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Web mapping solutions for the development of Emission Inventory Models

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Overview

- Case Study overview: Air Quality in Lisbon
- Objectives of the Project
- SIMULAIR description
 - Principles
 - Interface
 - Implementation details
- Conclusions





Case Study:



Air Emission Inventory of the Region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley



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Zones and Agglomerations for Air Quality Management





Air Quality Management in Lisbon

Air Quality Authority

Commission for Coordination and Regional Development of Lisbon and Tagus Valley (CCDR-LVT)

Tools

1. Monitoring survey system

- Stationary stations
- Extensive monitoring: period campaigns using Passive sampling (Diffusion tubes and portable PM samplers)
- 2. Inventory of Emissions of Air Pollutants
- 3. Policies and Measures
 - Plans and Programs (June, 2005, updating now)
- 4. Modelling tools
 - Regional level (TAPM from CSIRO)
 - National/European level (Chimere, CAMx, REM-3 under CAFE program)







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Emission Inventory Overview of Methodology





Identification of moving vehicles from aerial photography



Average velocity determination using GPS





Total vehicles identified in Great Lisbon North



Classes of average velocities in main roads (km/hr)



Plans and Programs

Directive 1999/30/CE of the European Union (UE)

Reduction Measure		Total PM10 reduction (t/yr)	Cost- Benefit	Relative ranking
M20a	Increase of the number of BUS corridors	2	5	1
M19	Implementation of differentiated payment	8	1	2
	schemes according to the occupation of vehicles			
	on existing toll roads			
M16	Implementation of Lanes of High Occupancy on	7	3	3
	Lisbon major roadways			
M13a	Incentive to retrofitting of buses	4	8	4
M9	Parking regulations enforcement increase	3	10	5
M8	Introduction of alternate license plates	12	1	6
Мба	Retrofit plan for Buses	6	9	7
M18a	Retrofit plan for taxis	11	4	8
M17a	Taxi fleet renewal	5	12	9
M14a	Buses renewal	1	15	10
M7	Installation of particle filters systems in buses	13	7	11
M10	Introduction of a Low Emission Zones in the city	14	6	12
	of Lisbon			
M11a	Conversion of TCR vehicles to LPG	9	13	13
MIIIa	Conversion of TCR vehicles to LNG	10	14	14
M15a	Retrofit of vehicles for solid waste collection	15	11	15
M12	Circulation tax in downtown areas	16	1	16







TAPM Input grid to model







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Level of Detail of Model Results





Inventory Model



Principles and Objectives of the System



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Principles of System Development

- The inventory should not be an end in itself
 - Should be a steward to models and policy developers
- Importance of the spatial placement of measures
 - Policy experts want to act on real objects
 - Need of a GIS system, but simplified
- An image of the Inventory
 - Simplification of the information provided to policy developers
 - Only an image of the inventory is sufficient
 - Focus on key variables (policy team's view)
- A pathway facilitating team communication and joint work
 - Should integrate/facilitate work of teams in different places









The system should be:

- Easy to use
- Fast to navigate
- No ambiguous commands
- Intuitive to Learn
- Attractive
- Focusing on spatial objects
- Handle single objects or groups
- Low cost (Open source)
- Work at distance







The mirror image from the inventory

Source	Manipulable data	Notes		
	ID, Name and Activity code (EAC code)	The number of Large Point Source data is larger than the large point sources used as input to TAPM. Every individual unit may include more than one stack. The relation between flow variables in the stack is automatically updated by the system.		
	Coordinates			
Point Sources	Stack parameters: H, D, V, VF, T			
	Activity Data			
	Emission Factors			
	Emissions			
	ID, road name and sub-ling ID	Each road is made of several sub-link segments, according to changes in flow, velocity or traffic composition. User may change the fleet in absolute terms or per cent, SIMULAIR checking for 100 per cent. EF for each individual vehicle type is automatically estimated from velocity and average		
	Coordinates			
	Total Vehicle flow			
Line sources	Composition of fleet: Heavy Vehicles, Passenger Cars, Light Duty Vehicles, 2 wheelers	vehicle fleet. Velocity may vary according to vehicle type		
	Velocity			
	EF per pollutant and vehicle type			
	ID, Name and Activity code (EAC code)	Area boundaries are administrative boundaries and cannot be changed by the user.		
Area sources	Activity Data			
	Emission Factors			
	Emissions			

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Development of the Interface



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Spatial Environment





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Case Definition: Inventory x Scenario









Multipliers









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Working with groups







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Export to model





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Implementation







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Technological Implementation Details (short summary)

Map Server

- Server-Based
- Development System for Web-Based Mapping
- Open Source
- Supports OGC Web Services Specifications
- Fast
- Extremely Configurable
- Easy-To-Use





Technological Implementation Details Open Layers

- Pure client-side JavaScript
- Library for web mapping applications
- Supports open standards
- Rapidly construct applications using layers from different providers of geo-referenced data
- AJAX toolkit
 - Asynchronous
 - Updates page components independently



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Technological Implementation Details

Post GIS

- Open source geospatial extension for PostgreSQL
- PostgreSQL open source relational database management system (RDBMS)
 - Robust and scalable solution to a ever-increasing dataset size.





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Conclusions

- There were Needs
 - for a tool to facilitate communication of the teams involved in air quality management
 - and to speed work: fast verification of outcomes of proposed measures
- Answer: SIMULAIR
 - SIMULAIR, developed for a pilot region, promotes these objectives
 - SIMULAIR is open source, general, simple, flexible, easy to learn and WWW



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