

## AGENDA - WG8 SESSIONS - FAIRMODE PLENARY - 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

09:35 - 11:05	<p><b>Monit. Design, <u>Spat. Rep.</u> and Exceed indicators (WG8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion on the feedback received relating to spatial representativeness in the draft technical guidance document</li><li>• Overview of written contributions received and plan for elaboration of a new FAIRMODE document collating experiences from testing the SR methodology</li><li>• Discussion on remaining open issues</li></ul>
Coffee break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Monit. Design, <u>Spat. Rep.</u> and <u>Exceed indicators</u> (WG8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAMS-FAIRMODE Natural Dust Exercise</li><li>• Feedback to the draft technical guidance document</li></ul>
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16:30-18:00	<p><b><u>Monit. Design, Spat. Rep.</u> and Exceed indicators (WG8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback on the draft guidance document on the use of the <u>MoNET</u> tool</li><li>• Feedback to the draft technical guidance document</li></ul>





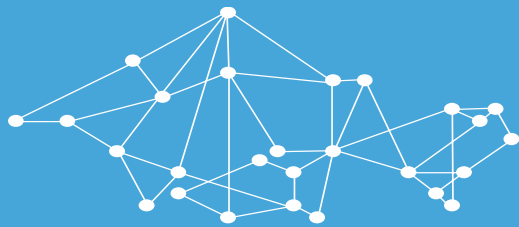
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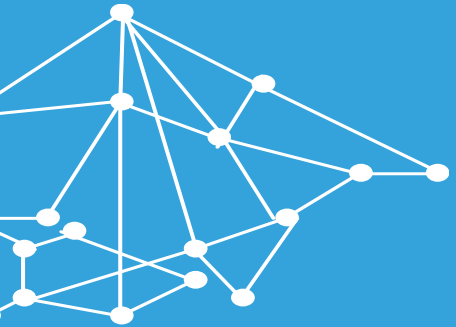
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WG8: SESSION ON SPATIAL REPRESENTATIVENESS

TECHNICAL MEETING, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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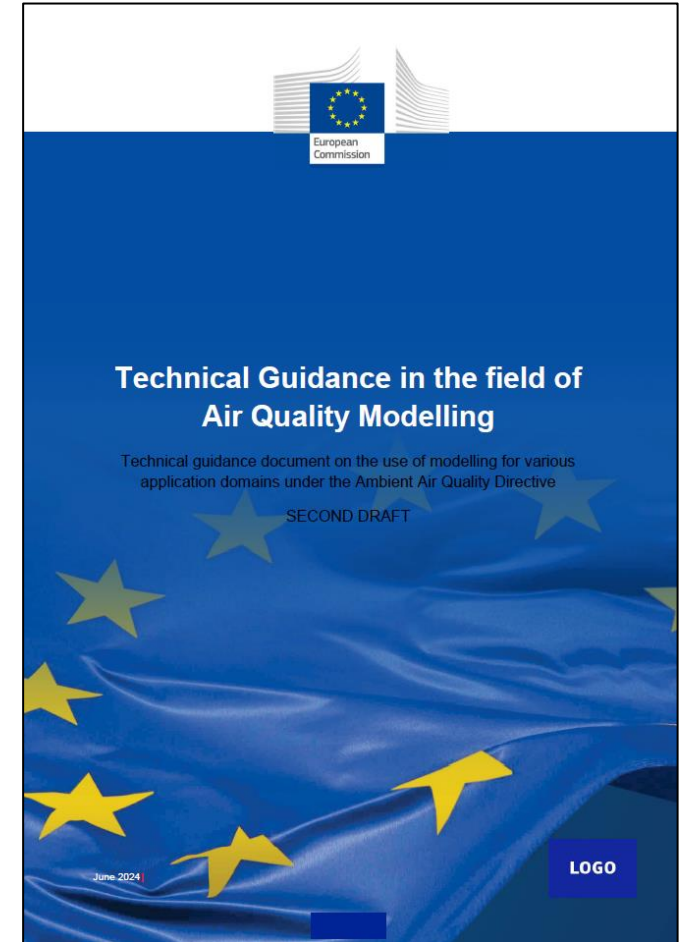




# Draft technical guidance document

## *Structure of the chapter/sub-chapter on spatial representativeness*

- Relevant AAQD requirements
- SR methodology
  - » Criteria for assessment of SRAs of sampling points
  - » Tiered approach
  - » Step-by-step methodology
- QA/QC process and fitness for purpose



### *Feedback received from the FAIRMODE survey*

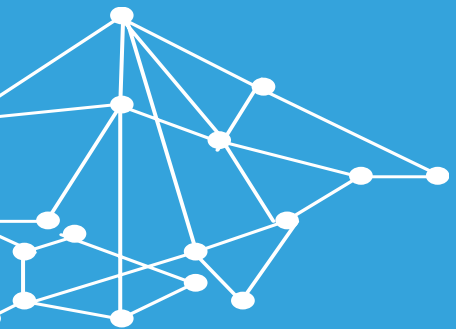
- Large number of comments on a range of different aspects
- Some covering issues where recent decisions have been made within FAIRMODE
- Some contradictory
  - » E.g. more restrictive/prescriptive guidance VS more flexibility in the methodology
- Clear requests for further practical examples
- Planned changes / additions:
  - » Make clearer that SRAs are only indicative/estimations and have uncertainties
  - » Highlight potential use of SRAs to aid delimitation of AQ zones
  - » Removed the option for using observed values for SRAs, e.g. at rooftop UB stations



### *Discussion: Key issues identified from the FAIRMODE feedback*

- Source-related criteria
  - » Need for concrete examples of their application
- Geographical limits of SRAs
  - » Stricter limits for urban sampling points? E.g. boundaries of the city/urban area
  - » Further elaboration on the criteria / examples for limiting regional background stations?
- Interannual variability of SRAs
  - » Use average of 3 – 5 years of meteorology? Concrete examples? Other alternatives?
- Use of alternative metrics (e.g. %-iles) - clearer criteria/requirements or flexible guidance?
  - » Different minimum tolerance levels (lower cut-offs) for these?
- Use of raw vs corrected data – restrictive or flexible guidance?





**New document with country  
experiences / good practice  
examples**

*Written country contributions*

- Request for contributions sent out on 11th June
- Contributions received from:
  - » Italy
  - » WG4
  - » Austria
  - » VITO (IE, HR, SK, BE)
- Contributions expected from DE & Berlin, Stockholm, FR (in 2025). SK?





### *Plan for the new document*

- Proposed structure
  - » Key criteria for the SR methodology
  - » Open issues
  - » Annex with country experiences / good practice examples
- Aim for a first draft by the 2025 plenary meeting
- Comments / ideas regarding the structure & timeframe?



*Need for further testing / examples relating to open issues*

- Scope for further testing to produce examples relating to open issues?
  - » Source-related criteria
  - » Different approaches for setting geographical limits of SRAs?
  - » Interannual variability
  - » Use of alternative metrics & need for alternative minimum tolerance levels for these
  - » Raw vs corrected data
  - » Examples for B(a)P, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, benzene, metals
  - » Use of lower-tier methods





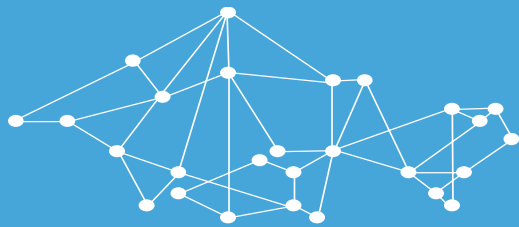
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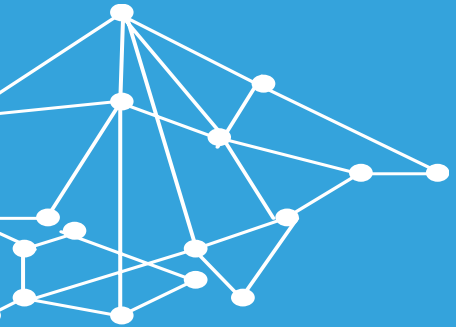
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## **WG8: SESSION ON EXCEEDANCE INDICATORS**

**TECHNICAL MEETING, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

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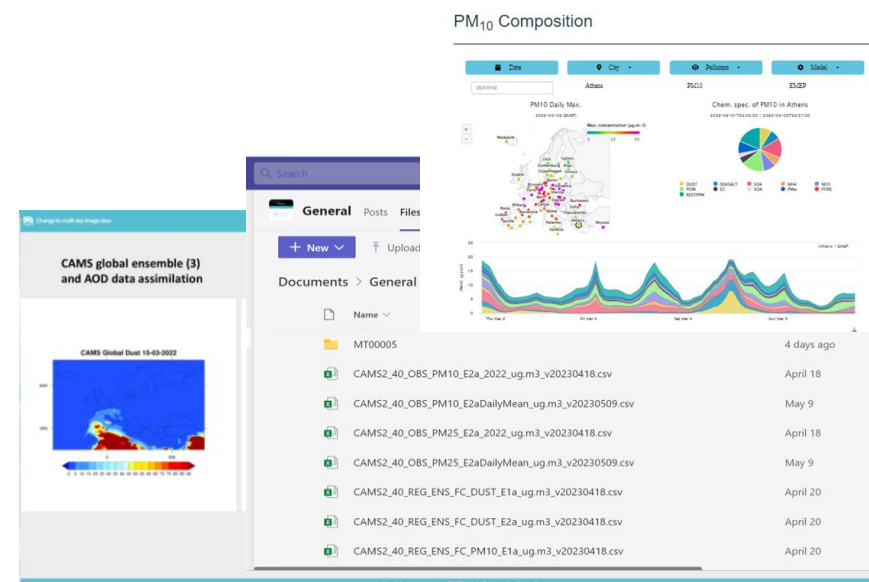
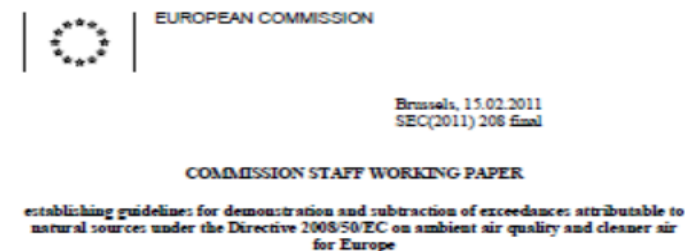




# CAMS-FAIRMODE Natural Dust Exercise

# EVALUATION OF EXCEEDANCES - DEDUCTION OF NATURAL DUST CONTRIBUTIONS

- » Joint CAMS - FAIRMODE WG8 exercise
  - **40 participants from 14 countries:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Turkey
  - **ECMWF, WMO and EEA** follow closely this exercise
- » Purpose of the exercise
  - Identify **best practices** for use of CAMS modelling dust products when deducing natural contribution from exceedances in the context of the AAQD
  - Prepare **recommendations for the inclusion** of reference to **CAMS dust products** in a possible revision of the 2011 guidelines for the deduction of natural contributions to exceedances
- » Added value:
  - Promote the use of CAMS dust products for the exceedance analysis
  - Compile experiences of use of CAMS dust products for exceedance analysis
  - Provide recommendations for the evolution and documentation of the CAMS dust products valuable for exceedance evaluation and analysis
- Started in April 2023 - final report in October 2024
  - ✓ CAMS Natural Dust viewer at <https://cams271.nilu.no> available and sharing of actual data at monitoring stations facilitated in Shaprepoint
  - ✓ Final report aimed by the FAIRMODE 2024 Technical meeting





For use in policy applications, model accuracy is important!

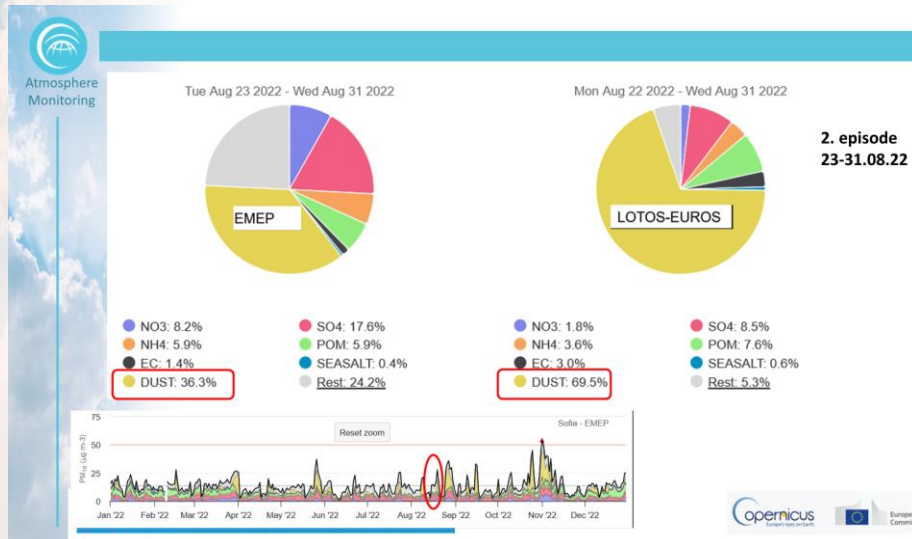
Experience from CAMS2\_71 dust episodes studies indicates:

- Regional CAMS dust forecast performs more accurately
  - closer to major dust sources, e.g. dust intrusions from African deserts in the Mediterranean (esp. if dust plumes are wide)
  - more challenging are the cases of relatively ‘slim’ dust plume (Ex. 1)
- It’s more challenging to accurately model PM events due to African dust in Europe, away from the sources (Ex. 2)
- Most typical reasons for mismatch between models and observations:
  - Inaccuracies in boundary conditions (IFS) and model generated windblown dust in N. Africa (amount & location of dust emissions)
  - Dust gets removed from the air too fast (dry deposition - dust size distribution)
  - Modelled plume does not exactly hit the site (shifted in space/time) - Ex. 1
  - Inaccuracy in the transport heights of dust plume

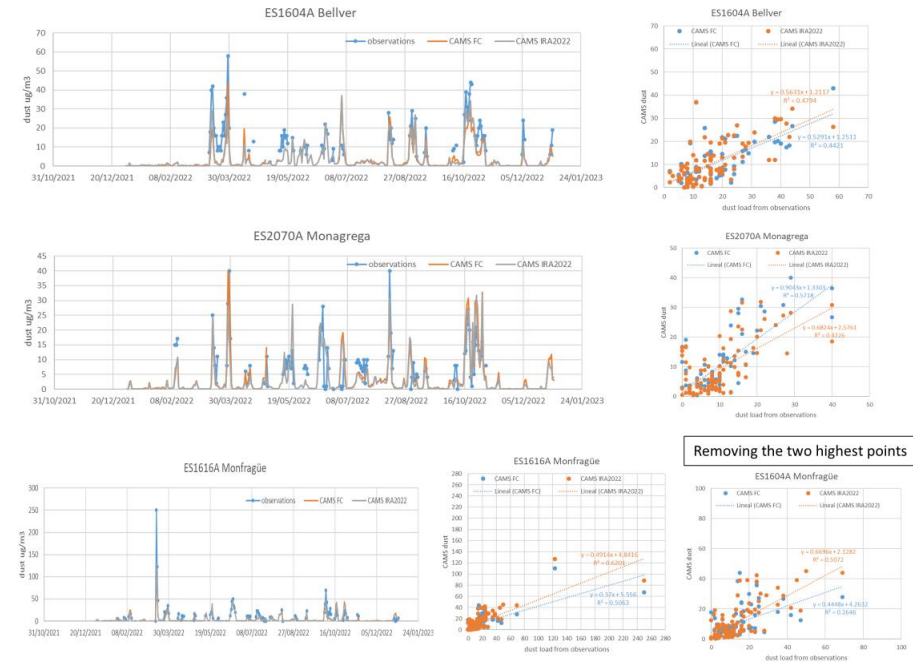


# Lessons learned (I)

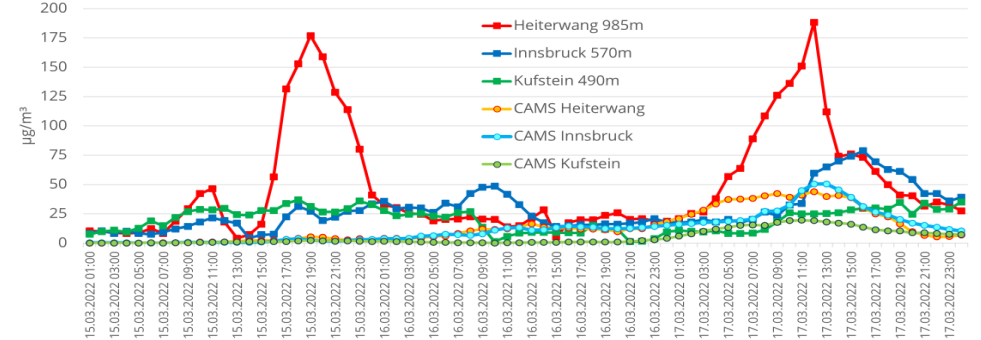
- ✓ IRA results from CAMS with in better agreement with observations than FC and global model
- ✓ Still large differences in the performance of CAMS in different areas
- ✓ Chemical composition data from CAMS shows large differences between models - may be used as indication of dust episode - **not for quantification**



## Results: comparison of observations with CAMS natural dust products



## MEASURED PM<sub>10</sub> CONCENTRATIONS, CAMS MODELLED DESERT DUST CONTRIBUTION





# Lessons learned (II)

- ✓ Best approaches based on bias corrections instead of direct use of the CAMS PM10 dust products
- ✓ Links to DIAPASON methodology worth investigating further (fed with CAMS RIA and with Lidar data)
- ✓ Combined use of in-situ dust measurements highly recommended

## Portugal

- Proposed methodology using CAMS dust products

$$\text{dust component} = \left(1 - \frac{PM10_{CAMS} - PM10_{obs}}{PM10_{CAMS}}\right) \times DUST10_{CAMS}$$

		current method P40			CAMS based method	
		PM10 obs (µg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	dust component (µg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	PM10 after dust deduction (µg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	dust component (µg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	PM10 after dust deduction (µg.m <sup>-3</sup> )
SCO	15 mar	423.3	416.2	7.1	349.6	73.7
	16 mar	266.8	259.6	7.1	222.5	44.2
FRN	15 mar	293.8	290.4	3.4	203.7	90.0
	16 mar	582.7	579.3	3.4	375.4	207.3
CHA	15 mar	216.8	206.9	10.0	137.6	79.2
	16 mar	215.5	205.5	10.0	131.7	83.8
CER	16 mar	173.3	166	7.3	109	64.3
	17 mar	115.7	109	6.7	109	6.7

Malta has applied three different methodologies:

- 1) Assumption that the DUST data is made up of Saharan dust only without the inclusion of anthropogenic dust (resuspension), agricultural dust, etc.
 
$$PM_{NDD} = PM_{10total} - PM_{10DUST}$$
- 2) Estimating the share of natural dust in the FC and IRA using actual monitored Saharan dust fractions by dividing the monitored Saharan dust by Malta's monitored total PM<sub>10</sub>, apply that % share to the IRA/FC PM<sub>10\_total</sub> and subtracting the estimated Saharan dust fraction.
 
$$PM_{ratio} = (MT_{Sahara} / MT_{PM_{10}total})$$

$$PM_{NDD} = PM_{10total} - PM_{ratio}$$
- 3) Calculating a bias from Malta monitored data vs PM<sub>10\_total</sub> and deducting that same bias from the PM<sub>10\_total</sub>.
 
$$PM_{BIAS} = MT_{PM_{10}total} - PM_{10total}$$

$$PM_{NDD} = PM_{10total} - PM_{BIAS}$$

## Italy

**Explain the dust deduction methodology currently used: DIAPASON**

Our method is a modification of the EC-Methodology combining modelled dust-PM10 fields (only to flag dust presence) and PM10 measurements

STEP 1: Desert dust dates identification  
 DREAM Model dust-PM10 numerical data (daily & 0.2° resolved) → DREAM Model dust-FLAG (daily & 0.2° resolved)

STEP 2: Dust-PM10 quantification  
 Dust-PM10 (daily & monitoring site - resolved)

Time series of PM10 data (daily & monitoring site - resolved)

input → output

$$\text{dust-PM10}_{MS}(\text{dust day}) = \Delta PM10 = PM10_{MS}(\text{dust day}) - \langle PM10_{MS}(\text{out-of-dust}) \rangle$$

First difference: run over ALL sites, not only over RB sites  
 The second is that the out-of-dust reference value is computed using the 50th percentile over a shorter temporal window of ±3 days from the dust-affected dates.  
 Third difference: fully automatic, no supervision needed

In our original methodology, we used the **BSC Dream8bV2** (no more available)  
 For this exercise we used the **BSC NMMB model**

**IMPORTANT:**

- 1) We use daily average PM10 values (modelled and measured), as this is the metric currently legislated by EC
- 2) What do we obtain: daily and site resolved dust-PM10

For the requested exercise we also run the methodology using CAMS

## Malta

Using CAMS data to quantify dust contributions

**Test : correction of CAMS regional reanalysis data**

- 1) CAMS regional data vs measurements (assuming they are not influenced by local sources) : slight negative bias  
 → definition of a correction function (by linear regression) to compensate for the bias
- 2) Application of the correction to all exceedance days  
 → Corrected CAMS contribution values + 90% confidence interval
- 3) Calculation of the adjusted concentrations and related confidence intervals

The adjusted concentration is below the daily limit value with high level of confidence.

## France

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PM10 obs.	PM10 adj.	up	low
22/10/2022	53	36.75193	69
26/10/2022	57	39.84742	66
22/06/2022	57	39.82374	67
23/10/2022	63	39.51041	67
28/10/2022	60	39.74896	67
28/10/2022	59	41.94176	69
30/10/2022	51	41.74920	65
27/10/2022	59	41.62789	59
18/10/2022	57	41.08557	51
08/12/2022	51	47.03139	54
18/04/2022	51	47.11486	54
24/01/2022	51	47.27298	54
28/10/2022	49	48.08234	55





## Summary and conclusions

- » For use in policy applications, model accuracy is important and CAMS is working to continuously improve and document the accuracy of our model results
- » A detailed guidance on how to best use CAMS products for the identification and deduction of natural dust contribution or exceedance on the making
  - » To be feed on the planned revision of EU 2011 Guidance document
- » The CAMS FARMODE Natural dust episode exercise has also helped the CAMS policy product team to identify ways to improve
  - » Development of natural dust viewer with daily and hourly data -new service ?
  - » Distinction between natural and anthropogenic dust components - Documentation of differences between individual CAMS model
  - » Identification of approaches to improve the regional IRA dust product





## Contributions- 10 countries

- Austria** (Wolfgang Spangl, UBA-Viena)
- Cyprus** (Jonilda Kusta,CYI)
- Bulgaria** (Emilia Georgieva and Hristina Kirova, National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology- Bulgaria)
- France** (Laure Malherbe and Laurent Latenois, INERIS)
- Hungary** (Anita Tóth, Hungarian Meteorological Service)
- Italy - Tuscany** (Guglielmo Tanganelli and Francesca Guarneri, ARPAT)
- Italy** - Diapason (Francesca Barnaba, Cnr-isac, Andrea Bolignano, Enea, and Giorgio Cattani, Ispra).
- Malta** (Ariana Schembri and Ruth Borg, ERA)
- Poland** (Joanna Strużewska, IOS, Poland)
- Portugal** (Carla Gama, University of Aveiro)
- Portugal** (Joana Monjardino, FCT NOVA, Portugal)
- Spain** (Noemi Perez, CSIC)

- **FAIRMODE Guidance document**
- **Peer review publication**



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## Proposed procedure

- 1) Measured exceedance at sampling point

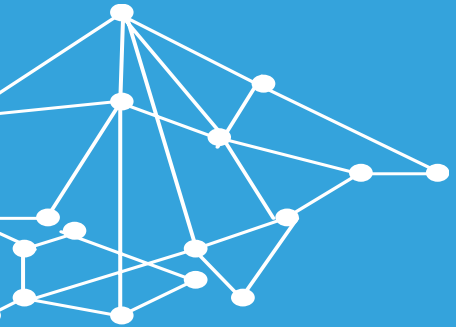
### **Evidence of dust intrusion - CAMS + additional measurement data**

- 2) Check CAMS service for occurrence of dust intrusion episode (IRA maps as evidence of intrusion)
- 3) Check CAMS modelled values for the episode at sampling point
- 4) Review additional sampling evidence in nearby sampling points

### **Evaluation of contribution of natural dust to the exceedance (possible method)**

- 5) Apply bias correction to measured data from CAMS modelling





# Draft technical guidance document

*Structure of the chapter/sub-chapter on exceedance situation indicators*

- Relevant AAQD requirements
- Overview of the ESI's
- Step-by-step methodology for estimating ESIs
- Population exposure modelling
- Recommendations for natural source contribution estimation



*Feedback received from the FAIRMODE survey*

- Majority of comments related to estimating exposed population
- Number of comments out of scope - e.g.
  - » Indoor air quality
  - » Detailed guidance/examples on the use of dynamic population data
  - » More detailed methodologies for estimating natural source contributions
- Planned changes / additions:
  - » Add some guidance on what to do when only low quality population data is available (?)



### *Discussion: Key issues identified from the FAIRMODE feedback*

- Spatial extent of exceedances:
  - » What to do when a measurement station shows an exceedance but the modelled concentrations do not?
- Exposed population:
  - » What to do when you only have top-down/coarse population data and do not have accurate data on number of residents in specific buildings (for exceedances at hotspots)?
  - » Suggestion to change the recommended minimum resolution from 1km<sup>2</sup> to “0.5 km<sup>2</sup> or finer” to avoid significant underestimates of the population exposure (based on studies by CIEMAT)
- Road length in exceedance:
  - » How to interpret street/road segments? E.g. Is a road with 4 lanes one segment or 4?
  - » What if there is an exceedance on one side of the street but not the other?





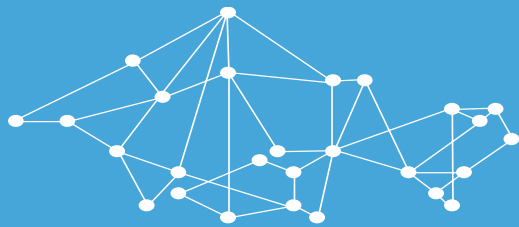
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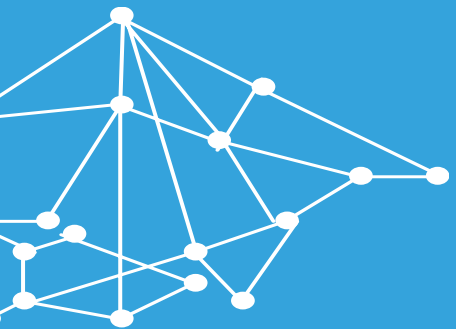
## WG8: SESSION ON MONITORING NETWORK DESIGN

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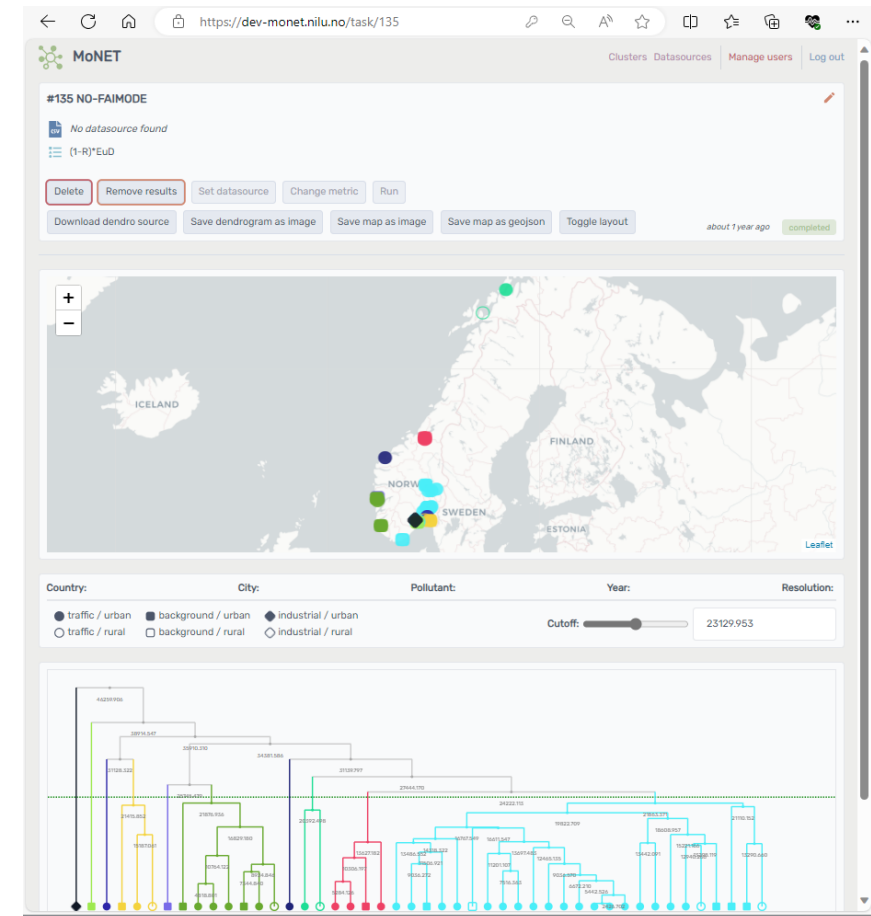




# Draft guidance document on the use of the MoNET tool

## MONITORING NETWORK DESIGN - DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON MONET

- Guidance document on how to use MoNET for monitoring network design was drafted
- Eight contributions from the AQUILA-FAIRMODE workshop were included in this document to demonstrate how the MoNET tool can be used to assess the AQMN's representativity
- The document was available for review by the FAIRMODE community until the end of August

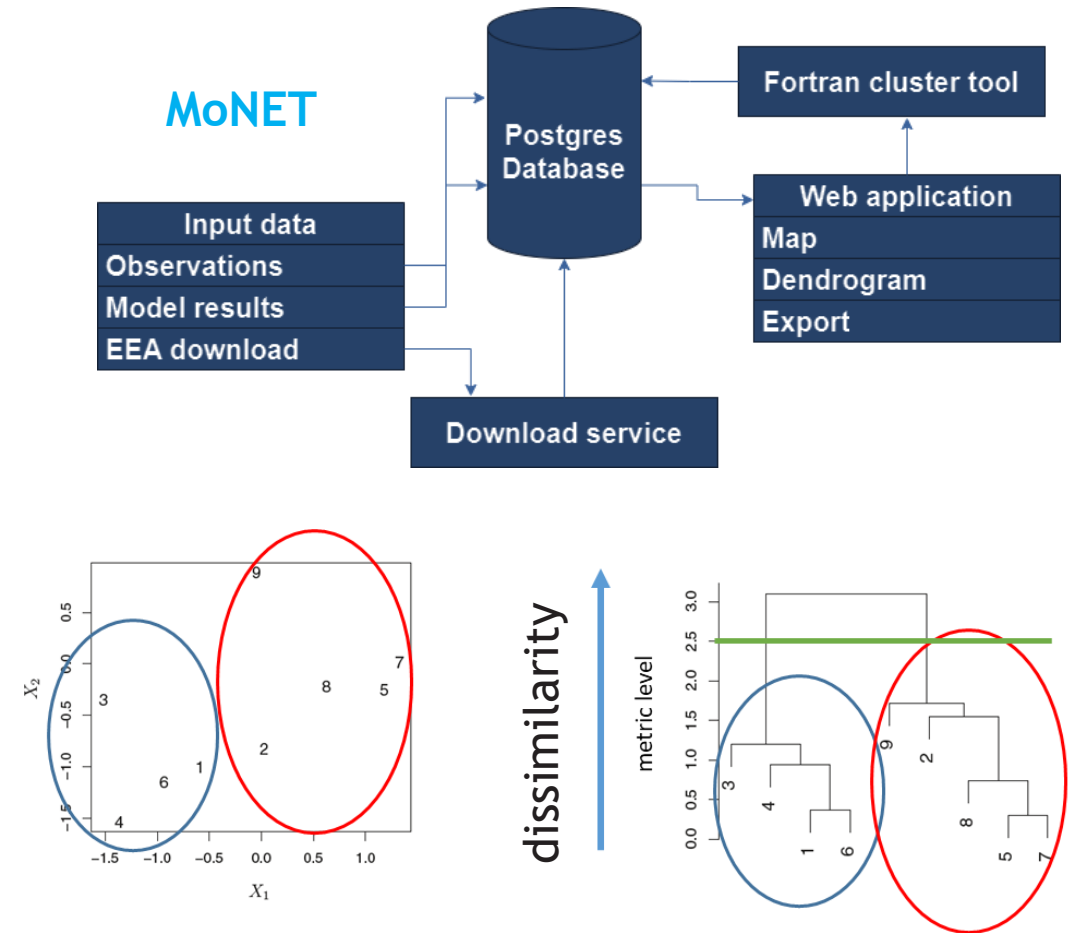


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### Methodology for evaluating monitoring representativity

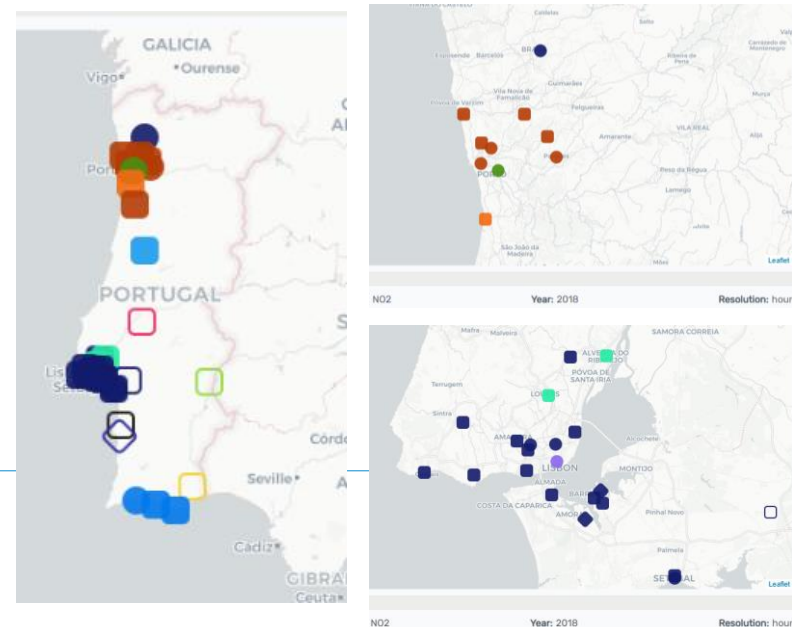
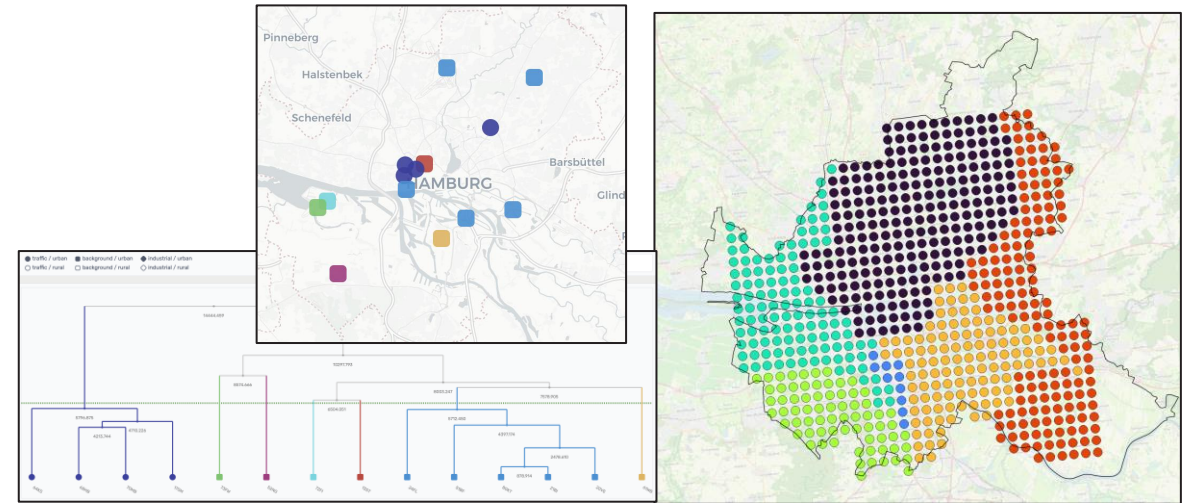
- Statistical method
- Software design
- How to use the tool
- Visualisation and interpretation of the results



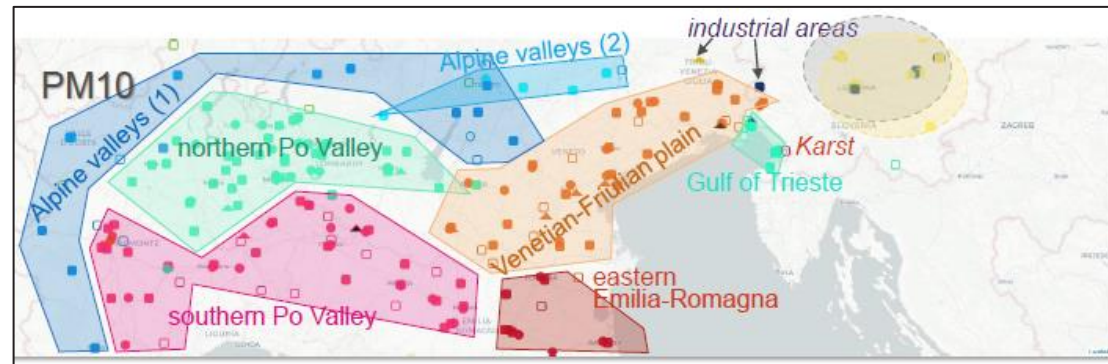
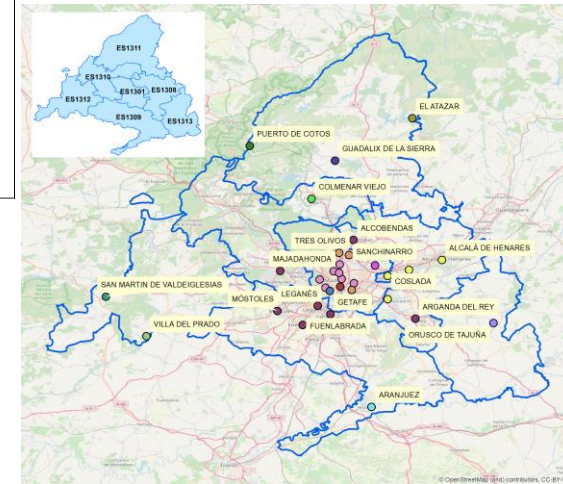
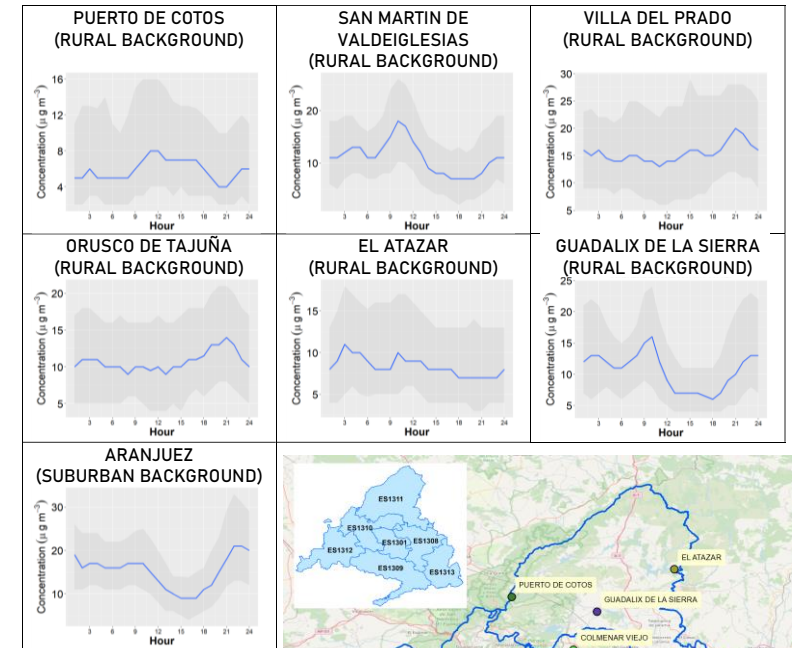
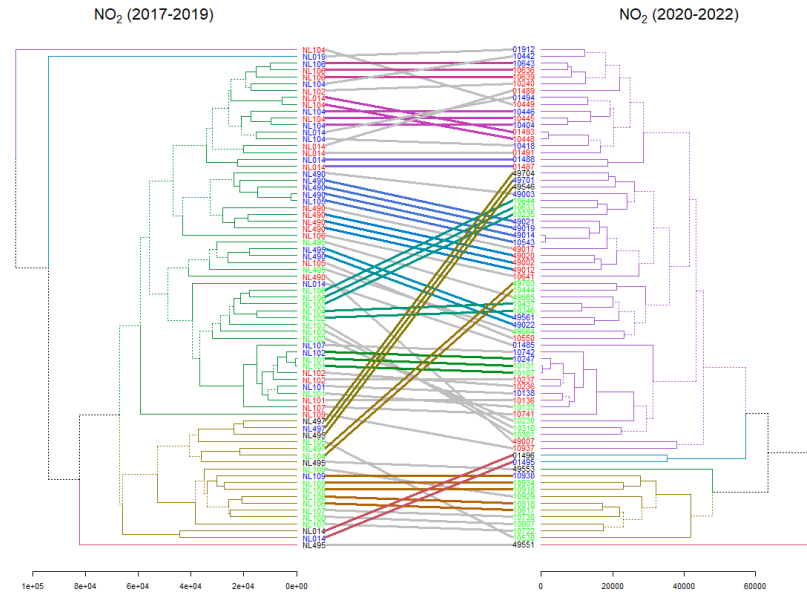
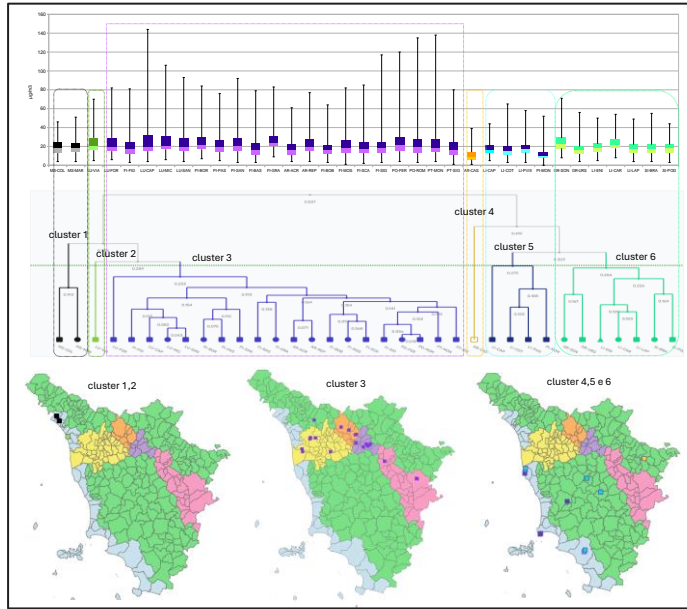
## Chapter 3 of the Guidance Document

### Evaluation of the representativity of the air quality network:

- Pollution regimes
- Flagging of potential outliers and redundancies
- Identification of inconsistencies in sampling point classification
- Assessing spatial gaps
- Evaluation of Air Quality Zones



# MONITORING NETWORK DESIGN - DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON MONET



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*Chapter 4 of the Guidance Document:*

## Support to monitoring design: a cookbook

- » how can we structure this chapter or should we just expand the previous one?
- » what information we should include? - this may reflect on the previous chapters
- » What is the hardest to make sense of when looking at the results
- » Shall it be per topic?



*Chapter 4 of the Guidance Document:*

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## **Outliers:**

1. the first bifurcations of the dendrogram results in a cluster with a single time series or a cluster of a few time series (always relative to the number of time series assessed)
2. Did you expect the time series to be outliers?
  - i. Yes – great!
  - ii. No – explore the time series and see if there are any differences from the data reported in previous years – new source, issue with the equipment, almost not covering the temporal coverage requested
  - iii. Not sure – check the time series, sources, etc.



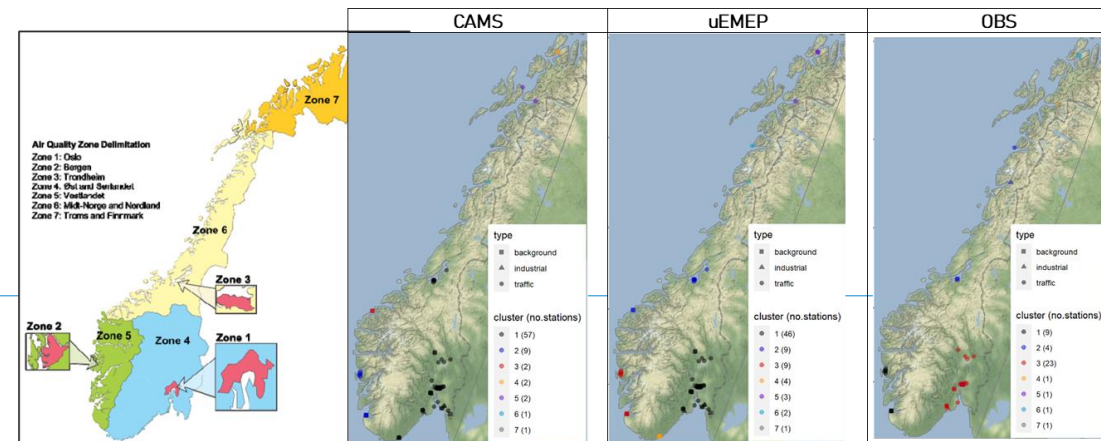
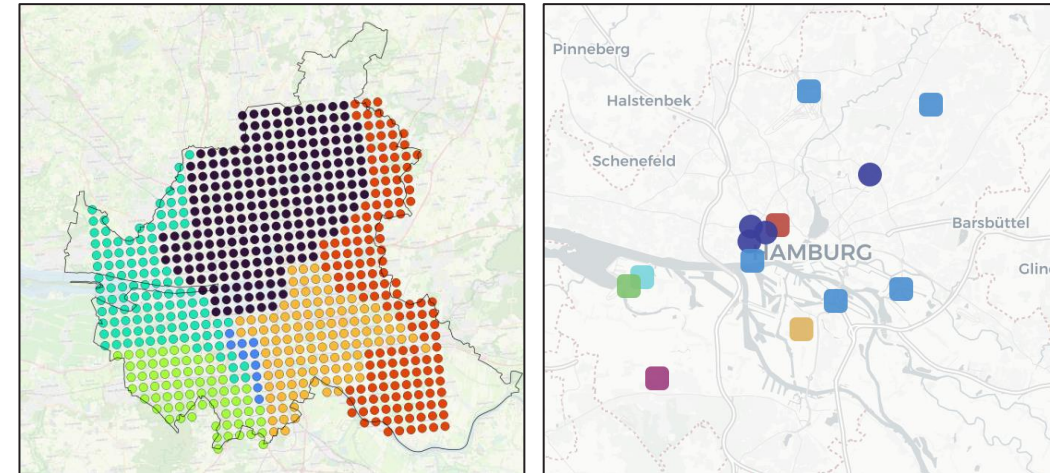
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# MONITORING NETWORK DESIGN - DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON MONET

## Next steps

- Write the chapter
- Review of the cooking book chapter - 2 weeks review period
- Finalising the document by the next plenary 2025
- Finish a paper on the tool before the guideline is published
- Next exercises?
  1. Can clustering of model data support the SRA in a city?  
[Comparison of AQ Mon+ AQ model + SRA calculations in a city](#)
  2. Can clustering of model data serve to define the AQ zones?  
[Comparison of AQ Mon+ AQ model + the countries AQ zone definition](#)



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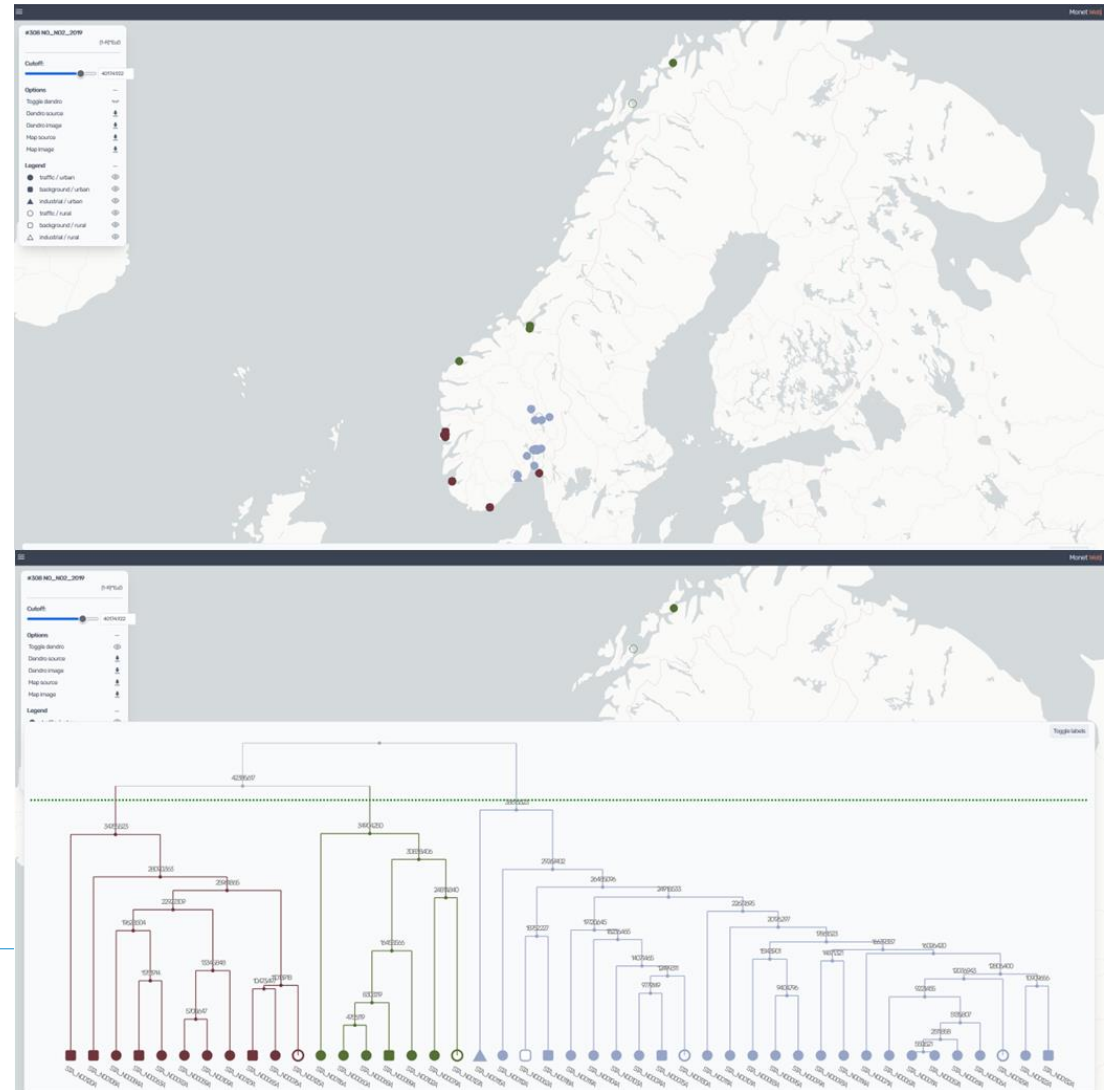
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# MONITORING NETWORK DESIGN - DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON MONET

New version of MoNET available at <https://dev-monet2.nilu.no> (you can use the same credentials as before)

- Improved visualization of the output, with more features to toggle dendrograms, station types, etc
- Compatible with the new EEA downloading system
- Preprocessor to ensure temporal coverage requirements (75% and gaps)
- Allow model results in NetCDF format
- Improved visualization for model results
- Allow other outputs such as a comparison between 2 case studies



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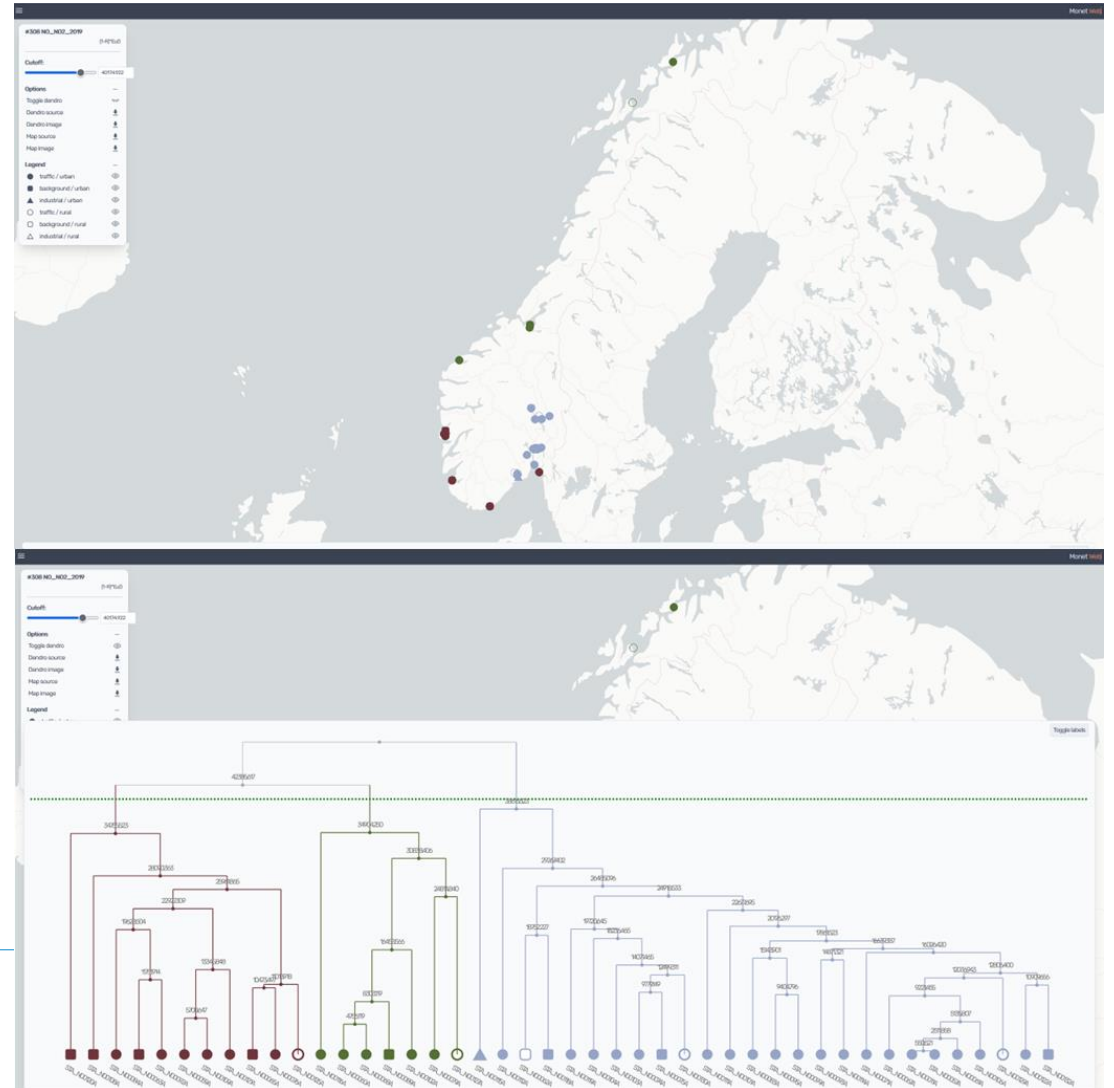
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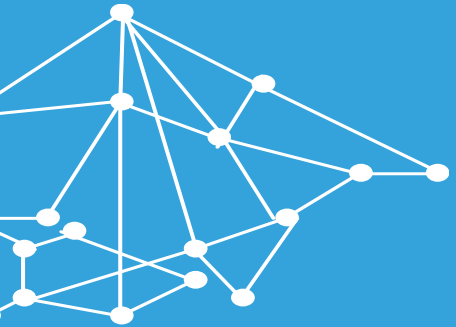
Feedback welcome!

- the new visualization
- Improvements

New to the tool and want to try it?

- Send me an email: [jos@nilu.no](mailto:jos@nilu.no)

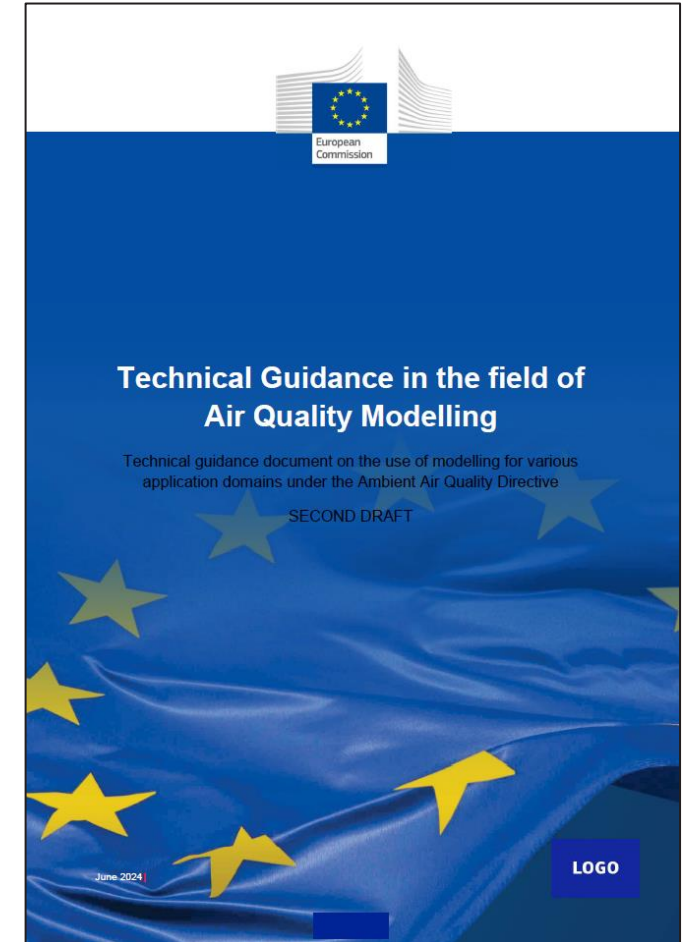




# Draft technical guidance document

### *Structure of the chapter/sub-chapter on monitoring network design*

- Relevant AAQD requirements
- Methodology for using modelling to aid network design:
  - » Identification of hotspot locations
  - » Identification of background locations
  - » Supplementary methods for reducing min number of fixed measurements
- Regular review of monitoring network design
- QA/QC process and fitness for purpose



*Feedback received from the FAIRMODE & AQUILA survey*

- Range of comments from both FAIRMODE and AQUILA members
- Clear requests for more guidance on siting criteria, including the monitoring perspective (AQUILA community)
- Number of comments out of scope - e.g.
  - » Detailed guidance on use of other methods (e.g. measurement campaigns)
  - » Require consideration of AQ on carriageways of roads & indoors.
- Planned changes / additions:
  - » Make clear that this guidance does not cover all aspects of network design / siting criteria
  - » Link to MoNET guidance once published
  - » Clearer guidance on addressing potential redundancies

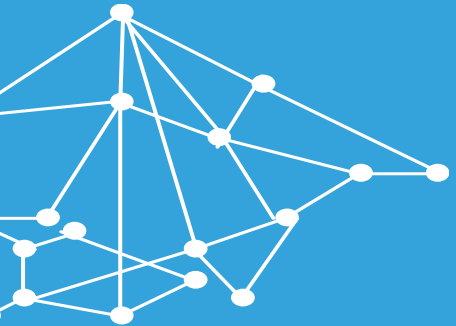


*Discussion: Key issues identified from the FAIRMODE & AQUILA feedback*

- What guidance is appropriate / useful where potential redundancies are identified?
- Identification of hotspots
  - » How to prioritise hotspots? E.g. highest concentrations or largest exposure?
- Scope for new collaboration/activity with AQUILA to produce more comprehensive guidance on siting criteria / network design, including the monitoring perspective?



# Thank you!



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