

THE ADAPTATION OF THE ATMO-PLAN AIR QUALITY PLANNING APPLICATION IN HUNGARY

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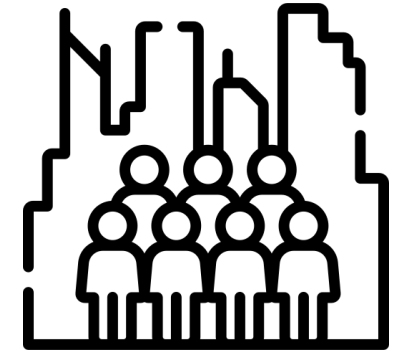
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Introduction

- Number of residents in urban areas is increasing
↳ exposed to air pollution
- The biggest environmental problem in Hungary is:

Transportation → **PM₁₀** → *Residential heating*

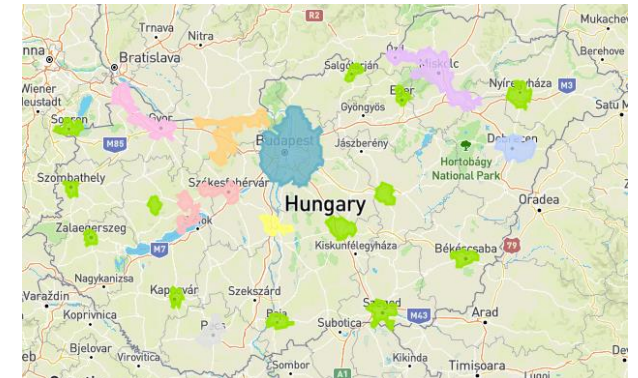


- The Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) sets limit and target values to regulate PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, NO₂ and O₃ concentrations

↳ Too high levels: air quality zones with air quality plans

- How to plan the air quality?

↳ Air quality planning application, modelling

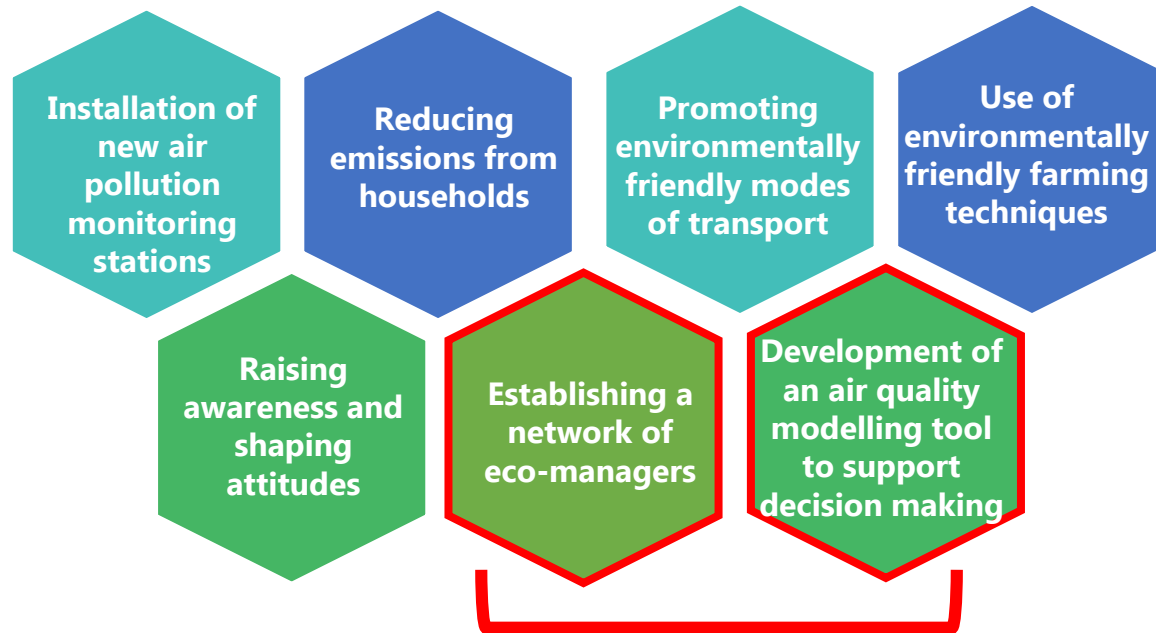


Air quality zones and agglomerations in Hungary (legszenyezettseg.met.hu)

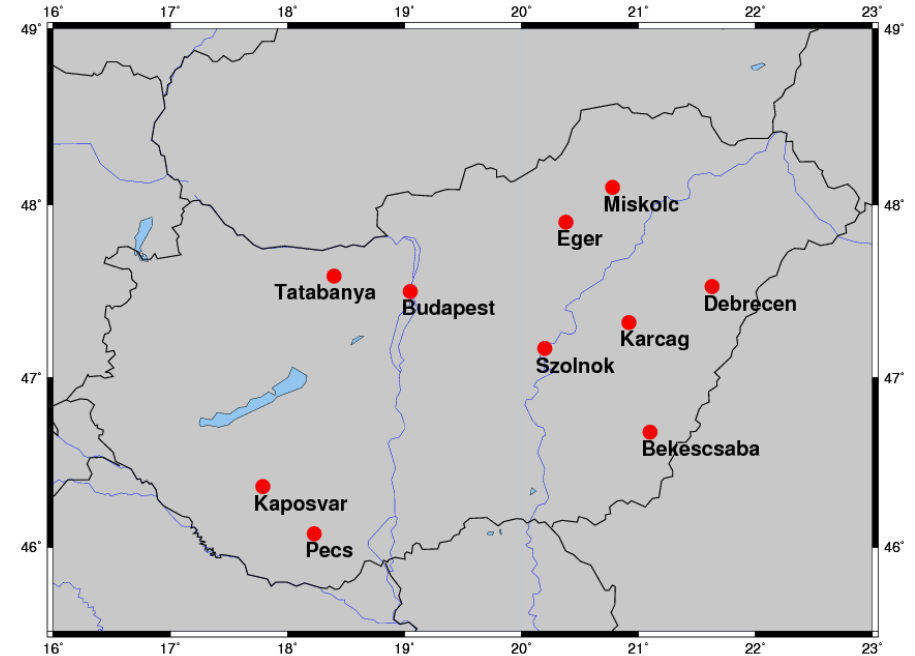


The HungAIRy project

- Improving air quality in 8 regions by encouraging the implementation of air quality plans
- Project duration: 1/1/2019–31/12/2026
- 10 Hungarian cities involved



the ATMO-Plan software has been adapted to Hungary



- Role of HungaroMet:
 - 🌀 project coordination
 - 🌀 operation and
 - 🌀 update of ATMO-Plan
 - 🌀 support the eco-managers



The ATMO-Plan application

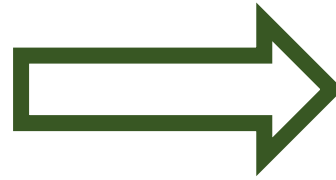


ATMO-Plan
Supporting Urban Air Quality Plans

- developed by VITO (Flemish Institute for Technological Research)
- urban-scale air quality planning application
- user friendly, web-based tool



! Assess the **impact of air quality scenarios** on the concentration of pollutants



Calculates **changes in NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}** concentrations over a selected urban area with high horizontal resolution

- urban mobility scenarios
- point sources
- residential heating related measures

The models behind ATMO-Plan

FASTRACE

- calculates hourly traffic emission on road segments

COPERT

- gives traffic-related emission factors

IFDM

- calculates the dispersion of pollutants

RIO

- calculates fine resolution concentration data for the whole country

ATMO-Plan can be customized for a specific country and installed at a specific user location



The Hungarian version of ATMO-Plan

The Hungarian version of the ATMO-Plan tool works with data from 2018

MEASUREMENTS

- Data from Hungarian NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} monitoring stations to feed RIO

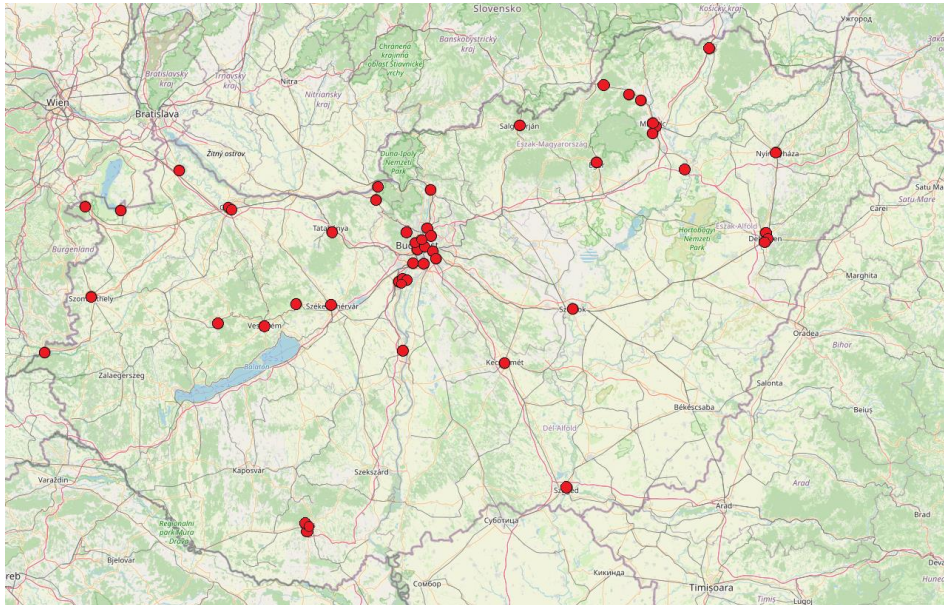
MOBILITY DATA

- Road network and fleet from national and municipal databases

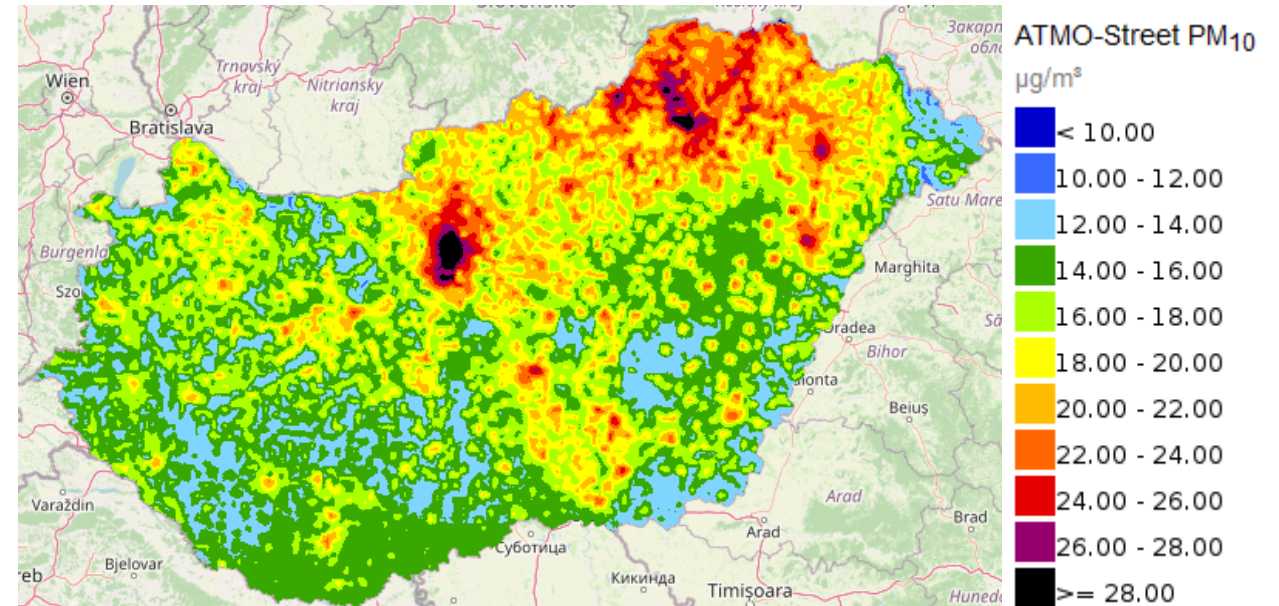
EMISSIONS

- Gridded PM and NO₂ emissions from different types of heating appliances

Hungarian PM₁₀ stations within ATMO-Plan



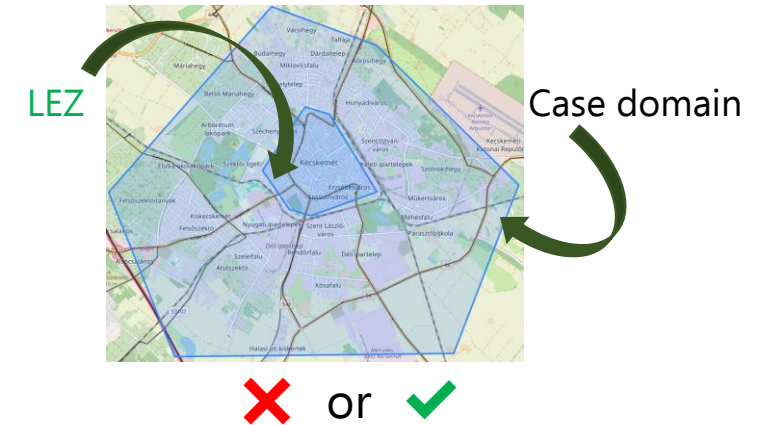
PM₁₀ concentration map made with RIO



The traffic module of ATMO-Plan

Type of measures can be:

- Setting up a Low Emission Zone (LEZ)
- Modifying the number of cars passing a given road
- Decreasing or increasing the speed limit of a road
- Adding or removing road segments from the network



Road segment informations

Traffic count

- Yearly total number of:
 - bus
 - car
 - high duty vehicle
 - low duty vehicle

Segment properties

- speed limit (km/h)
- height (m)
- road type (urban; rural; highway)

Transport **emissions are calculated** by the FASTRACE model

LEZ Configuration

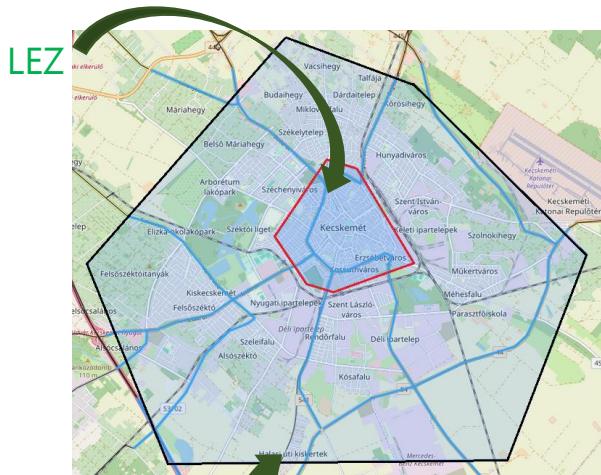
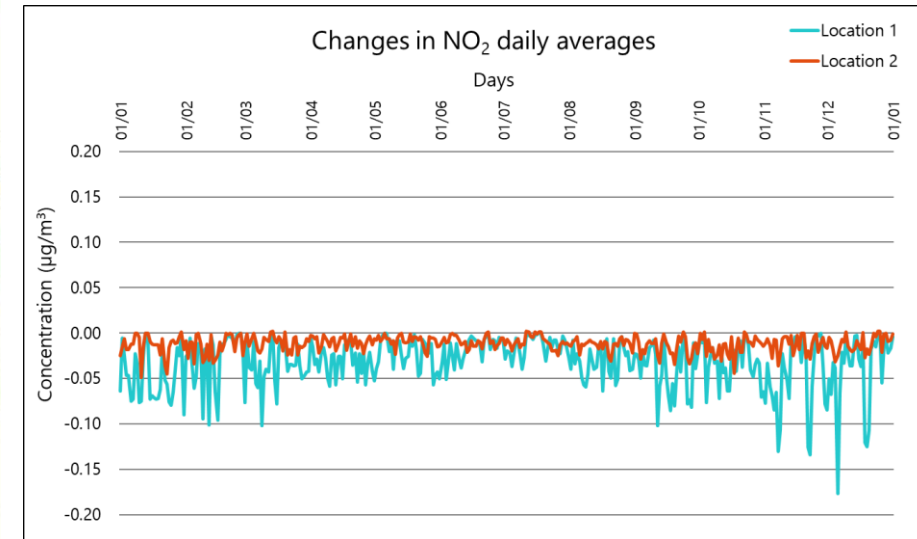
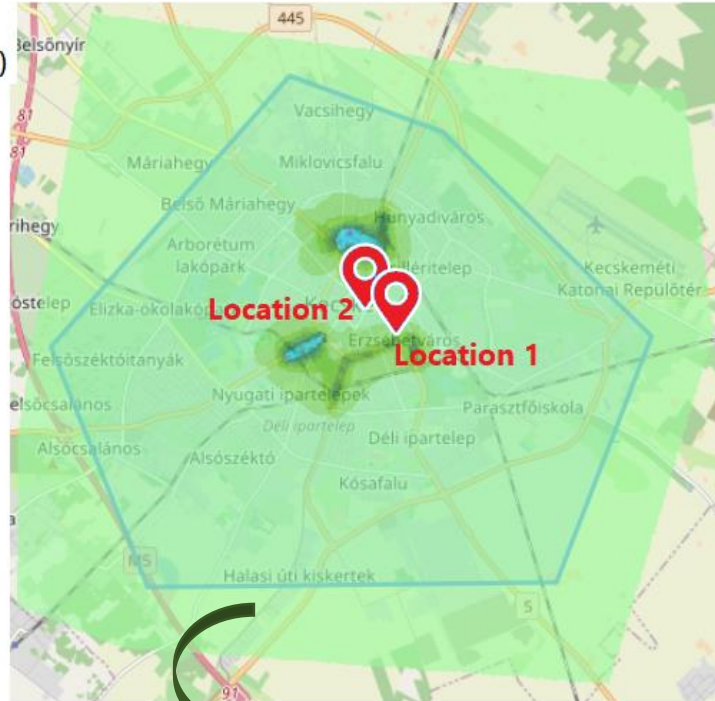
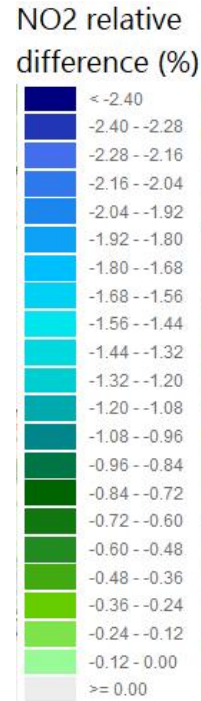
Vehicle type	Emission	Fuel
Bus	Conventional (pre Euro 1)	Diesel
Heavy Duty Truck	EEV	CNG
L-Category	Euro 1	Petrol
Light Commercial Vehicle	Euro 2	Diesel Hybrid CS
Passanger Car	Euro 3	Petrol Hybrid CS
	Euro 4	Electric
	Euro 5	LPG
	Euro 6	Petrol Hybrid PHEV
	PRE ECE	
	Euro 6D	
	Euro 6DT	

$$Emission(pol, h, d, m) = TF(h, d, m) \times \sum_{vt, sp} EF(vt, sp, pol) \times kms(vt, sp)$$



Setting up a Low Emission Zone inside Kecskemét

We created a Low Emission Zone within the city and **banned the diesel buses and heavy duty trucks** from entering this zone.



Case domain

Changes in yearly averages

! Very few roads available in the city center

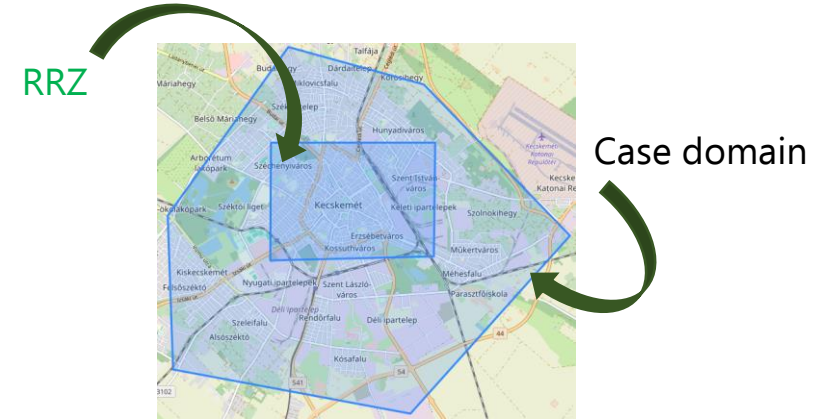


The residential heating module of ATMO-Plan

Type of measures can be:

- Energy efficiency improvements in buildings
- Modernisation of heating equipment
- Replacement of heating equipment or fuel

Definition of a Residential Restriction Zone



No calculation of emissions from residential heating!

Multiple emission maps inside ATMO-Plan

- 1 map/appliance/fuel/dwelling/pollutant
- sum: total emission/year of a pollutant

Scenario = scaling of total emission map and/or individual maps

Residential Restriction Zone configuration			
Pollutant	Dwelling	Fuel	Appliance
NO ₂	Apartment	Biomass	Boiler
PM	Family house	Coal	Stove
		Gas	

$$\text{Scenario emission map} = (\text{Energy efficiency measure}) \times [\text{map1} \times \text{reduction factor1} + \text{map2} \times \text{reduction factor2} + \dots + \text{mapN} \times \text{reduction factorN}]$$

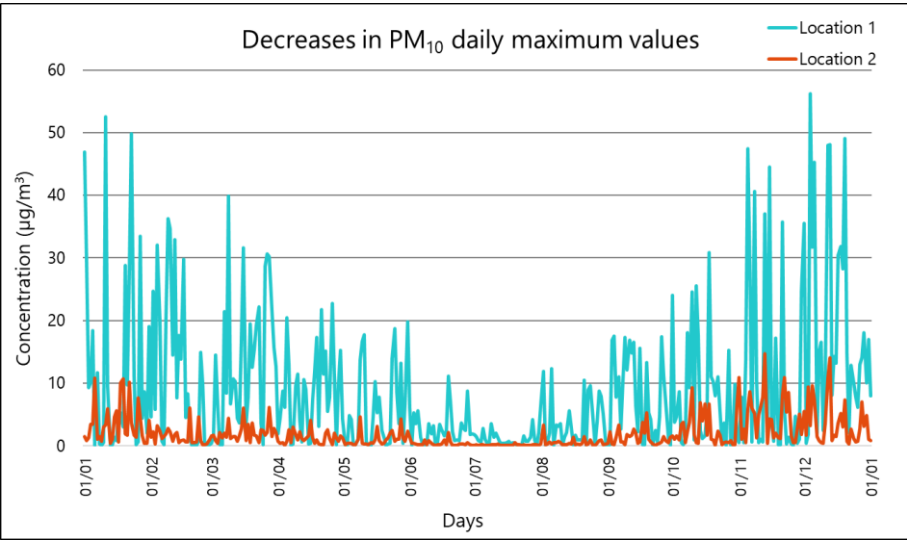
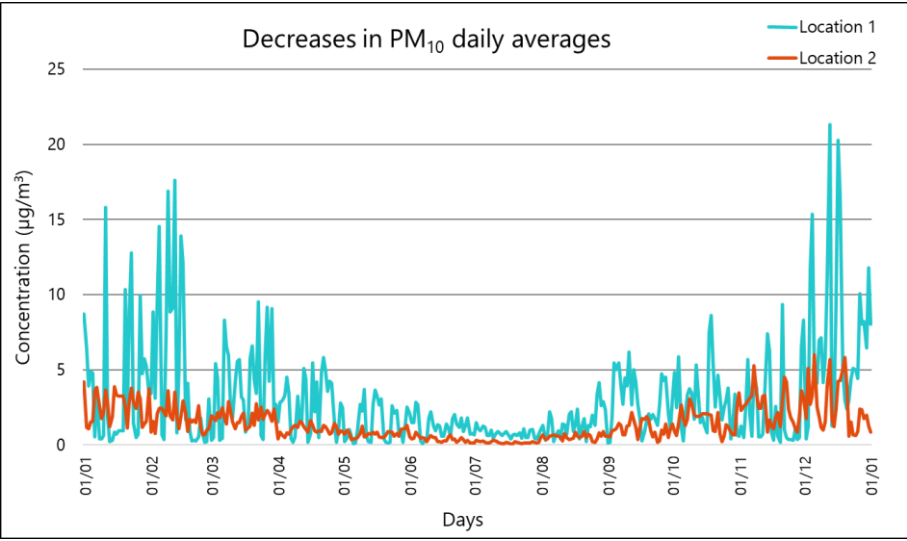
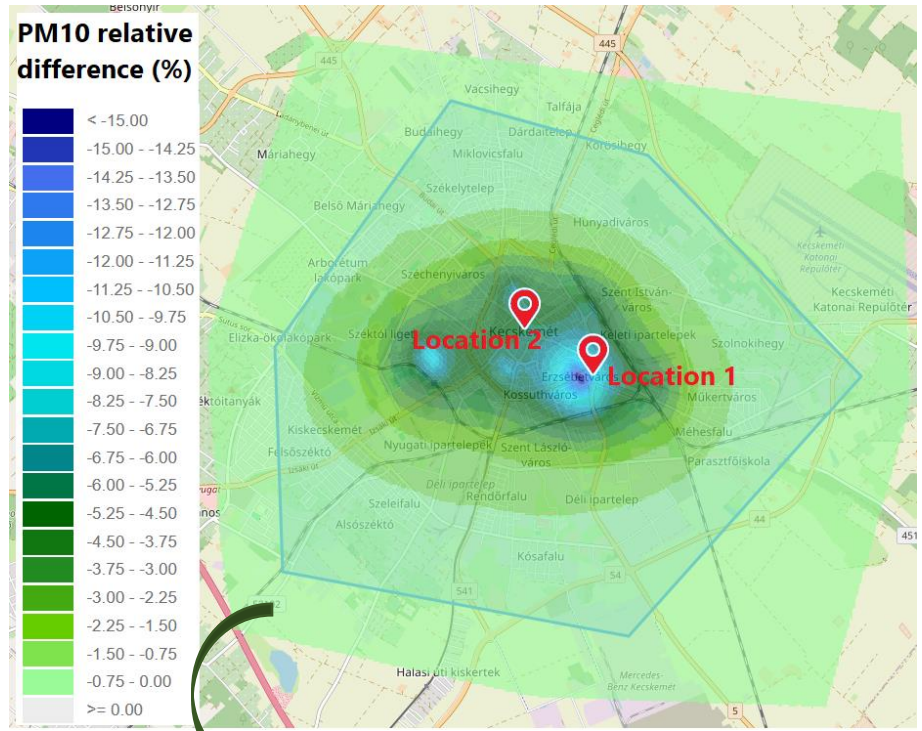
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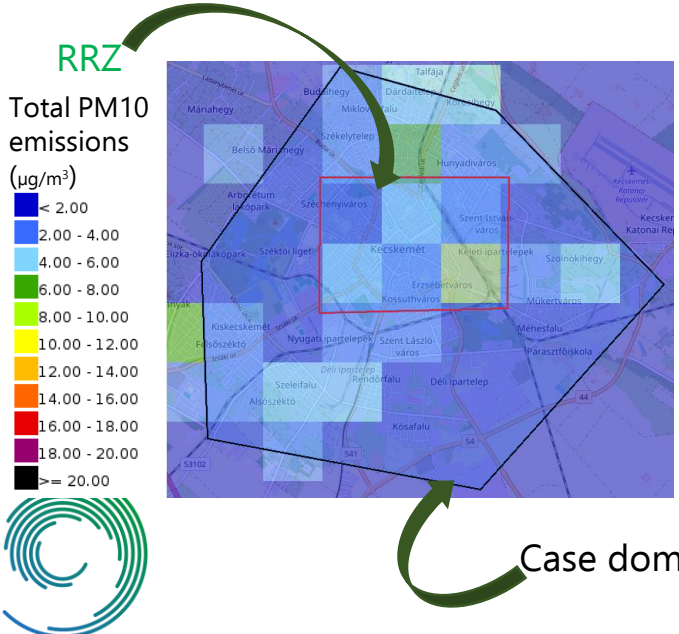
Setting up a Residential Restriction Zone inside Kecskemét

We defined a zone in the city where we replaced 75% of biomass stoves and boilers with gas and 5% with non-combustible appliances.



Changes in yearly averages

Exceedances of 50 µg/m ³ limit value of PM ₁₀	Location 1	Location 2
Base	38	30
Scenario	28	25



Challenges

- Number of measurement sites with accurate data

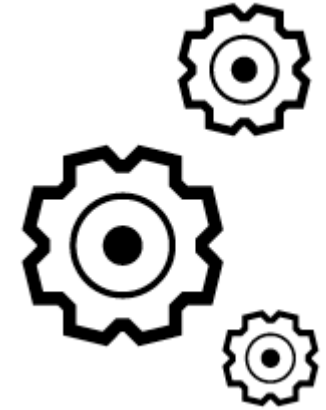
- Find best setup within RIO to give the closest approximation to reality

- Lack of mobility data inside some cities

- Translate measures into numerical values

- The calculation is for a whole year; it can't be run over a short period of time

Reliable baseline runs



Using additional information:

- Traffic model
- Source-apportionment

Scaling of residential emissions:

- Excel table to help set the values (takes into account the changes in emission factors)
- maximum allowed 0–200%
 - Above 200%: Further calculation in a GIS software

Measures during episode situations can't be tested



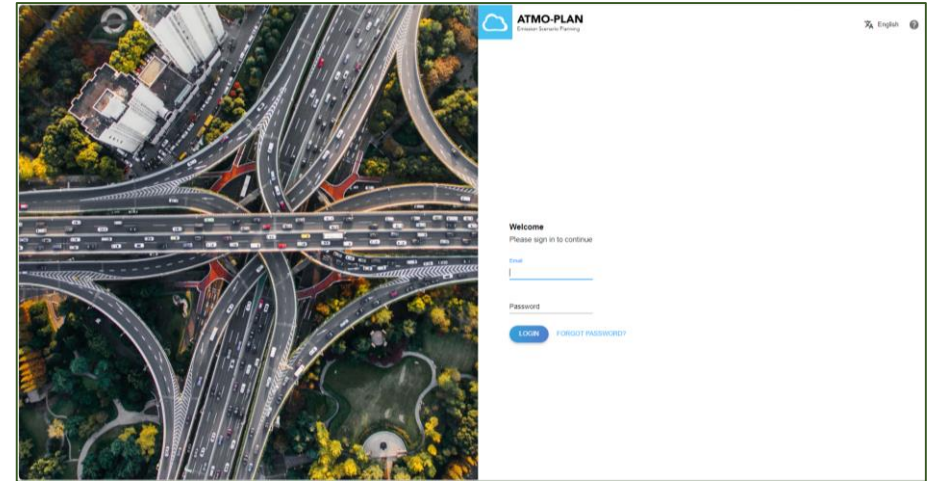
Conclusions

ATMO-Plan:

- air quality planning application with two main moduls: traffic and residential heating

The implementation of the ATMO-Plan application greatly advanced the air quality management in Hungary

- translation into Hungarian
- continuous training courses
- Hungarian documentation



Eco-managers: share experiences, feedback



In the future, we would like to change the base year for the calculations and supplement the model with additional mobility data.



Thank you for your attention!

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