



OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Tools O.T.2.3

Final version

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Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented) and of its transnational added value

Ambient air pollution is still an unsolved problem. Some areas suffer from severe air pollution episodes, during which the ambient air pollution can get extremely high.

The INTERREG SAPEs App has the following purposes:

- Better communication with citizens during Severe Air Pollution Episodes
- Greater protection of the health of citizens during Severe Air Pollution Episodes
- Focus on susceptible groups
- Improvement of environmental management capacities to cope with Severe Air Pollution Episodes.

The app provides the users with the current air pollution level for a selected area in one of the three functional urban areas: Katowice (Poland), Parma (Italy) and Zugló, Budapest (Hungary). In addition, the forecast for the next day is shown. The air pollution level is put into context and information is given on what the users personally can do for their health and to reduce the current air pollution level. The App also focuses on susceptible groups such as pregnant women, children, elderly and people with chronic diseases.

In short, the Interreg SAPEs App will

- warn citizens in case of severe air pollution episodes
- raise the awareness for the impacts of air quality on health
- increase the general knowledge on air quality
- prompt changes in attitude and behavior in citizens and stakeholders

The content of the app was developed in close collaboration with all the AWAIR partners. The app can be used in the three included FUAs and is available in the local languages as well as in English. It can easily be extended to other cities or regions if air pollution data are available.

The tool has been tested extensively by the different partners and is available now in the play stores for both Android and Apple phones (Interreg SAPEs). It could be also downloaded directly from the AWAIR project website: <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/AWAIR/AWAIR.html>

NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

The app was developed for

- Katowice, Poland,
- NUTS 3: ITH52 Parma (Italy)
- Zugló, Budapest, Hungary

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

We expect a greater awareness of the citizens of the three functional urban areas regarding their local ambient air pollution and what this means for their health. We expect that this awareness in combination with the information on mitigation measures, in the long run, leads to a reduction in air pollution.

Citizens of the three functional urban areas now have a useful tool at hand to get information on the current level of air pollution closest to their home. In addition, they know what actions to take to protect themselves and avoid creating additional air pollution.

This app was created for citizens for their personal use.

Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The App will be maintained and supported for another two years after the end of the project. After this period, it is expected to run for an additional few years without maintenance, given that the forecasting systems remain stable and there are no major updates by google or apple.

The app can comparatively easily be extended to other cities if air pollution data for this area are available for the current and the next day on a regular basis and in a standard format. In addition, this app could be extended to include also ambient temperature and heat warnings, or even a combination of both if air pollution and outdoor temperatures are high.

Especially susceptible groups can benefit from this app, such as interest groups of chronically diseased people but also teachers for small children who could plan outdoor or indoor activities according to the current air pollution levels.

The time for the technical procedure of testing and implementing an app should not be underestimated.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The relevant reference documents are:

- Presentation of the INTERREG SAPEs APP at the final conference:
<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/AWAIR/AWAIR.html> (AWAIR NEWS)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3DoJ42B-0c> (time 1:19)
- Screenshots of the App added below









