





Operational Procedure for Emission Reduction Assessment
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An integrated assessment methodology to plan local cost-effective air quality policies harmonized with national and European actions

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SCENARIO

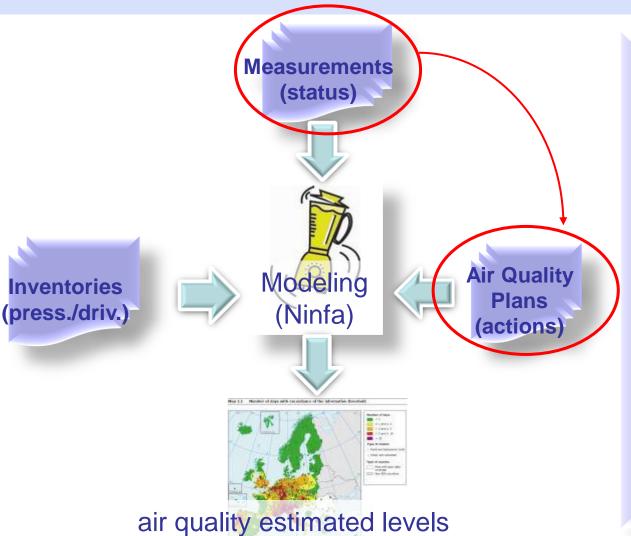
EU Thematic Strategy for air quality (COM(2005) 446) and the DIRECTIVE 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe

GOALS

- Preparing, implementing and monitoring air quality plans to reduce population exposure to PM10, NOx and O3 pollution and ecosystems exposure to NOx and O3;
- Developing effective local and regional air quality plans integrated with national and European plans;
- Finding the best cost/effectiveness strategy to address air quality problems.
- Assessing the synergies between actions to reduce the burden of poor air quality and actions to limit climate change impacts.



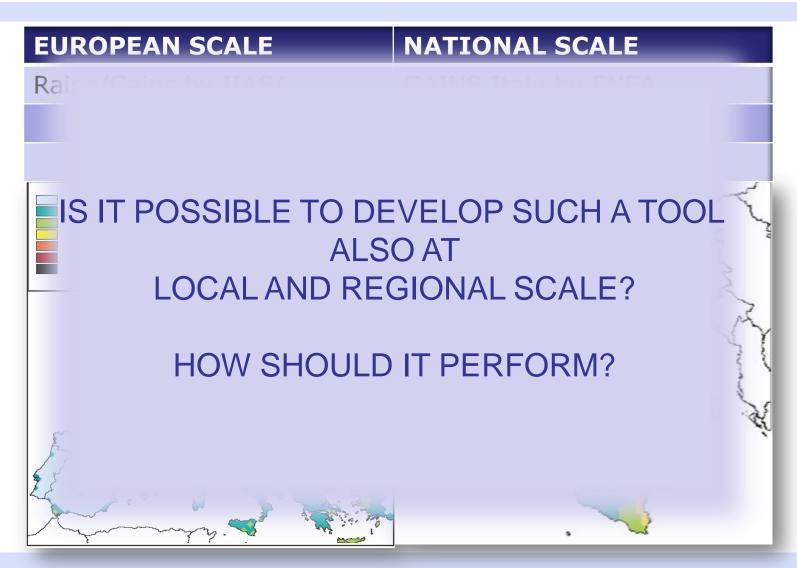




- Best cost/effectiveness actions?
- What is the best mix to reach the proposed target?
- What is the best actions pool for my budget?
- How could I reduce costs and get the maximum result?













NINFA-Extended



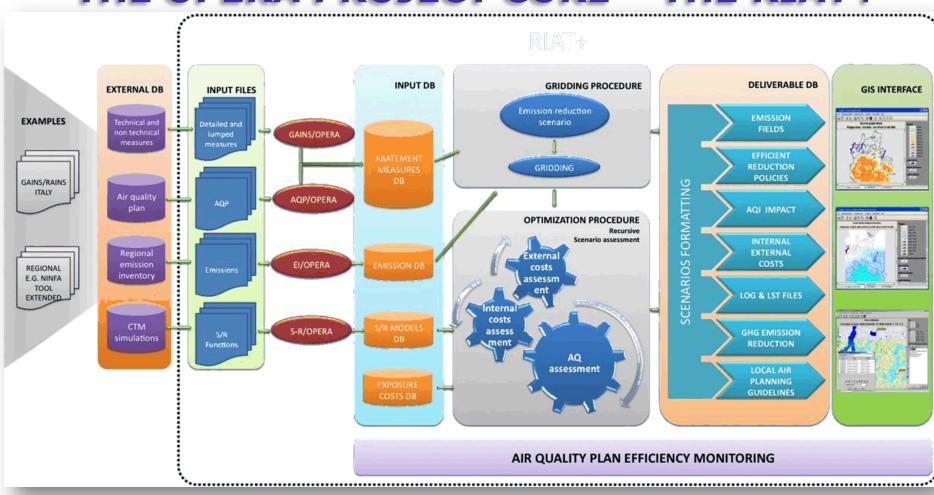
Estensione del sistema modellistico NINFA per fornire supporto alla Regione Emilia-Romagna nello svolgimento delle attività per la valutazione e gestione della qualità dell'aria.







THE OPERA PROJECT CORE - THE RIAT+







ARCHITECTURE

Input databases

- emission inventories and projections
- emission reduction measures:
 - ✓ Technical
 - ✓ Non-technical
- CTM simulations

Decision model

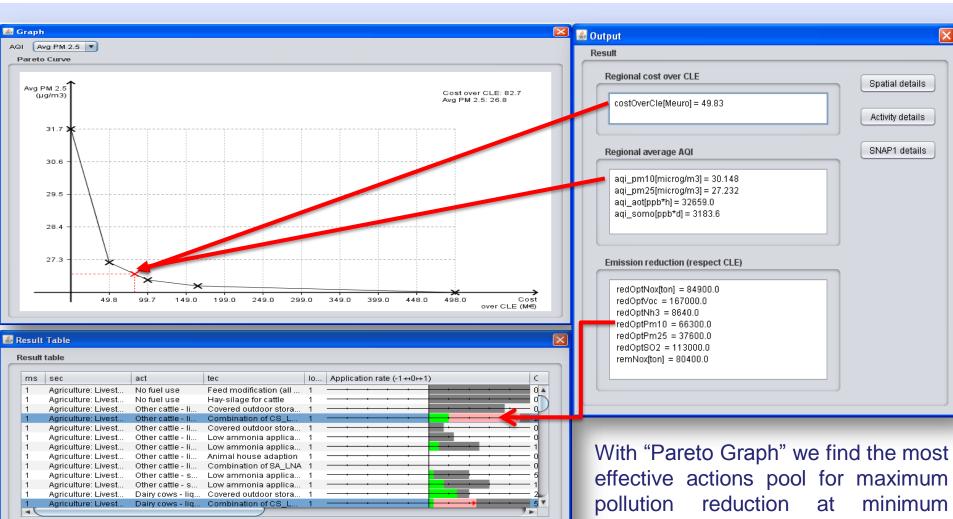
- multi-objective analysis
- Source-receptor models

Deliverables

- efficient policies
- objective values
- post-processing







Export Excel

expenses.





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An integrated assessment methodology to plan local cost-effective air quality policies harmonized with national and European actions.

Project objectives:

In agreement with the national priorities for Italy (4. Air), with the EU Thematic Strategy for air quality (COM(2005) 446) and the DIRECTIVE 2008/50/EC of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe.

Goals:

Set-up a methodology to assist local (sub-national) authorities in:

- 1. preparing, implementing and monitoring air quality plans to reduce population exposure to PM10, NOx and O3 pollution and ecosystems exposure to NOx and O3.
- 2. integrating regional air quality plans with national and European plans
- 3. assessing the synergies between actions to reduce the burden of poor air quality and actions to limit climate change impacts

Strategy:

- Develop an integrated assessment tool (RIAT+) to support the proposed methodology
- Apply this integrated tool on the Emilia-Romagna (Italy) and Alsace (France) regions
- Define guidelines for regional authorities to apply the methodology and tool
- Disseminate the guidelines and tool to local authorities, technical organizations and to the public at national and European levels

Contribution Breakdown	€	% Total	% Eligible Costs
Requested Community	1 089 544	47.38%	47.67%
Coordinating Beneficiary's	405 831	17.64%	
Associated Beneficiaries	805 635	35.01%	
CO-financers	0	0.00%	
TOTAL	2 301 010	100.00%	





EXPECTED RESULTS

RIAT+, a software tool to support local authorities in designing and assessing efficient air quality plans.

RIAT+ testing in Emilia Romagna (IT) and Alsace (FR) and assessment of air quality plans in these two regions.

A register, collecting non-technical emission reduction measures.

Full documentation, workshops and courses to support new users implementing the methodology to other European regions.

A standardized set of quantitative indicators to monitor action plans effectiveness.

Guidelines for local administrations and environmental agencies to integrate local planning to national and European air quality policies.





Preparatory Tasks

P1: Review of existing plans and methodologies, identification of RIAT+ requirement

P2: Data collection in Emilia-Romagna

P3: Data collection in Alsace

Implementation Tasks

I1: RIAT+ methods and design

I2: RIAT+ software development

I3: Testing in Emilia-Romagna (I) region

I4: Testing in the Alsace (F) region

Management Tasks

Communication Tasks





Innovative aspects of OPERA Project vs RIAT/Ninfa-E

Standard Decision Support System for sub-national air quality planning compatible all over the EU and linked with GAIN/RAINS (National/EU)

Harmonization with EU/national and local/regional decision problems

Upgradable and free database for non-technical measures

Population exposure assessment

Integrated evaluation between Air Quality Policies and GHGs policies

Simplified approach in case of scarce data availability

Quick preview of the actions pool effectiveness

Easy software, freely integrable with existing regional tools

Integrated budget constraints





Starting up a list of end-user requirements/suggestions /hints

Should Opera consider the development of tools for non-technical users?

What are the expected outputs? (spatial resolution, EU communication provisions, ...?)

Should we consider an online tool to provide quick assessments on a predefined actions database?

What are the best possible tools to manage the actions list?

What's the required spatial resolution to develop the Opera Tool?

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The goal of the project is to develop a methodology, a software (RIAT+) and the relative guidelines to support local authorities for the planning of regional policies integrated with national and European actions in order to comply with National and EU air quality standards, considering potential synergies with actions to reduce GHG emissions. This project will be performed in the context of existing agreements between national and regional administrations to reach a common goal in a consistent and efficient way.

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