

# Calidad del Aire en España: Nuevos Retos

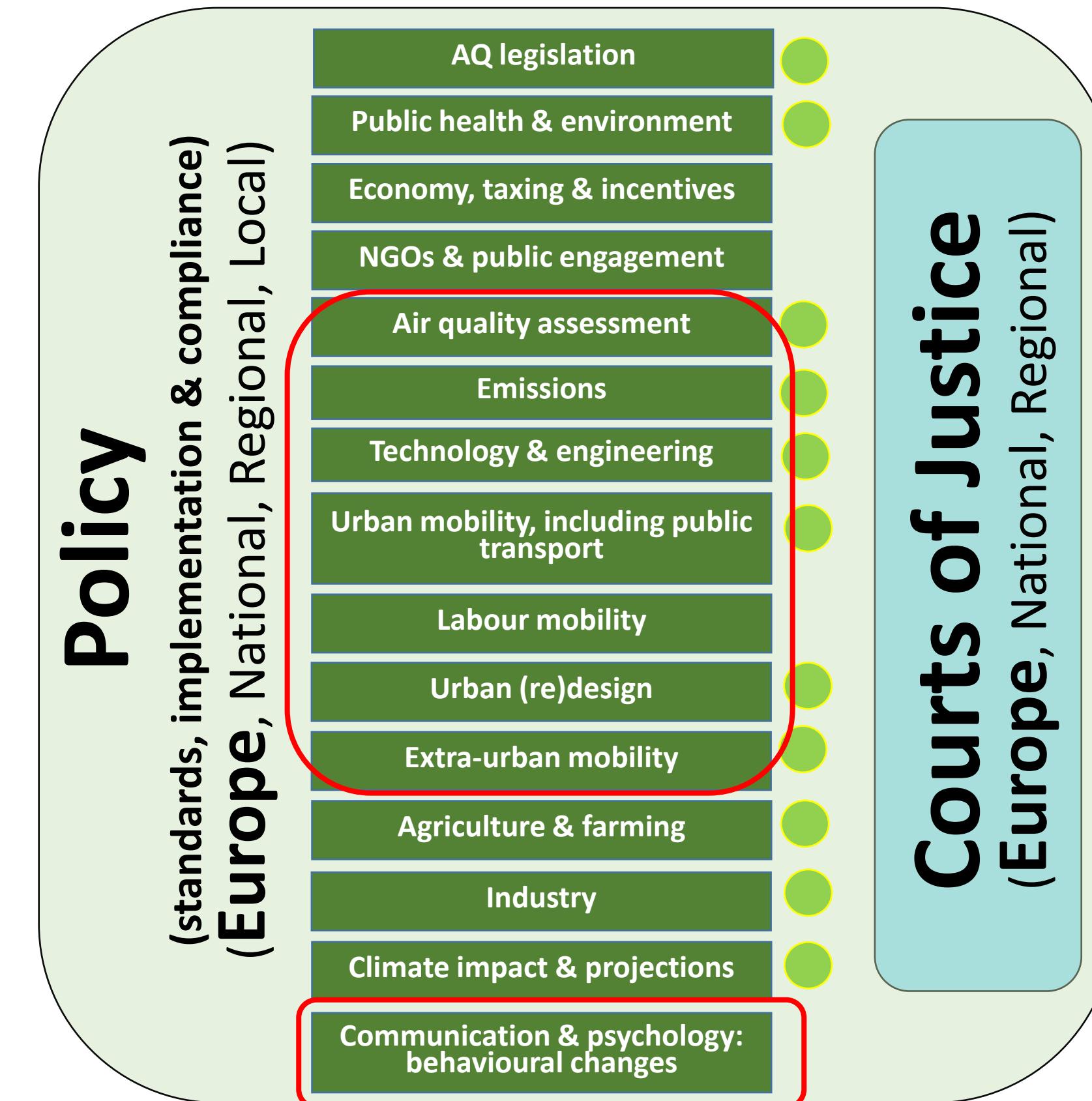
## ZONAS DE BAJAS EMISIONES



Xavier Querol

# THEMATIC INVOLVEMENTS IN AIR QUALITY POLICY

● Indicates that support from **scientific research** is needed



# AIR QUALITY IN EUROPE

## 2021

Fine particulate matter  
(PM<sub>2.5</sub>)



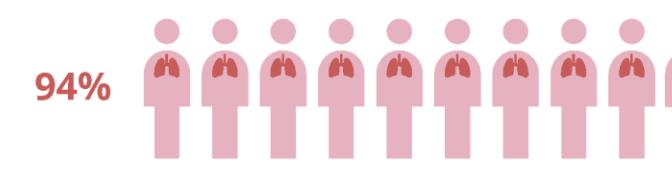
Particulate matter  
(PM<sub>10</sub>)



Ozone  
(O<sub>3</sub>)



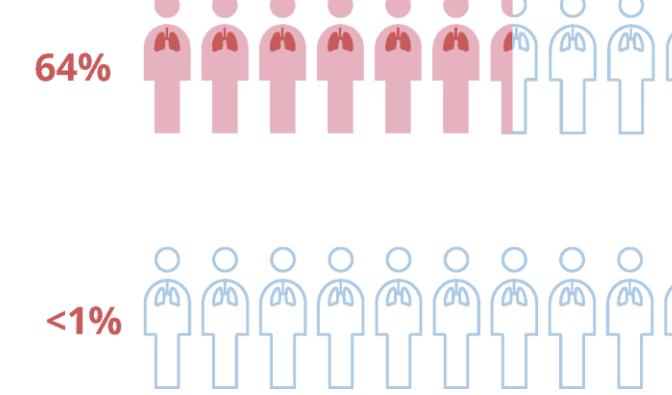
Nitrogen dioxide  
(NO<sub>2</sub>)



Benzo(a)pyrene  
(BaP)



Sulphur dioxide  
(SO<sub>2</sub>)



## How air pollution harmed health in Europe

### Total premature mortality, 2021, in the EU-27:

- 253,000 deaths were attributable to exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> above WHO's guideline level of 5 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 52,000 deaths were attributable to exposure to NO<sub>2</sub> above WHO's guideline level of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 22,000 deaths were attributable to short-term exposure to O<sub>3</sub> above 70 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.



European Environment Agency

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/europe-s-air-quality-status-2023>

Air quality in Europe 2023, 24 Nov 2023

# AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND WHO AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES

## GUIDELINES WHO (2005 & 2021)

2008/50/EC & 2004/107/EC  
RD 102/2011\*

WHO (2005)  
Guidelines\*\*

WHO (2021)

Proposal EC  
Approved by the Council  
08/11/2023

	Hourly	<u>350* <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{SO}_2</math></u>	<u>500 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{SO}_2</math></u>	<u>*24 hours/year</u>	
Daily		<u>125* <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{SO}_2</math></u>	<u>20 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{SO}_2</math></u>	<u>*3 days/year</u>	<u>40 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Hourly		<u>200 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{NO}_2</math></u>	EC-WHO coincide	<u>18 hours/year</u>	
Daily					
Annual		<u>40 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{NO}_2</math></u>	EC-WHO coincide	not exceeding	<u>10 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Annual		<u>5 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{C}_6\text{H}_6</math></u>	EC-WHO coincide	not exceeding	
Mean 8-h max. day		<u>10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> CO</u>	EC-WHO coincide	not exceeding	
Annual		<u>500 ng/m<sup>3</sup> Pb</u>	EC-WHO coincide	not exceeding	
Annual		<u>40 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM10}</math></u>	<u>20 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM10}</math></u>	not exceeding	<u>15 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Annual		<u>25 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM2.5}</math></u>	<u>10 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM2.5}</math></u>	not exceeding	<u>5 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Daily		<u>50* <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM10}</math></u>	<u>50** <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM10}</math></u>	<u>** 3 or *35</u>	<u>45 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Daily					
Max 8 h means day mean for 3 years		<u>120 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{O}_3</math></u>	<u>100 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{O}_3</math></u>	<u>25 days/year</u>	<u>100 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>
Annual		<u>1 ng/m<sup>3</sup> BaP</u>	<u>0.12 ng/m<sup>3</sup> BaP</u>	not exceeding	<u>0.12 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math></u>

1<sup>st</sup> Challenge: Closing the gap between EU AQ standards and WHO guidelines



# THE ISSUE OF PM2.5

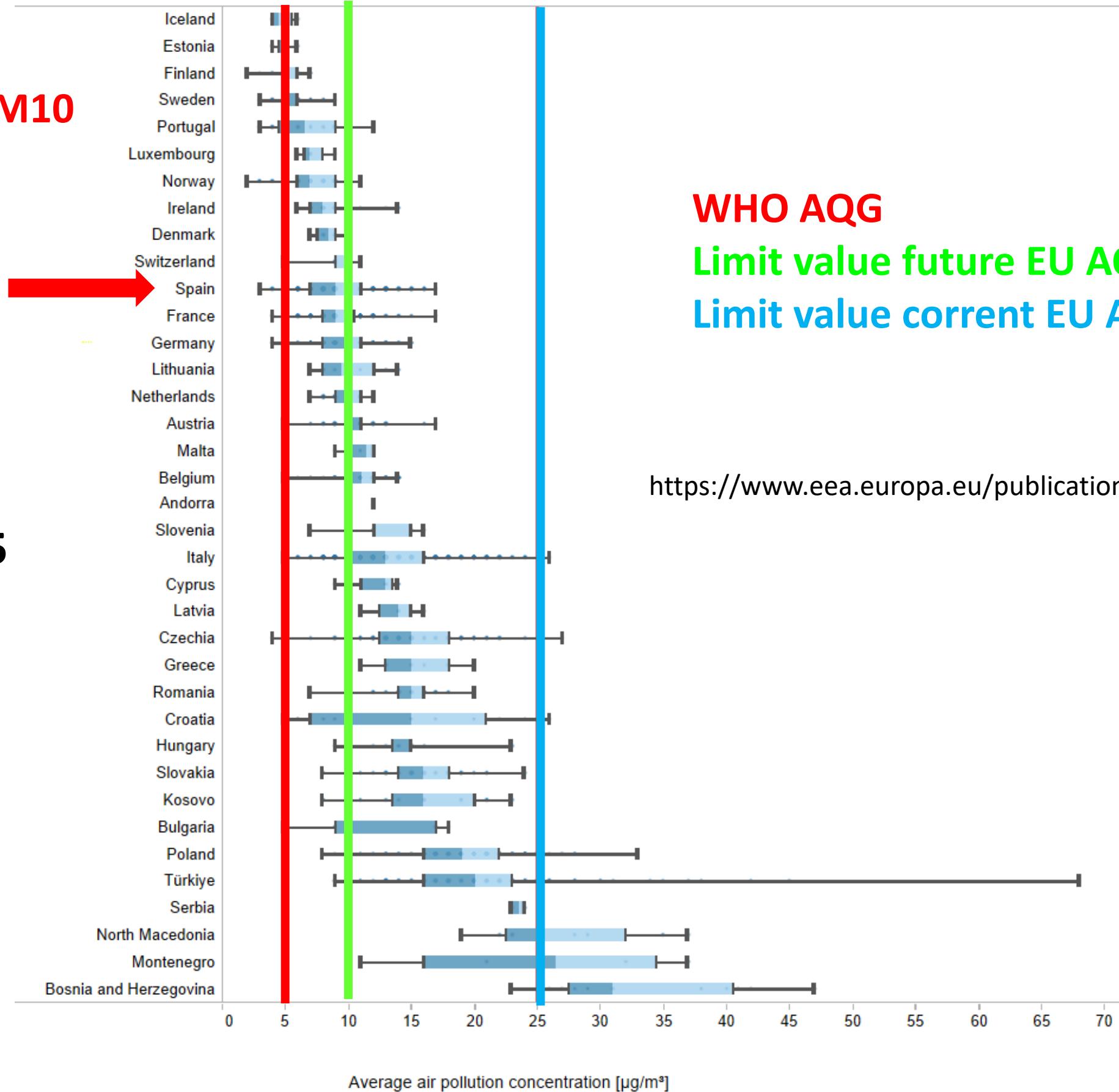
2<sup>nd</sup> Challenge abating PM2.5 and PM10

2021  
Annual Limit Value for PM2.5

European Environment Agency



Air quality in Europe 2023  
31st May 2023



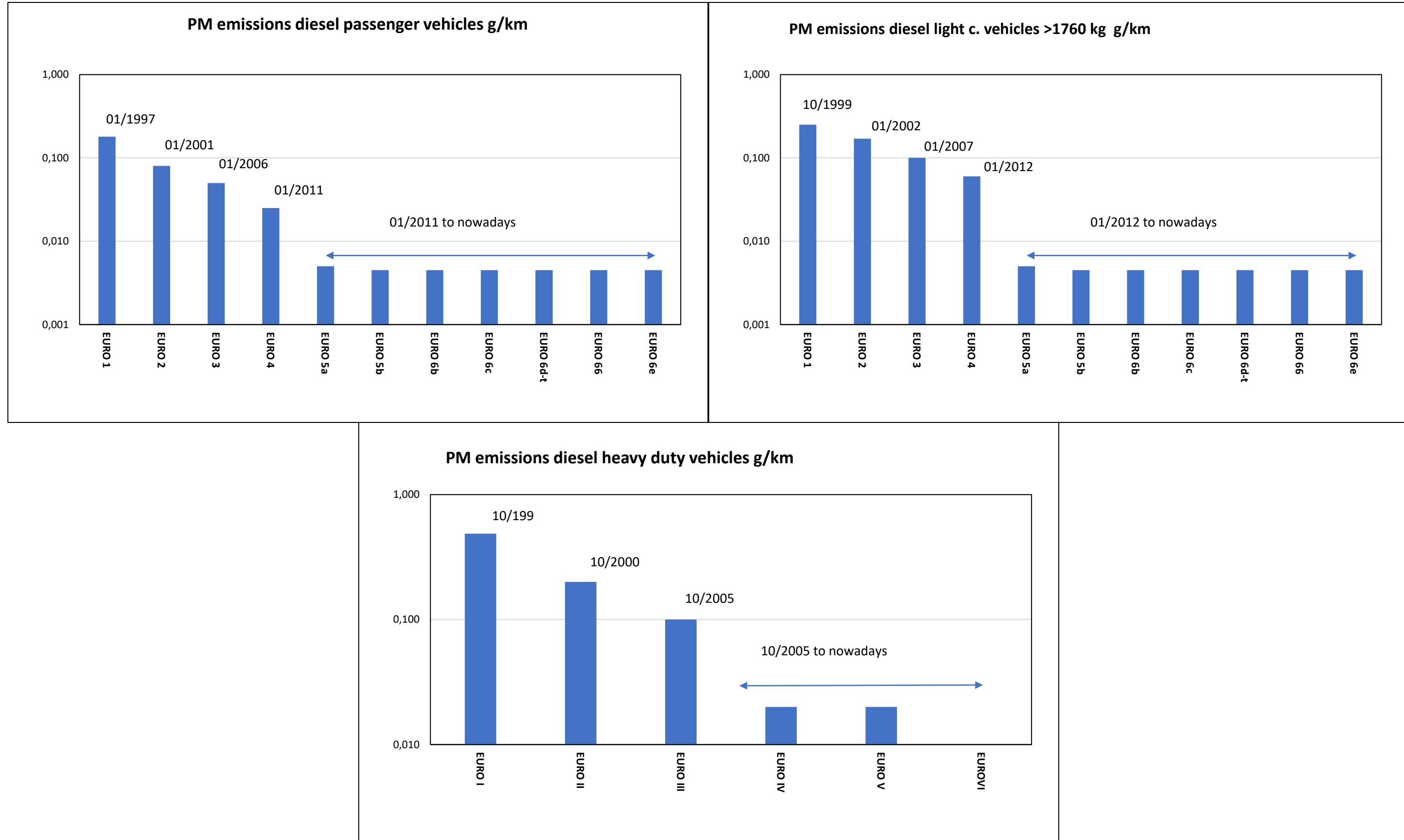
WHO AQG

Limit value future EU AQ Directive

Limit value current EU AQ Directive

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International Agency for Research on Cancer



PRESS RELEASE  
N° 213

12 June 2012

## IARC: DIESEL ENGINE EXHAUST CARCINOGENIC

Lyon, France, June 12, 2012 -- After a week-long meeting of international experts, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which is part of the World Health Organization (WHO), today classified diesel engine exhaust as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), based on sufficient evidence that exposure is associated with an increased risk for lung cancer.

### Background

In 1988, IARC classified diesel exhaust as *probably carcinogenic to humans* (Group 2A). An Advisory Group which reviews and recommends future priorities for the IARC Monographs Program had recommended diesel exhaust as a high priority for re-evaluation since 1998.

There has been mounting concern about the cancer-causing potential of diesel exhaust, particularly based on findings in epidemiological studies of workers exposed in various settings. This was re-emphasized by the publication in March 2012 of the results of a large US National Cancer Institute/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study of occupational exposure to such emissions in underground miners, which showed an increased risk of death from lung cancer in exposed workers (1).

### Evaluation

The scientific evidence was reviewed thoroughly by the Working Group and overall it was concluded that there was *sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of diesel exhaust. The Working Group found that diesel exhaust is a cause of lung cancer (*sufficient evidence*) and also noted a positive association (*limited evidence*) with an increased risk of bladder cancer (Group 1).

The Working Group concluded that gasoline exhaust was possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B), a finding unchanged from the previous evaluation in 1989.

### Public health

Large populations are exposed to diesel exhaust in everyday life, whether through their occupation or through the ambient air. People are exposed not only to motor vehicle exhausts but also to exhausts from other diesel engines, including from other modes of transport (e.g. diesel trains and ships) and from power generators.

Given the Working Group's rigorous, independent assessment of the science, governments and other decision-makers have a valuable evidence-base on which to consider environmental standards for diesel exhaust emissions and to continue to work with the engine and fuel manufacturers towards those goals.

Increasing environmental concerns over the past two decades have resulted in regulatory action in North America, Europe and elsewhere with successively tighter emission standards for both diesel and gasoline engines. There is a strong interplay between standards and technology – standards drive technology and new technology enables more stringent standards. For diesel engines, this required changes in the fuel such as marked decreases in sulfur content, changes in engine design to burn diesel fuel more efficiently and reductions in emissions through exhaust control technology.

However, while the amount of particulates and chemicals are reduced with these changes, it is not yet clear how the quantitative and qualitative changes may translate into altered health effects; research into

## The Diesel Exhaust in Miners Study: A Cohort Mortality Study With Emphasis on Lung Cancer FREE

Michael D. Attfield, Patricia L. Schleiff, Jay H. Lubin, Aaron Blair, Patricia A. Stewart, Roel Vermeulen, Joseph B. Coble, Debra T. Silverman

JNCI: Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Volume 104, Issue 11, 6 June 2012, Pages 869–883, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jnci/djs035>

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### IARC: Diesel engines exhaust carcinogenic

this question is needed. In addition, existing fuels and vehicles without these modifications will take many years to be replaced, particularly in less developed countries, where regulatory measures are currently also less stringent. It is notable that many parts of the developing world lack regulatory standards, and data on the occurrence and impact of diesel exhaust are limited.

### Conclusions

Dr Christopher Portier, Chairman of the IARC working Group, stated that "The scientific evidence was compelling and the Working Group's conclusion was unanimous: diesel engine exhaust causes lung cancer in humans." Dr Portier continued: "Given the additional health impacts from diesel particulates, exposure to this mixture of chemicals should be reduced worldwide."(2)

Dr Kurt Straif, Head of the IARC Monographs Program, indicated that "The main studies that led to this conclusion were in highly exposed workers. However, we have learned from other carcinogens, such as radon, that initial studies showing a risk in heavily exposed occupational groups were followed by positive findings for the general population. Therefore actions to reduce exposures should encompass workers and the general population."

Dr Christopher Wild, Director, IARC, said that "while IARC's remit is to establish the evidence-base for regulatory decisions at national and international level, today's conclusion sends a strong signal that public health action is warranted. This emphasis is needed globally, including among the more vulnerable populations in developing countries where new technology and protective measures may otherwise take many years to be adopted."

### Summary evaluation

The summary of the evaluation will appear in *The Lancet Oncology* as an online publication ahead of print on June 15, 2012.

(1) JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst (2012) doi:10.1093/jnci/djs034  
<http://jnci.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2012/03/05/jnci.djs034.abstract>; and  
JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst (2012) doi: 10.1093/jnci/djs035  
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(2) Dr Portier is Director of the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA).

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Link to the audio file posted shortly after the media briefing:  
[http://terrance.who.int/mediacentre/audio/press\\_briefings/](http://terrance.who.int/mediacentre/audio/press_briefings/)

### About IARC

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is part of the World Health Organization. Its mission is to coordinate and conduct research on the causes of human cancer, the mechanisms of carcinogenesis, and to develop scientific strategies for cancer control. The Agency is involved in both epidemiological and laboratory research and disseminates scientific information through publications, meetings, courses, and fellowships.

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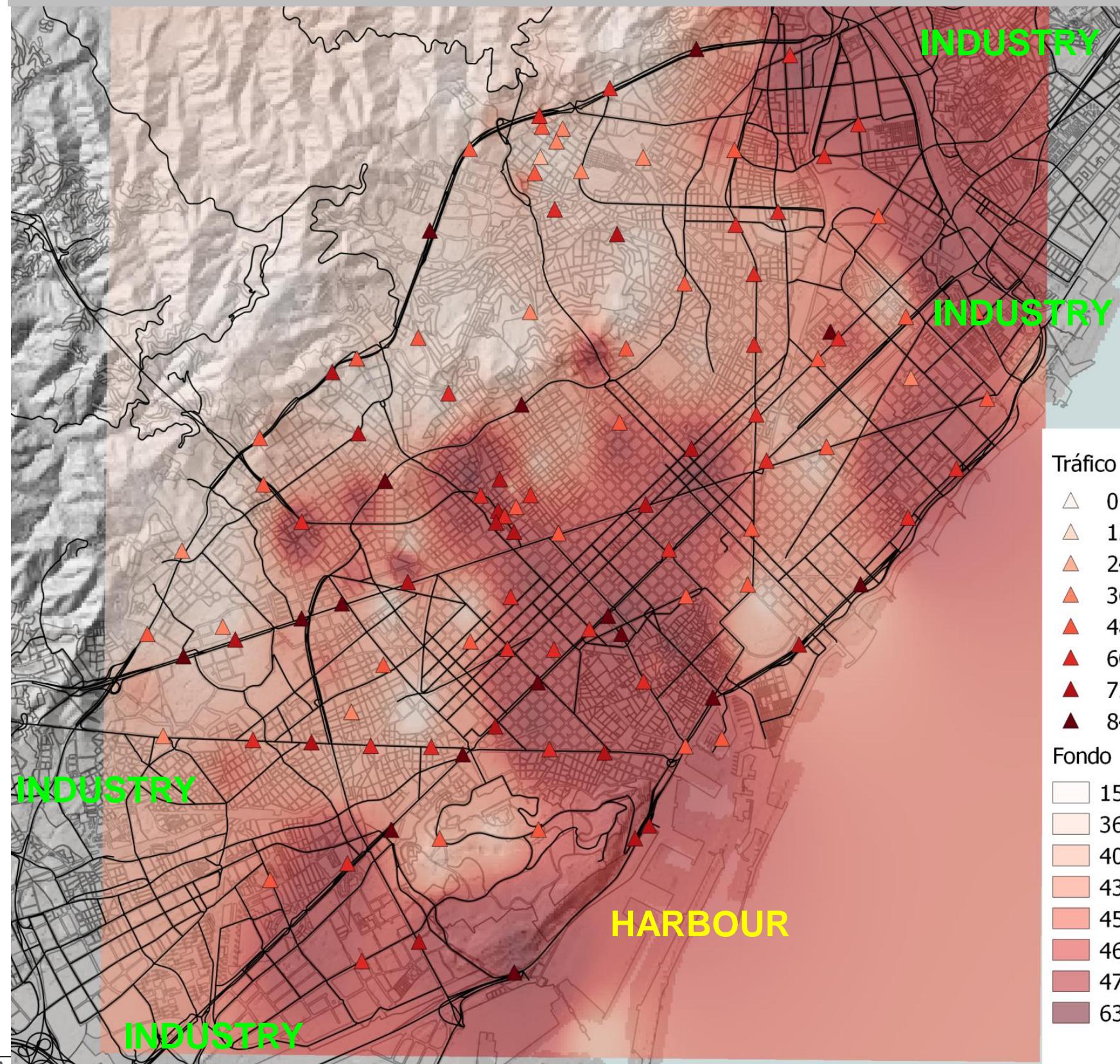
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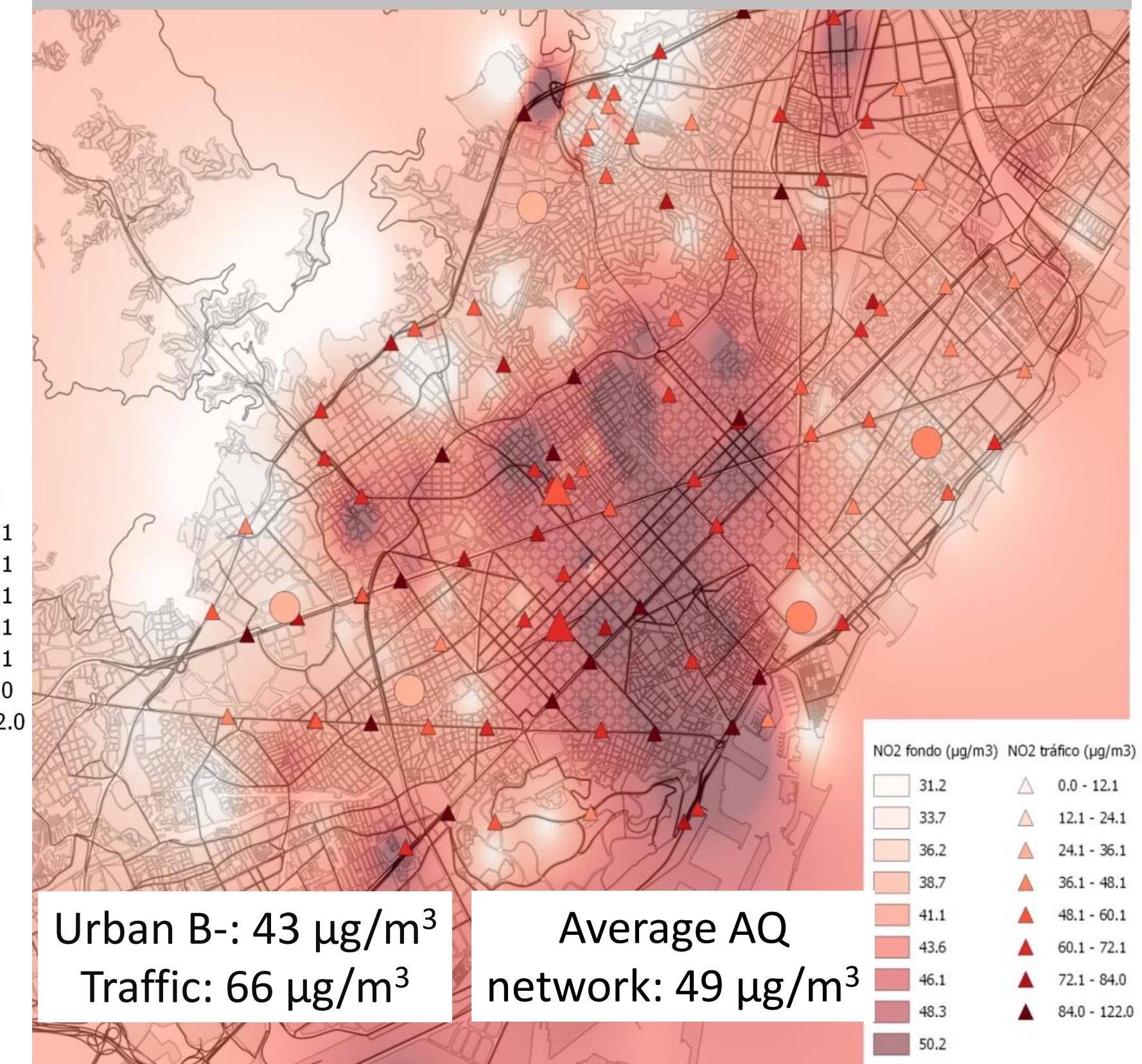
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NO<sub>2</sub> FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017, 225 PASSIVE DOSIMETERS



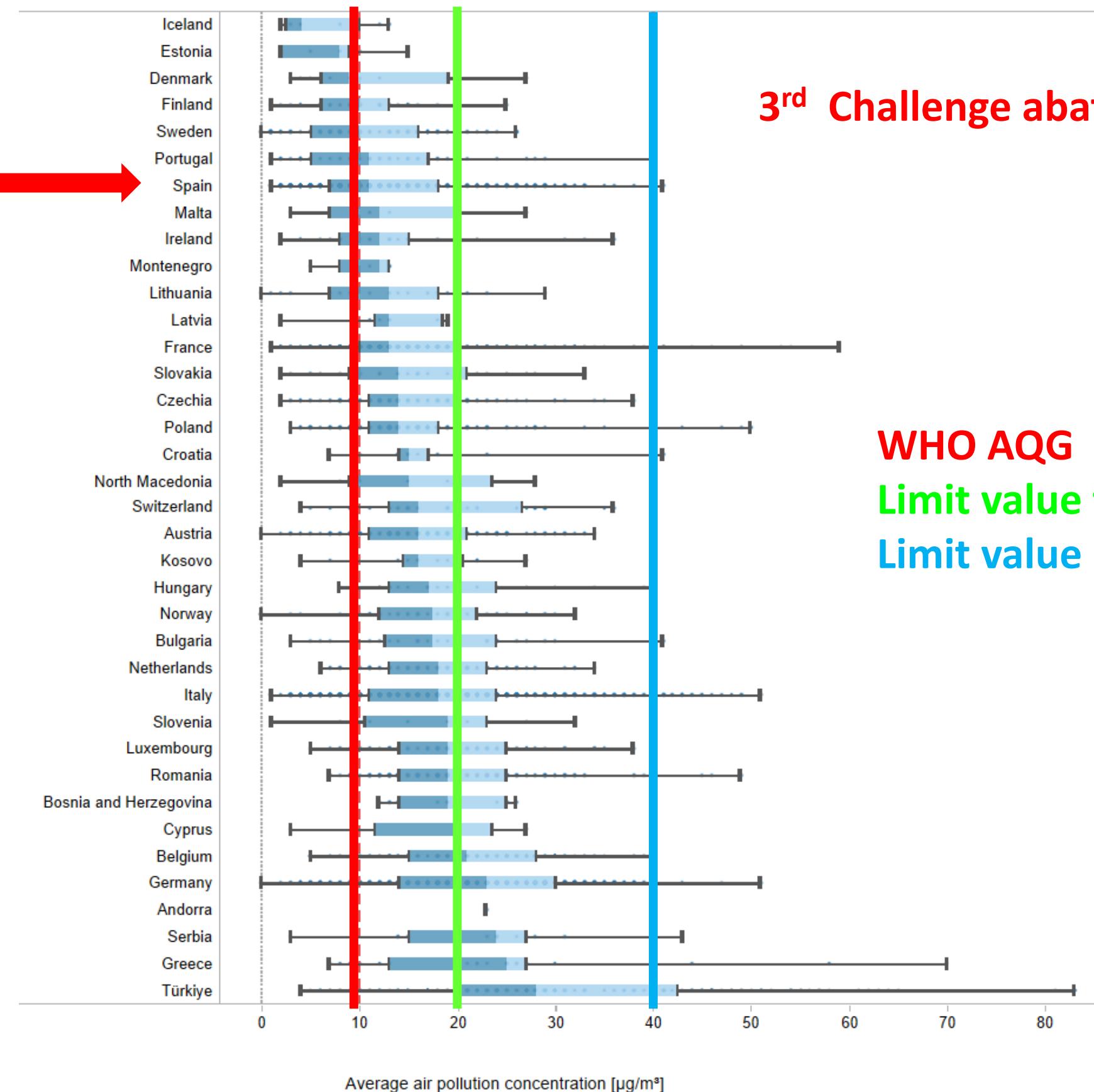
NO<sub>2</sub> JUNE 2018, 233 PASSIVE DOSIMETERS



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<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/europe-s-air-quality-status-2023>

2021  
Annual Limit Value for NO<sub>2</sub>



3<sup>rd</sup> Challenge abating NO<sub>2</sub>, mostly from road traffic

WHO AQG

Limit value future EU AQ Directive

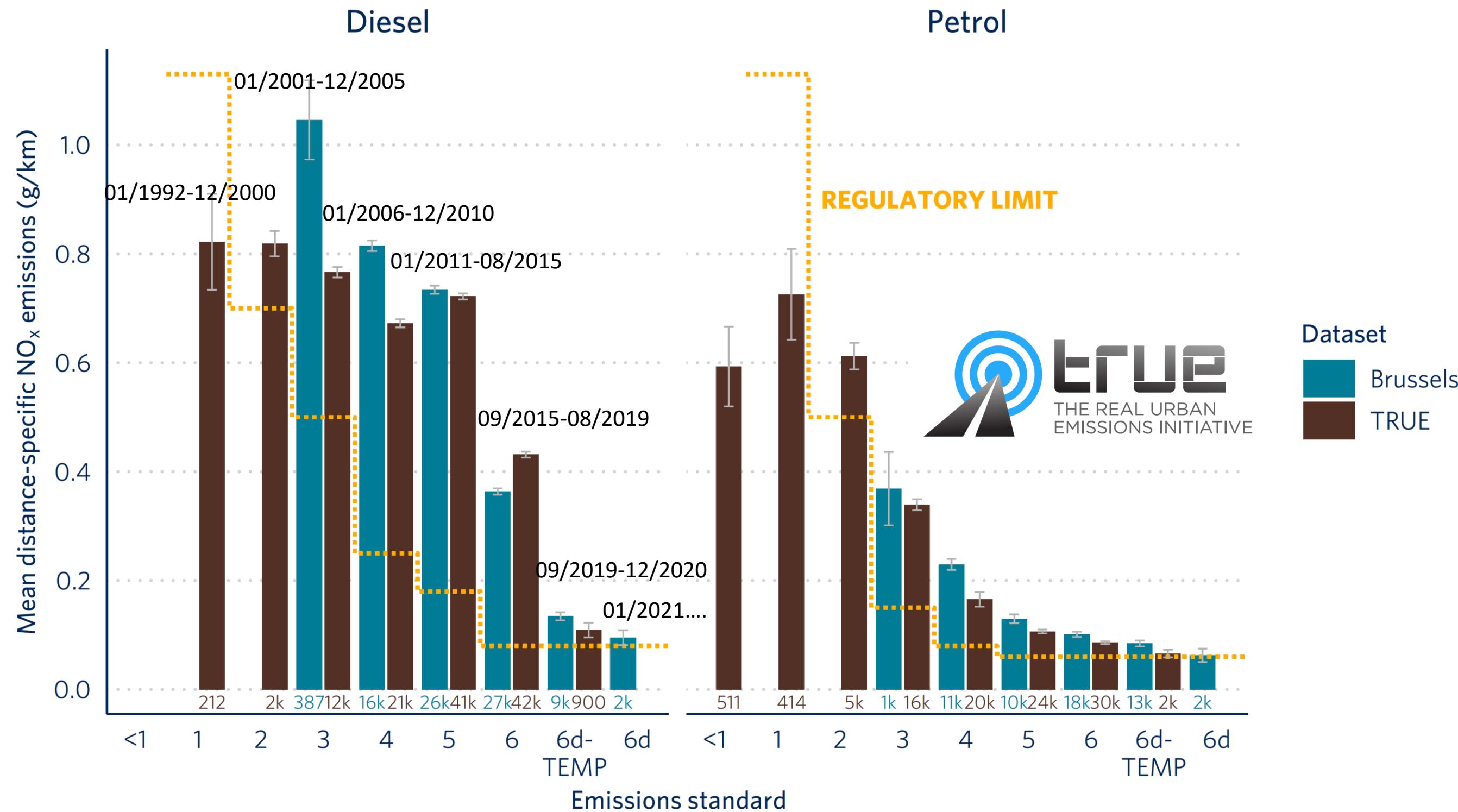
Limit value current EU AQ Directive



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<https://www.trueinitiative.org/media/792040/true-brussels-report.pdf>

Brussels, fall 2020



# ABATING EMISSIONS FROM ROAD TRAFFIC



- ii. Measures to reduce number of urban vehicles circulating
  - iii. Measures favoring renewal and transformation of urban vehicle fleets (LEZ, CAs, taxes,...)
  - iv. Urban distribution of goods (urban freight distribution) & taxis
  - v. Urban re-design: priority pedestrians and green areas
  - vi. Remediation measures
  - vii. Other non-technological measures
- i. Improving metropolitan public transport with links to park & rides connecting cities and bus lines

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## Measures to change fleets: LEZ & e-transition

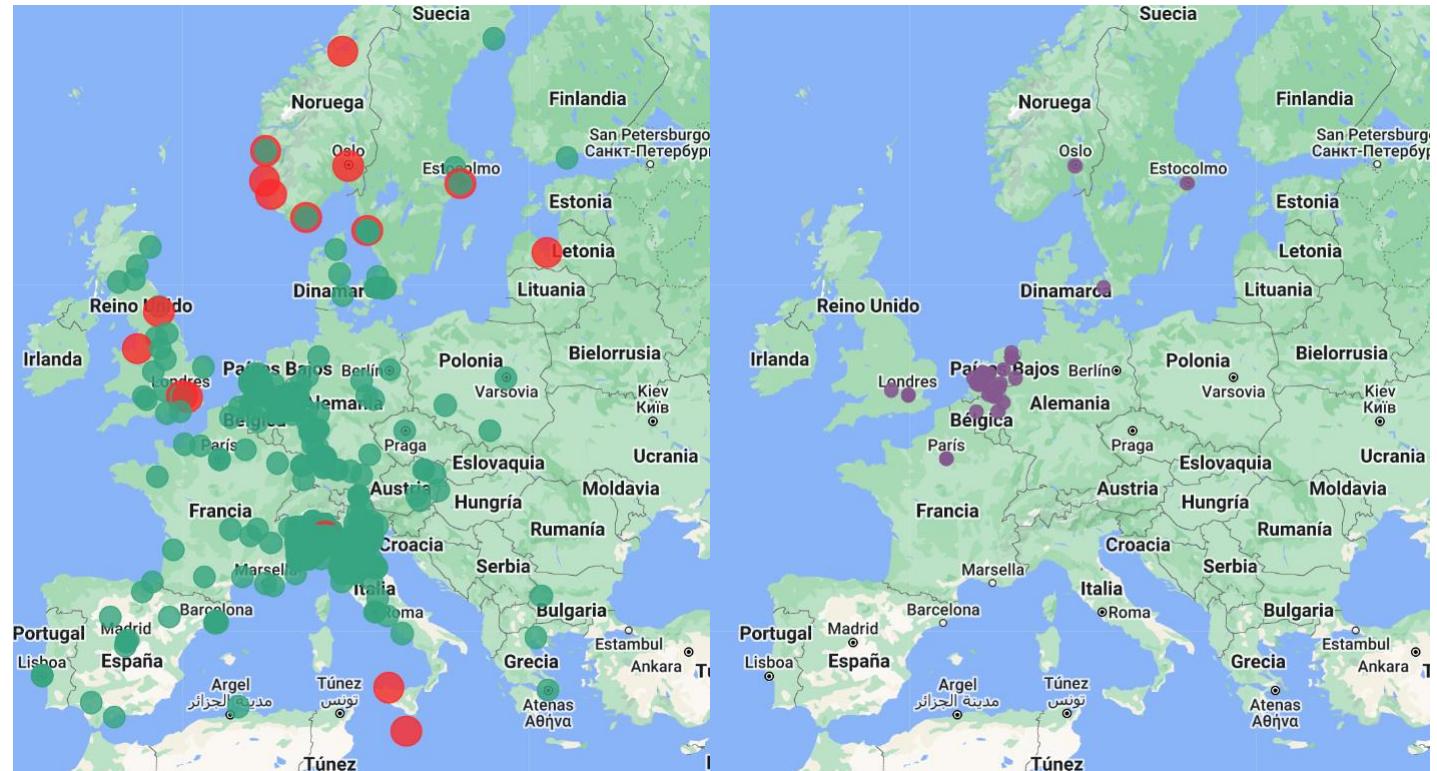


# ABATING EMISSIONS FROM ROAD TRAFFIC

## Measures to change fleets: LEZ, ULEZ, ZEZ & e-transition

Hollman C. et al., 2014 Atmos Environ: Effectiveness of LEZs in EU

### LEZ, CC & ZEZ



<http://es.urbanaccessregulations.eu/>

ULEZ: April 2019: London will ban access diesel older than 09/2015 & gasoline older than 2005

CLEAN AIR ZONES (CAZS) in UK

ZERO EMISSION ZONES, general or for logistics only

CONGESTION CHARGES

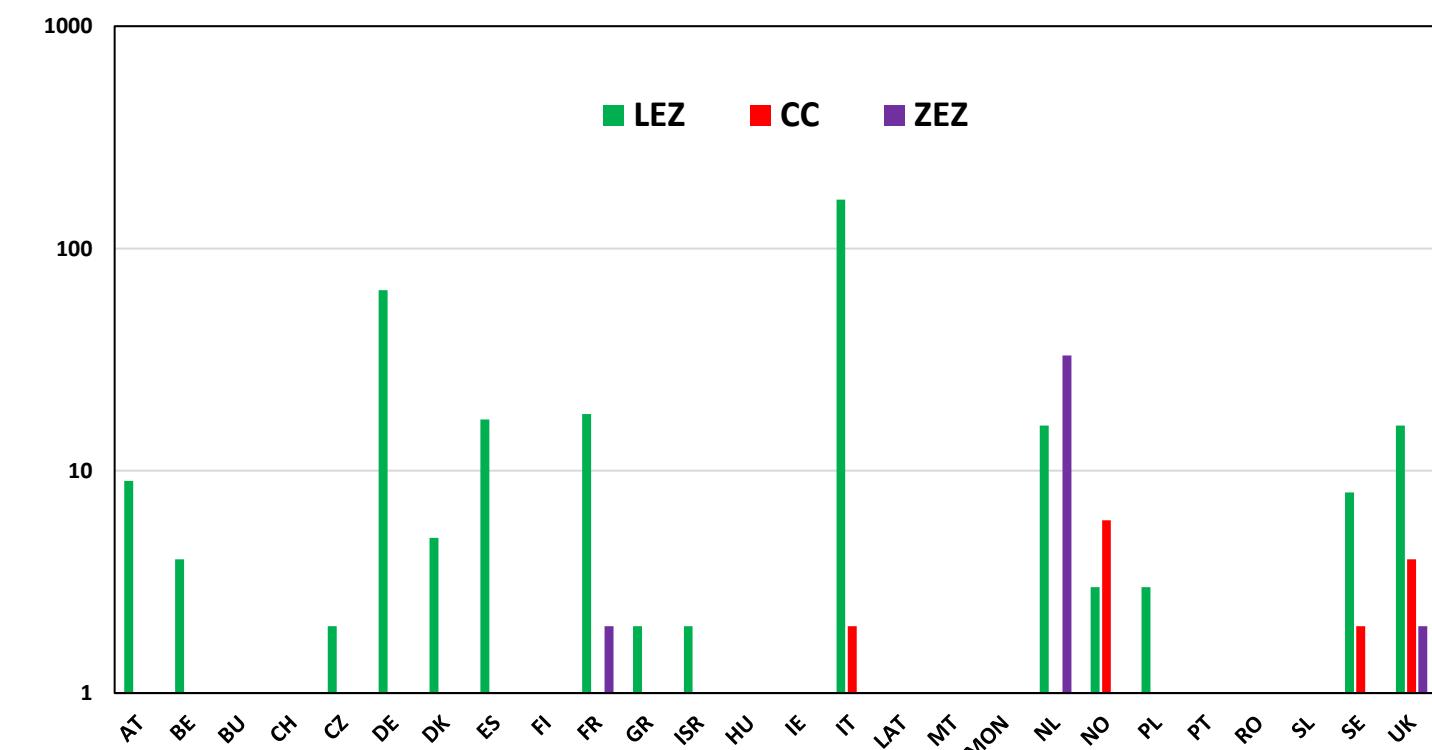
TRAFFIC LIMITED ZONES



**LOW EMISSION ZONES**  
18 COUNTRIES, 339 CITIES:  
AT, BE, BL, CZ, SE, DK, ES, FI, FR, DE, GR, IS, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, CH, UK  
ONLY HU, IE, MAL, MON, RO, SLO, CH without LEZ

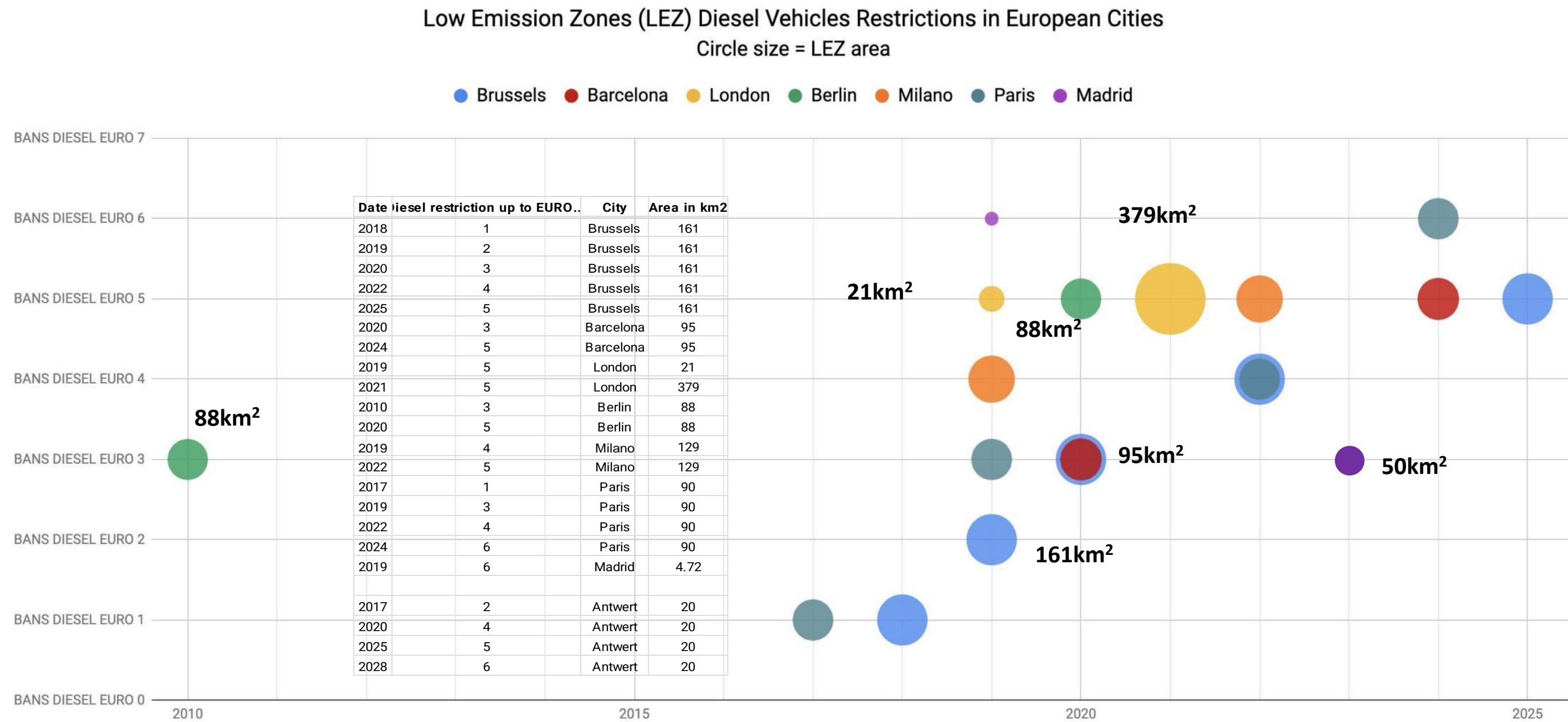
**ES (17)**  
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- Must apply to ALL vehicle types
- Strict in application
- Also motor pets and motorbikes
- Use real world driving criteria



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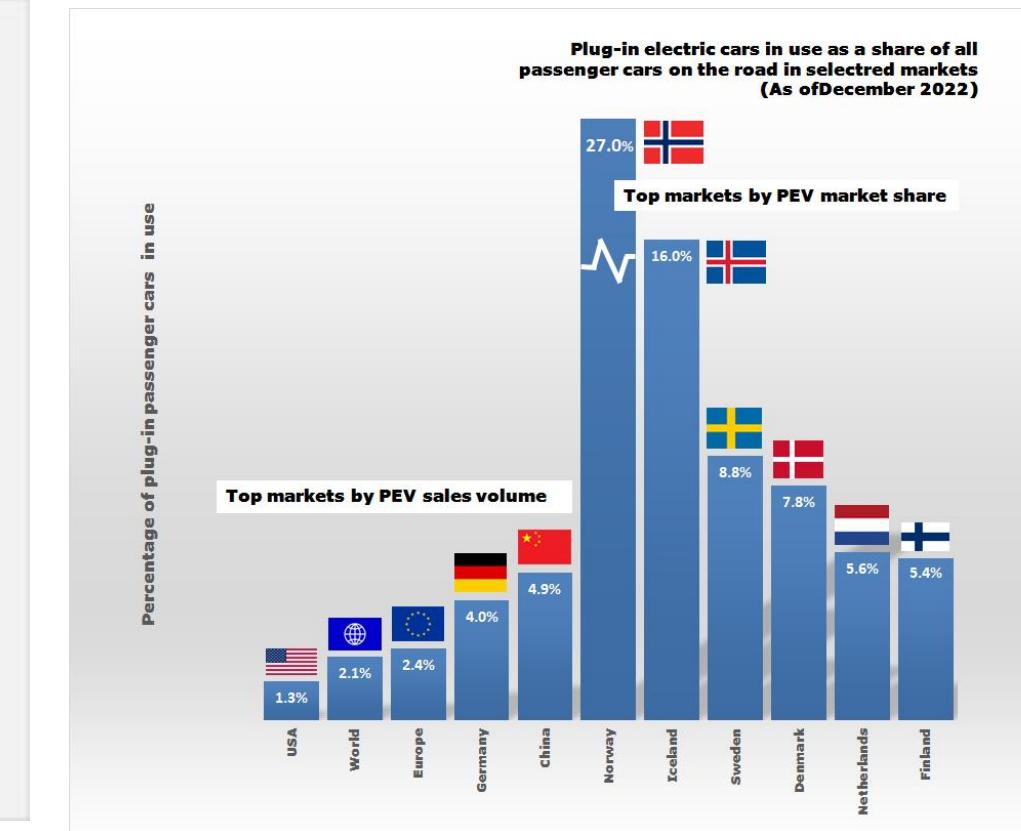
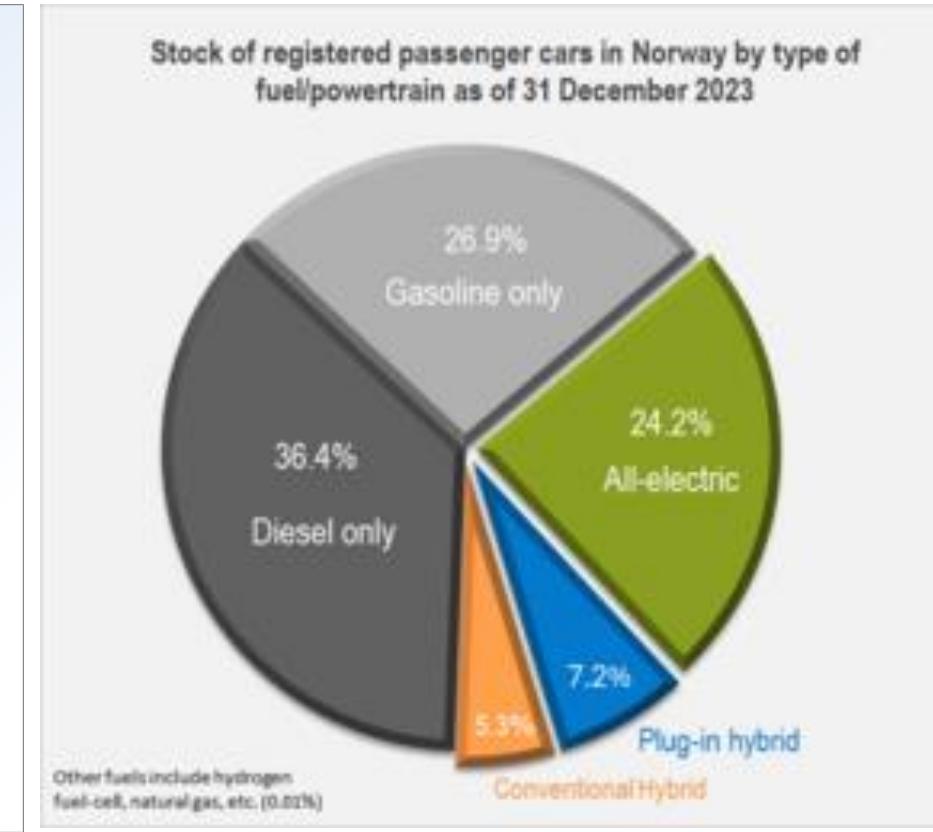
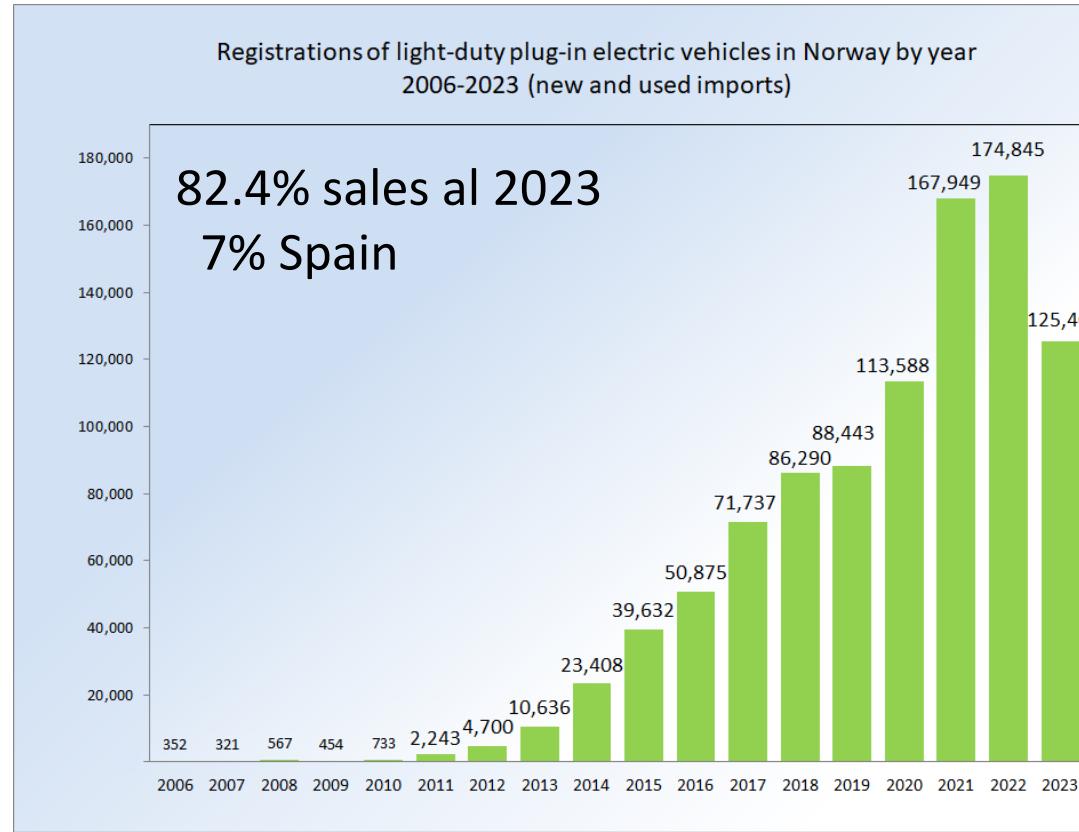
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### e-vehicles



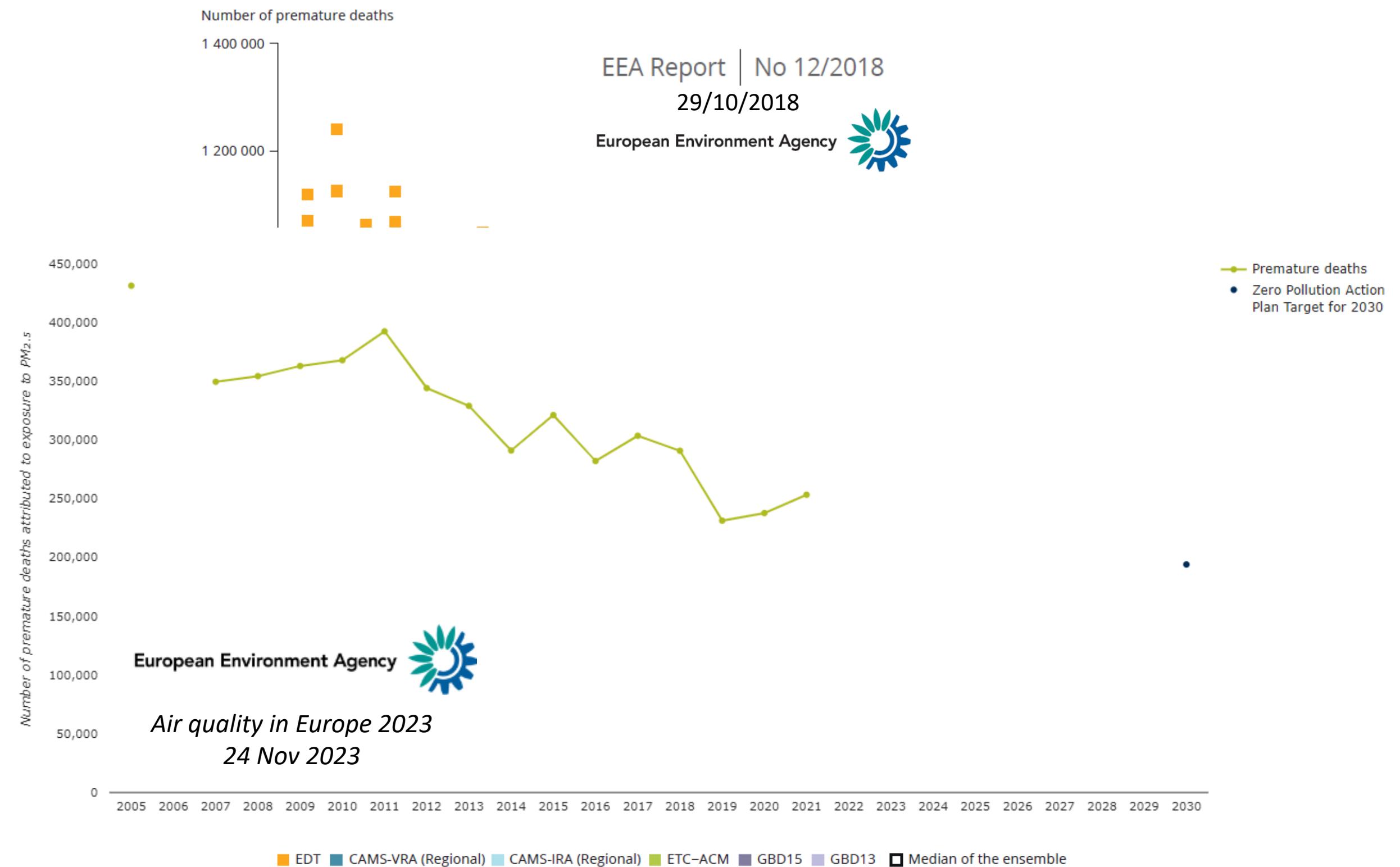
Norway 27% e-vehicles al 2023 (20% full electric)

- Starting with urban freight Distribution & taxi, with higher km/day
- Urban motorbikes

Norwegian Road Federation (OFV) (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)  
Bilsalget in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013. [\[Car sales in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013\]](#) (in Norwegian).  
OFV. Retrieved 2022-01-20. <https://ofv.no/>

# Optimistic!!!!!!

Figure 10.1 Premature deaths due to exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> (all-cause (natural) mortality) in Europe over the period 1990-2016 for various data sets of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration



# Gracias por su atención!!!!



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## TROPOMI-ESA- NO<sub>2</sub> COLUMN JJA 2019

