





#### **Operational Procedure for Emission Reduction Assessment**

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

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# 420.000 premature deaths from air pollution in the EU in 2010



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#### 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.









Air Pollution remains one of the most important environmental issue in Europe as confirmed with the adoption by the European Parliament of the resolution on the Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution which aims to attain levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on, and risks to human health and environment. Even thou some regions in Europe got high levels of pollutants.

In the Po-Valley the combination of high population densities, high emission densities and poor meteorological dispersion lead to high atmospheric pollutant concentrations.

In Alsace high population density in the Upper Rhine valley, important traffic fluxes across three countries (France, Germany and Switzerland), important industrial areas (Ruhr region in the north east and the Basel area in the south) generate a deterioration of the air quality too.

Different situations lead both to the importance of a combination of local, national and international measures to reduce adverse effects of poor air quality in these two regions.





#### At the present more than 30 persons where involved in the project:











#### Two stake holder:

 Regione Emilia-Romagna - "Air, acoustic and electromagnetic pollution management area"
 dr. Eugenio Lanzi/dr.ssa Katia Raffaelli



 Association pour la Surveillance et l'étude de la Pollution atmosphérique en Alsace (ASPA).
 dr. Emanuel Riviere



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BUDGET

35%



18%



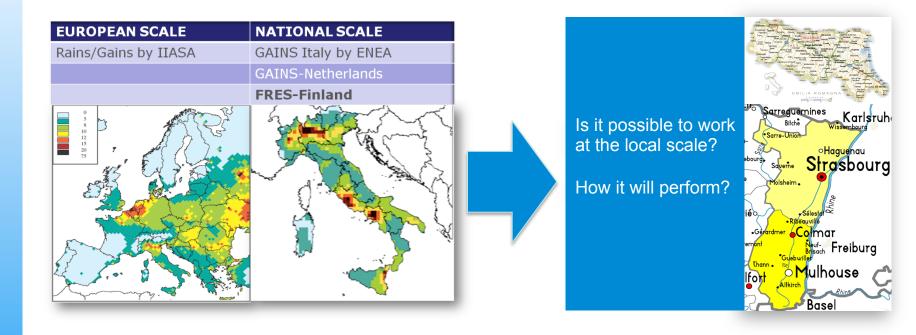


BUDGET





Develop a methodology to assess the efficiency of locally planned abatement measures, which remain coherent with national and international frameworks.







Evaluate each action in Air Quality Plan both in terms of pollutants reduction and in terms of costs maximizing the environmental benefits at fixed costs, or minimize costs at fixed environmental benefits.







Harmonization with EU/national and local/regional decision problems

Upgradable and free database for non-technical measures

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





#### **Input databases**

- emission inventories and projections
- emission reduction measures:
  - ✓ Technical
  - ✓ Non-technical (Energy Measures)
- CTM simulations

#### **Decision model**

- multi-objective analysis
- Source-receptor models

#### **Deliverables**

- efficient policies
- objective values
- post-processing



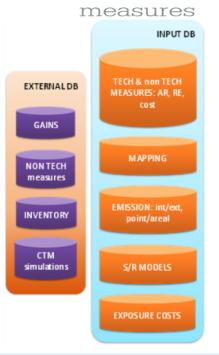


GIS INTERFACE



Air Quality Indexes

Technical and energy





Emission Reduction Costs

















RIAT+ whole system has been developed with opensource approach and without the need of any external sw license. RIAT+ main features are:

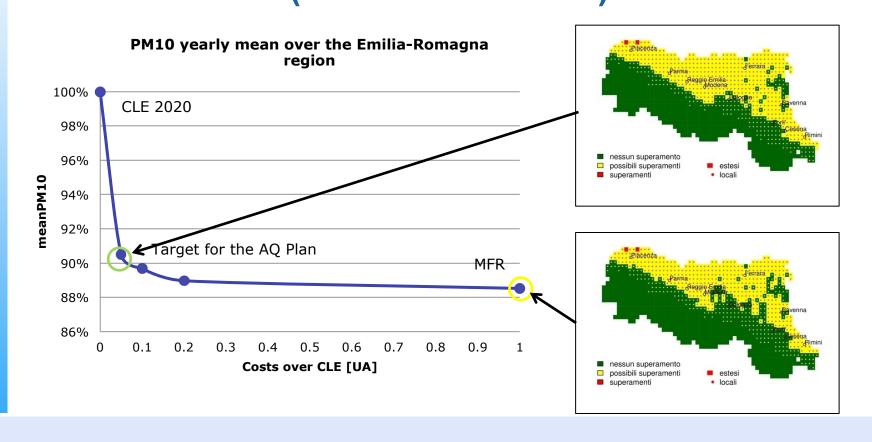
- Capability to manage different kind of input data (e.g. gridded or polygonal, annual or seasonal, SNAP detailed or aggregated emissions);
- Various policies efficiency could be evaluated with RIAT+: emission abatement, energy efficiency and aggregated measures
- Multiple run options: multi objective and cost effectiveness optimization, detailed and aggregated scenarios analysis
- User friendly GUI with tables, charts, maps
- Easy ex-post analysis exporting dataset
- Green Gases evaluation for the selected scenarios

RIAT+ (and previous versions) are distributed and used in Lombardy and Emilia Romagna (IT) and in Alsace (FR); 2/3 more EU Regions will use it in Appraisal (EU FP7 project).





## COSTS – EFFECTIVENESS (PARETO CURVE)







- RIAT+, a software tool free and downloadable
- Full documentation, workshops and courses to support new users implementing the methodology to other European regions.
- RIAT+ testing in Emilia Romagna (IT) and Alsace (FR) and assessment of air quality plans in these two regions.
- Guidelines for local administrations and environmental agencies to integrate local planning to national and European air quality policies.
- A register, collecting non-technical (energy) emission reduction measures.







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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.

Click here to download the project summary (pdf).

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