



# SUMMARY OF WG3 MEETING

**FAIRMODE TECHNICAL MEETING  
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## MAIN TOPICS

- SA Intercomparison exercise
- Performance indicators
- CEN working groups: functioning and deliverables
- Proposal for the revision of the Protocol/Guidelines
- SPECIEUROPE
- Source Apportionment in e-reporting
- Training initiatives

European emission inventory version with fuel details (J. Kuenen, TNO)

Developments in SA of fine PM with AMS / ACSM instruments (Prevot, PSI)

Results of the ACCEPT AND AIRUSE LIFE projects on SA (E. Diapouli, DEMOKRITOS)

## CONNECTED PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

### European emission inventory version with fuel details (J. Kuenen, TNO)

EI specially updated to fit the measurements time window with fuel details to ease the comparison between CTM and RMs

### Developments in SA of fine PM with AMS / ACSM instruments (Prevot, PSI)

Ongoing phenomenology of ACSM

SoFi ME2 tool for source apportionment (constrained analyses)/ automated rolling source finding

Offline AMS analyses

### Results of the ACCEPT AND AIRUSE LIFE projects on SA (E. Diapouli, DEMOKRITOS)

**ACCEPT** Tool with a database of SA studies with historical record of control measures  
Support the policy makers to evaluate the effects of control measures

**ACCEPT** Develop and propose effective air pollution mitigation measures for Southern European countries

Focus on: Biomass burning, Industrial emissions, Traffic , Natural sources



## SA INTERCOMPARISON EXERCISE

RMs the input dataset was presented by O. Favez (INERIS)  
Urban background site in northern France  
Speciated PM10 real-world dataset rich in organic markers

Meteo and EI data will be also provided

Starting date July 2015 end June 2016

## CTMs MODELING PROTOCOL

- The the CTMs-RMs inter-comparison will be focused on a **reference site** (Lens, France), where both kind of models will be applied
- Around **15 RMs** and **6 CTMs** will participate
- **Two 3-months periods** (“hot” and “cold” season) will be simulated
- Centralized MPE of the base case will be performed with DELTA tool
- Main input: WRF model driven by ECMWF analysis, MACC global reanalysis, TNO\_SoAp emission inventory
- Around **10 source categories** will be tracked
- Output data will be delivered at a **set of receptors**, including Lens
- Optionally an evaluation of **source areas** contribution will be performed

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: OVERVIEW

Belis C.A. et al. 2015 accepted paper

**Complementary tests:** provide ancillary information about the solutions' performance

Mass apportionment  
Number of factor/sources

**Preliminary tests:** test if source/factors belong to a given source category

Chemical profiles → Pearson, Pearson (log-transformed), SID, WD

Time-trends → Pearson

Contribution-to-species (%) → Pearson

= % of species total matrix (EPA PMF v3) = explained variation (PMF 2) = contribution by species (CMB 8.2)

**Performance tests** Evaluate if source/factor SCEs fall within an established quality objective

Z-scores → test solution bias coherence with the quality objective ( $\sigma_p$ )

Zeta-scores → test SCE reported uncertainty coherence with the one of the reference

RMDS\* → test the bias, amplitude and phase of the SCE time trends

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: SUMMARY

- This comprehensive methodology evaluates the most important aspects of the model solutions including the most critical steps.
- This makes for assessing the performance and the uncertainty of the SA models in detail.
- Moreover, the analysis provides evidence to make a diagnoses of the causes of the poor performances.
- The combination of real-world and synthetic datasets makes it possible to assess both models' performance with respect to an unbiased reference and their ability to deal with data noise.
- The RMSD'\* is used to assess the time series evaluating bias, phase and amplitude at once.
- The adopted approach is flexible enough to be applied to any type of SCEs regardless the model used to produce them.

## CEN TC/264 WG44

### PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL

- Identification of sources is a key task for the management of air quality
  - Knowledge about sources is required for the **implementation of the AQD**:
- Quantitative estimations are needed to develop abatement measures in air quality plans.
- Reporting on contribution of sources is **mandatory** (Decision 12/12/20211)
- There is a need of harmonisation of the **terminology and the methodology** to make results comparable across Europe.
- Definition of **minimum quality standards** is required to ensure the output of the models is suitable for AQ management.
- SA methodologies are specific and yield specific outputs that require specific methods, quality standards and performance indicators.

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### **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL**

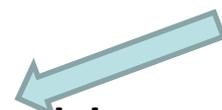
- The new working items open the opportunity to go from harmonisation towards standardisation in the field of modelling
- The standards are mainly oriented to define quality standards for models
- The input from Fairmode was considered relevant to create the WGs
- The participation of Fairmode experts would ensure the maximum communication, coherence and synergies between the work of CEN and Fairmode
- Fairmode experts are advised to contact their national representatives and request to be nominated as members of WGs 43 and 44
- First meetings of WGs 43 and 44 next to each other on 13/14 and 14/15 October in Düsseldorf (Germany).

## REVISION OF GUIDELINES

### 1. Introduction to Source Apportionment with Source Oriented Models

- General notes on the use of Air Quality models for S.A.
- Preliminary introduction of some key concepts: linear effects, zero-out modelling, tagged species approach

*Only PM species?*



### 2. Source Apportionment protocol for source oriented models

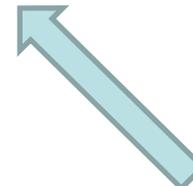
#### 2.1 Problem framework

- Area of study, kind of sources, kind of pollutants

#### 2.2 Emissions

- Emission inventories and other requested data
- Speciation profiles: a key aspect

*Actually, this is a key aspect in case of SM and RM comparison either when the focus is on specific pollutants. It is less relevant for PM bulk mass*



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### 2.3 Base Case (or Reference) simulation

- Input definition
- Model validation
- ...



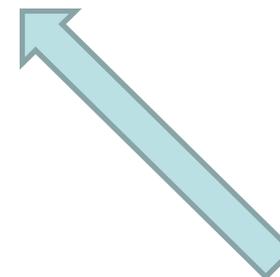
*The base case simulation is exactly the same as a traditional air quality evaluation. Could we refer to PM modeling guidance already published in FAIRMODE?*

### 2.4 Source apportionment

- Zero out modelling: approach, weaknesses and strengths
- Tagged species modelling: approach (PSAT LOTOS, PSAT CAMx, ISAM CMAQ, others?), weaknesses and strengths
- Category sources and Area sources

### 3. Comparing Source and Receptor oriented modelling

- Introduction: the need for source apportionment “validation”
- Methods:
  - Source definition
  - Mass closure verification
  - Source ranking and estimates
  - Temporal correlation and exceedances analysis
  - Specific sources analysis
  - Secondary pollutants
  - Use of tracers
  - .....



*Only a description of the different approaches? Examples of applications?*

## SPECIEUROPE: DATABASE ARCHITECTURE

### Principal table:

1. Profiles' species relative concentrations, their uncertainties and the analytical technique used.

### Metadata tables:

1. Single profile name and description.
2. Publication information (each publication normally contains more than one profile).
3. Information on source categories (next slide).

→ **Ancillary tables** store the codification system used for uncertainty methods, chemical families, chemical species, chemical analytical methods and source categories' description.

→ Each species is generally corresponding to the one reported in SPECIATE

→ The source profiles are identified by a unique ID, which should be reported

## SPECIEUROPE: CONCLUSIONS

reference chemical composition of the PM sources for source apportionment applications in Europe.

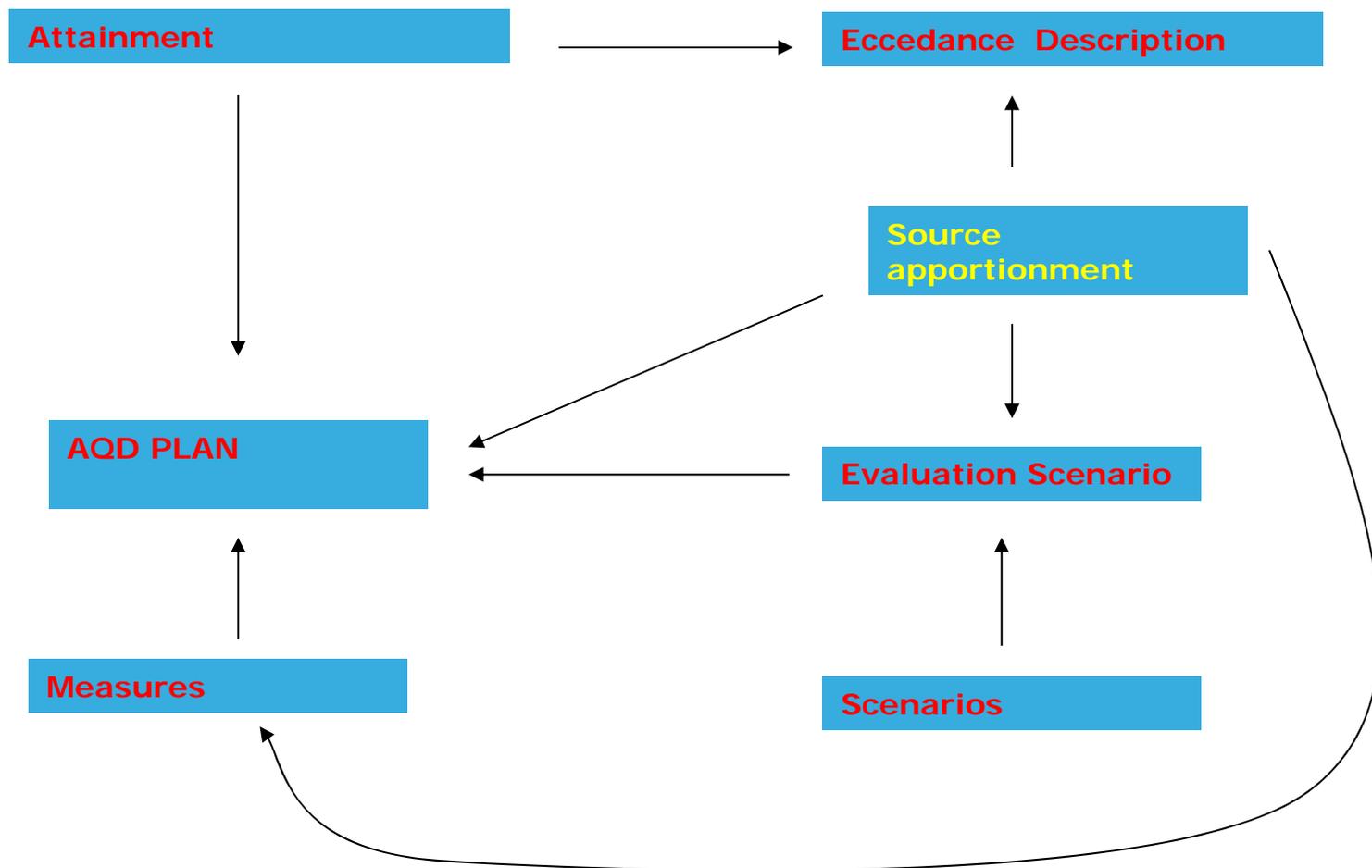
common reference → better definition of the sources

more measurements → needed to better characterize sources from the chemical and geographical point of view

cluster analysis → checking data quality and finding good source category markers

ranking → need of a good source characterization and optimization of the metrics

## E-REPORTING: PLANS AND PROGRAMS



## SOURCE APPORTIONMENT IN E-REPORTING

Clarifications and interpretation are needed in order to support MS to implement the IPR.

Due to the complexity of the matter a thorough discussion is required to properly assess the different technical options and propose most suitable choices.

WG3 proposes to develop a Position Paper to:

- point out areas that require technical clarification,
- evaluate pros and cons of the different options
- propose solutions at relevant levels and time frameworks



## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

Proposed training activities

Develop training on the Protocol  
Summer schools

Funding schemes

H2020 Marie Curie  
COST actions

Collaboration with IAEA project on SA



Thank you for your  
attention