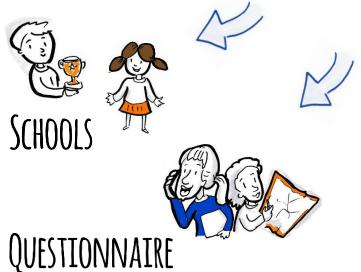




## ENGAGEMENT



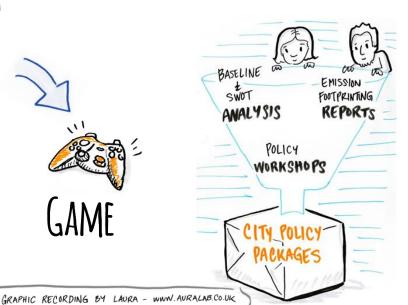
SOLUTIONS











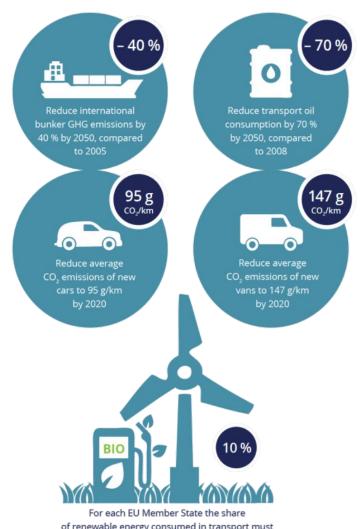
## Opportunities

#### EU targets to reduce GHG

#### Key targets to be reached by 2050:

Reduce transport (excluding international maritime) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 60 % compared to 1990 levels and reduce international maritime transport emissions by 40 %, compared to 2005.





of renewable energy consumed in transport must be at least 10 % by 2020.



## Opportunities

#### Three Revolutions in Urban Transportation

#### **Business-as-Usual Scenario**

#### 20th Century Technology

Through 2050, we continue to use vehicles with internal combustion engines at an increased rate, and use transit and shared vehicles at the current rate, as population and income grow over time.

#### 2 Revolutions (2R) Scenario

#### Electrification + Automation

We embrace more technology. Electric vehicles become common by 2030, and automated electric vehicles become dominant by 2040. However, we continue our current embrace of single-occupancy vehicles, with even more car travel than in the BAU.

#### 3 Revolutions (3R) Scenario

#### Electrification + Automation + Sharing

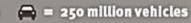
We take the embrace of technology in the 2R scenario and then maximize the use of shared vehicle trips. By 2030, there is widespread ride sharing, increased transit performance—with on-demand availability and strengthened infrastructure for walking and cycling, allowing maximum energy efficiency.







Number of Vehicles on the Road by 2050





























0.5 billion

CO2 Emissions by 2050



= 500 megatonnes of CO2



4,600 megatonnes



1,700 megatonnes



megatonnes





## Opportunities

What we can expect?

In the city, the future intelligent routing systems will integrate GIS and information on air quality willing to promote lower exposure of urban citizens to air pollutants

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## Final remarks

Bring together cities, companies and citizens to improve urban environmental and economic functioning.

Research linking road traffic with autonomous vehicles and air quality will lead to:

A decrease of traffic congestion

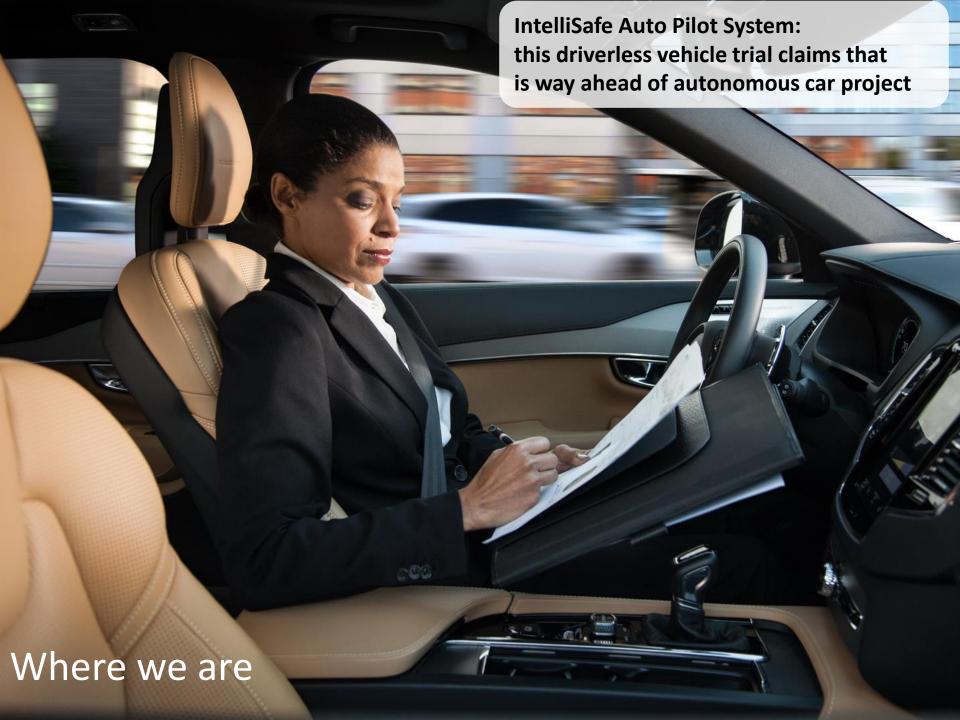
A decrease of air pollution & exposure

A decrease of vehicle accidents

#### Promote an efficient road traffic management

The automotive companies have to look to the EU recommendations and citizens desire, as opportunities to support Green Marketing









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