

Pollutants trend in Rijeka

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DATA COLLECTION

Data collection started on March 1st 2018 and is still running. Pollution data collected until the end of the ECOMOBILITY project (30th September 2019) in Rijeka are presented and discussed in this report. Data were collected from five monitoring stations run by the regional Teaching Institute of Public Health, hosting at the same time the Environmental Health Department of the Faculty of Medicine - University of Rijeka. The selected stations¹ were three urban stations: Site 1- the Institute building, urban background, Site 2- new station, urban traffic located in the harbor area, Site 3- urban residential; Site 4 – industrial station, Site 5- residential in proximity of industrial and Site 6 – background, but in proximity (1 km away) of the regional municipal waste treatment plant. Site 7 (Bakar) was added for

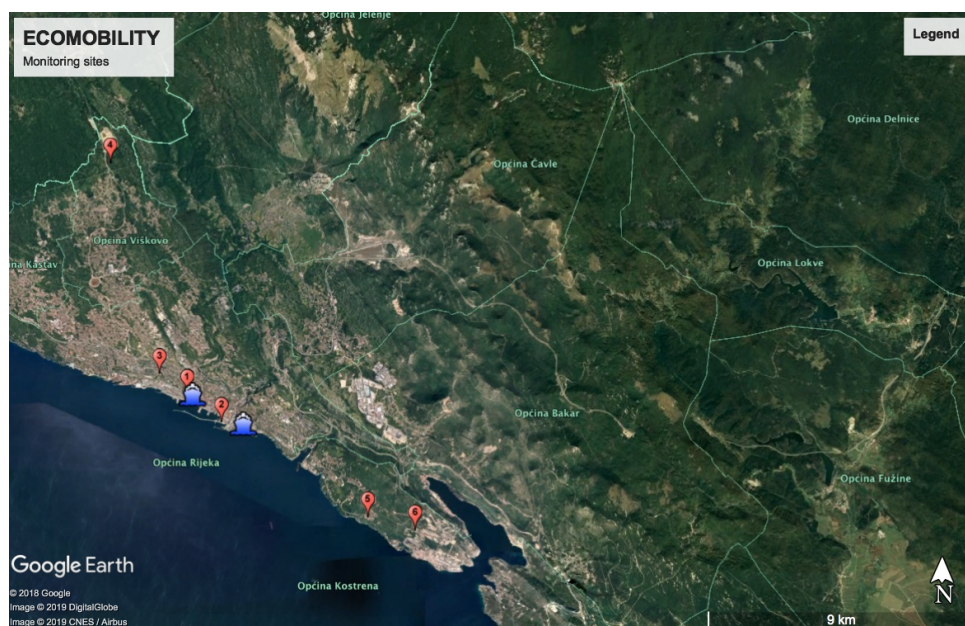


Figure 1: Monitoring sites selected for tge implementation of the project

Comparative purposes. The parameters collected from the monitoring stations are reported in Table 1. Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter below 10 μm (PM₁₀) were chosen as parameters monitored to create the supporting intelligent traffic management system, in common with the city of Venice). Thus the discussion will focus only on concentration data of NO₂ and PM₁₀.

¹deliverable "Common and harmonized data collection", act 4.1

Table 1. List of parameters collected at monitoring stations.

Station	Type	Parameters measured
1. Krešimirova st.(ZZJZ)	Urban background	SO ₂ , NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ , T, RH, Wdir, Ws
2. Senj pear (Harbour)	traffic	NO ₂ , O ₃ , PM ₁₀
3. Trogirska St. (Mlaka)	residential	SO ₂ , NO ₂ , O ₃ , CO
4. Urinj (Inžinjering)	Industrial	SO ₂ , H ₂ S,NO ₂ , NH ₃ , PM ₁₀ , CO, Bz
5. Paveki	residential	SO ₂ , H ₂ S,NO ₂ , O ₃ , PM ₁₀ , CO, Bz
6. Mariščina	background	H ₂ S, R-SH, NO ₂ , NH ₃ , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
7. Bakar	industrial	PM ₁₀

NO₂: nitrogen dioxide; NH₃ – ammonia; PM₁₀:particulate matter <10 µm; PM_{2.5}:-particulate matter <2.5 µm; O₃: ozone; CO:carbon monoxide; SO₂ : sulphur dioxide; H₂S: hydrogen sulphide, RSH: mercaptans, Bz: benzene; T: temperature; RH: relative humidity; WPV: wind prevalent velocity; WPD: wind prevalent direction.

Hourly data were collected from all monitoring station for all analysed parameters. Software package ENVIMAN (Opsis, Sweden) was used for data elaboration.

Station 2 was purchased for this project. Due to long period for public procurement, the monitoring station was delivered only at the end of May, but due to some initial problems the currently available data analysed in this report are those for the period September 14th to December 3rd 2019.

GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF POLLUTANTS

The average NO₂ concentration of the whole period (March 2018 to September 2019) at two urban sites (Krešimirova ul. and Trogirska ul.) are approx. the same, 25 and 23 µg/m³ for hourly-NO₂, while in suburban and industrial sites these values are lower (and 12 and 9 µg/m³, respectively). The average concentrations of daily PM₁₀ in the same period are 24 and 23 µg/m³ for urban (Krešimirova) and suburban (Mariščina) sites, while these values are lower in industrial site Urinj (15 µg/m³) in the Rijeka suburban area, but not that much in another harbor area Bakar (20 µg/m³) where bulk cargo is reloaded. approx. The highest measured concentrations were 140 µg/m³ for 1-hour concentration at urban site Trogirska St (18/10/2018. at 6 PM) and 109 µg/m³ for daily PM₁₀ (16/4/2018 at 0 AM) at suburban site (Mariščina). On the other hand, maximum hourly PM₁₀ concentration is measured at urban site Krešimirova st. (476 µg/m³ on 29/08/2018. at 12 AM).

Distribution of NO₂ concentrations, including average value, minimum and maximum concentration of the given period at four monitoring stations are shown in Fig.2.

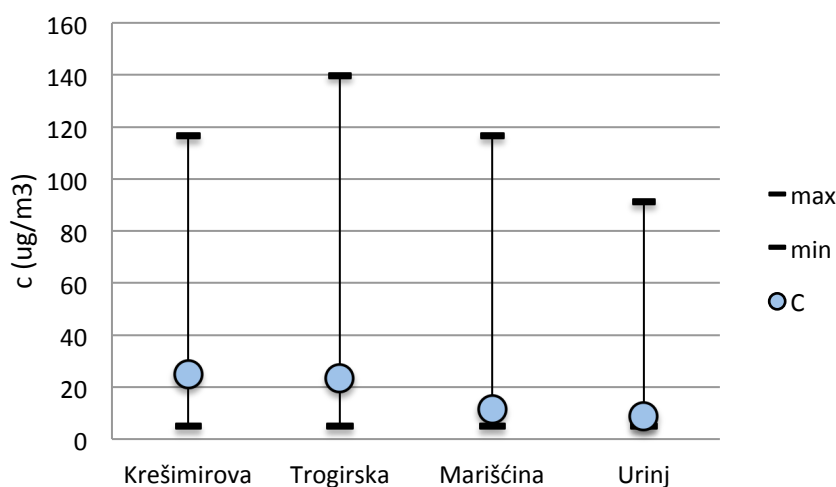


Figure 2: Distribution of NO₂ at four monitoring stations during the period March 2018-September 2019.

In spite of low NO₂ concentration measured, higher levels in urban area shows impact of road traffic. In the period studied no exceedance of hourly limit value (200 µg/m³) was observed. 98th percentile,

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i.e. the value below which 98% of measured results are found (excluding 2% of maxima) were 74 and 86 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for two urban sites, respectively Trogirsk st. and Krešimirova st., and considerably lower for remote Marišćina (44 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and industrial sites Urinj (38 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)-

Descriptive statistics, e.g. average value, minimum and maximum for PM_{10} at four monitoring sites is given in Fig. 3.

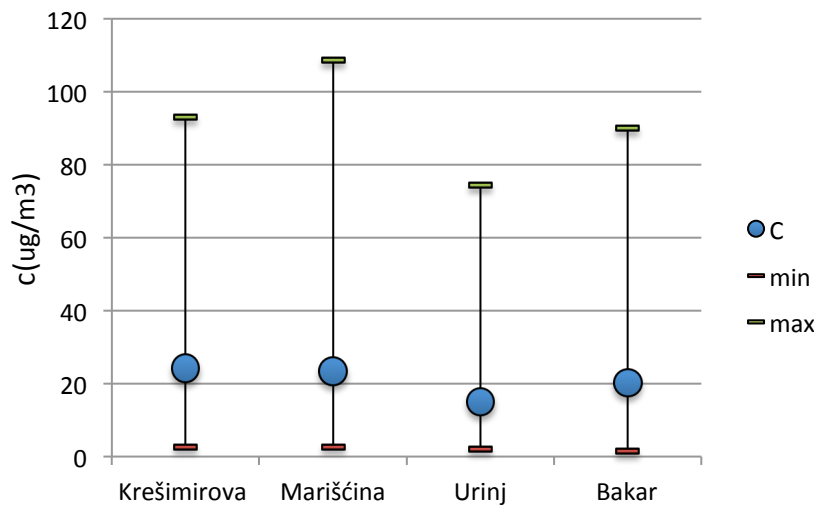


Figure 3: Distribution of PM_{10} at four monitoring stations during the period March 2018-September 2019.

The average daily PM_{10} concentration in three of fourth sites are in the close range between 20-24 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, but for different reasons: road traffic in urban site (Krešimirova St.), construction works carried out in suburban site (Marišćina) and dust emission from bulk reload in industrial/harbor site Bakar, taken here for comparative reasons. The industrial site Urinj has a lower mean (15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) as petroleum refinery is not a significant source of airborne particulates. 98th percentile is approx. 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at urban Krešimirova St. and industrial Bakar site, at the suburban site Marišćina this value is higher (72 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) due to already mentioned construction works. The lowest C_{98} value is obtained in industrial site Urinj (33 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

Time series of daily average PM_{10} concentrations at four monitoring sites: Marišćina, Urinj, Bakar and Krešimirova St. are given in Fig.4.

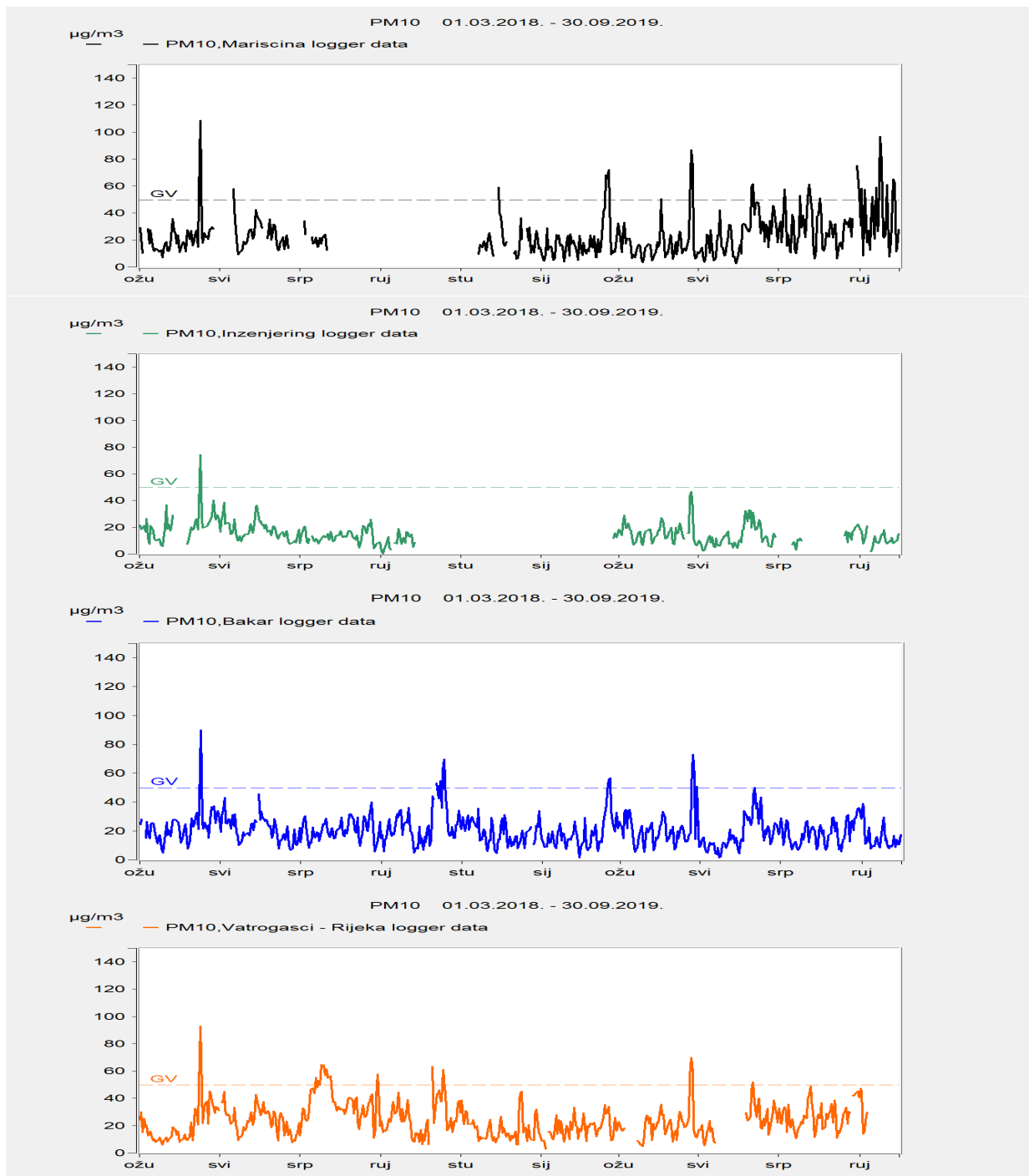


Figure 4. Daily average PM₁₀ concentration during the period March 2018 - September 2019.

The limit value for PM₁₀ is 50 µg/m³ as daily average² and can be exceeded no more than 35 times per year. The number of these exceedances are reported in Table 2. Number of exceedances are <35, as

Table 2. Number of exceedances of PM₁₀ of the daily law limit. In red the number of exceedances above the law limit

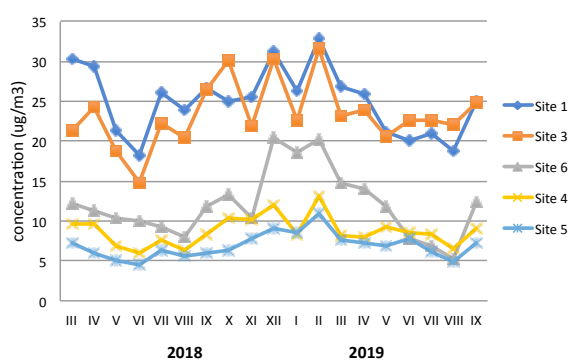
Station	Mar-Dec 2018	Jan-Sept 2019
Krešimirova St.	14	4
Mariščina	4	25
Urinj	1	0
Bakar	5	6

regulated by the Croatian directive (equal to the corresponding EU document). Though there are just few exceedances in Urinj and Bakar, the situation is changed in Krešimirova, reducing the number of exceedances in period Jan-Sept, while at Mariščina this number is increased. Both sites have the same sources of elevated particulate pollution: the construction works.

CHRONOLOGICAL TREND

The monthly trend of monitored pollutants for the period studied is shown in Fig.5. Both NO₂ and PM₁₀ behave differently: a higher concentration of NO₂ has been measured in urban areas (Site 1 and 2), in

a.



b.

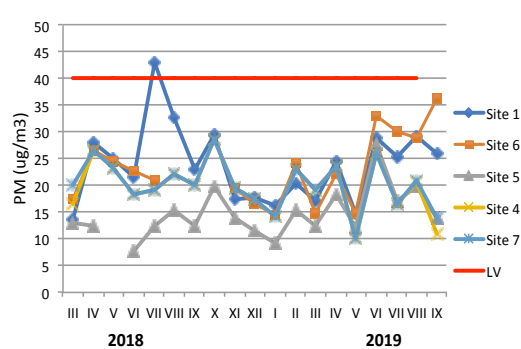


Figure 5. NO₂ (a) and PM₁₀ (b) monthly average concentration in the period March 2018 - September 2019.

winter months, while monthly means show higher values in summer months in all sites. Unlike NO₂,

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there is no difference in PM₁₀ monthly profiles between urban and suburban sites.

Seasonal diurnal profiles are also different (Fig.6).

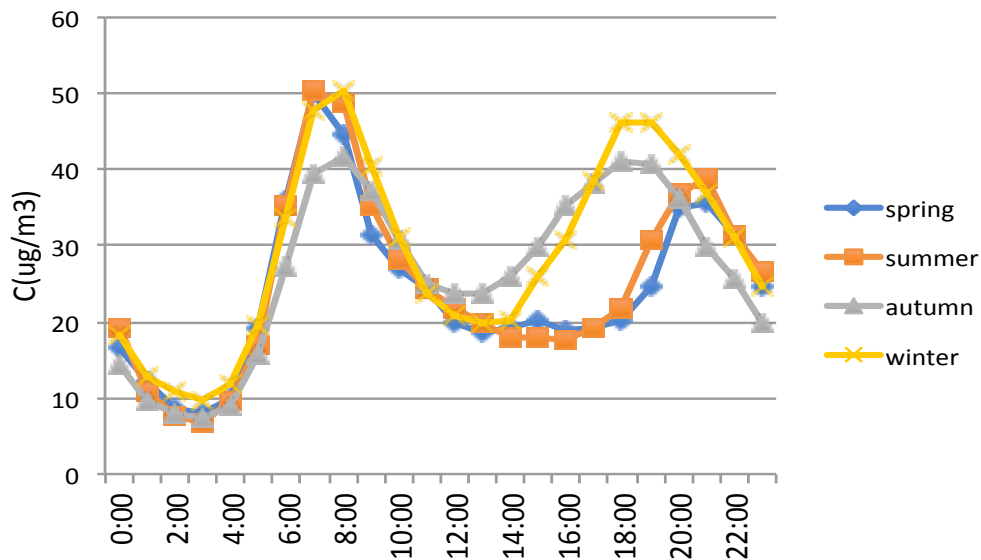


Figure 6. Diurnal concentration of NO₂ in spring and summer at urban site Krešimirova St

Diurnal NO₂ concentration for urban site Krešimirova ul. shows typical bimodal curve with morning and evening maxima during rush hours. The morning profile maxima for three seasons overlap at 7AM, except in autumn when it is somewhat lower (maybe due to rainy weather in autumn). Contrary to morning maximum, the evening one at 9 PM overlaps in spring and summer, and is probably connected to increased traffic in evening hours, but also photochemical cycle during daylight. This maximum is shifted to 6 PM in autumn and winter, and might be connected to domestic heating in early evening.

The situation is different with PM₁₀, whose diurnal profile per season is given in Figure 7. Unlike other cities where PM₁₀ is maximal in the heating season in winter, the concentrations of PM₁₀ are the highest in summer and lowest in winter. The reason for such a profile could be the extended construction works in the vicinity, but also frequent Saharan dust episodes observed in 2018. Autumn and winter diurnal profiles are similar to that of NO₂, indicating the same sources, mainly traffic and domestic heating.

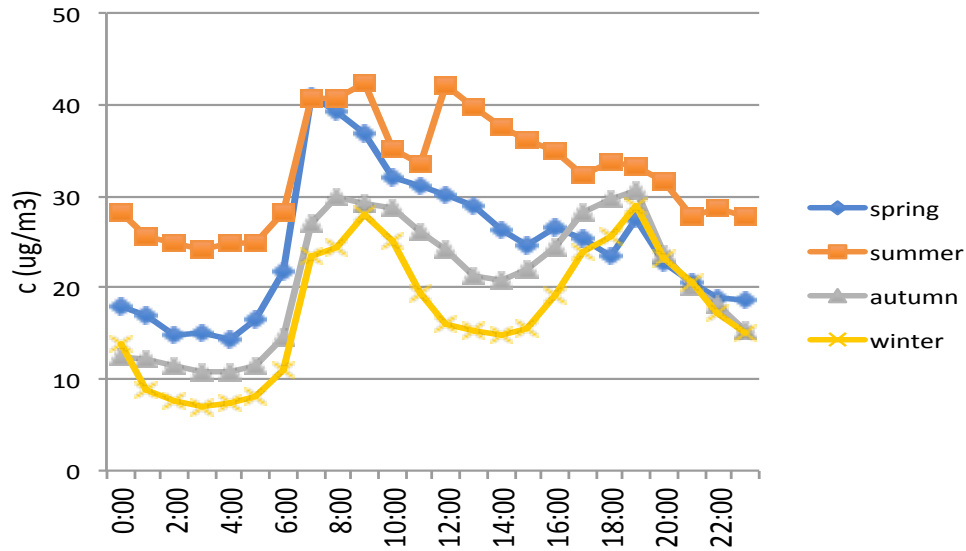


Figure 7. Diurnal concentration of PM₁₀ at urban site Krešimirova St

Diurnal concentrations of NO₂ and PM₁₀ over the whole period studied at four different monitoring stations are given in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9.

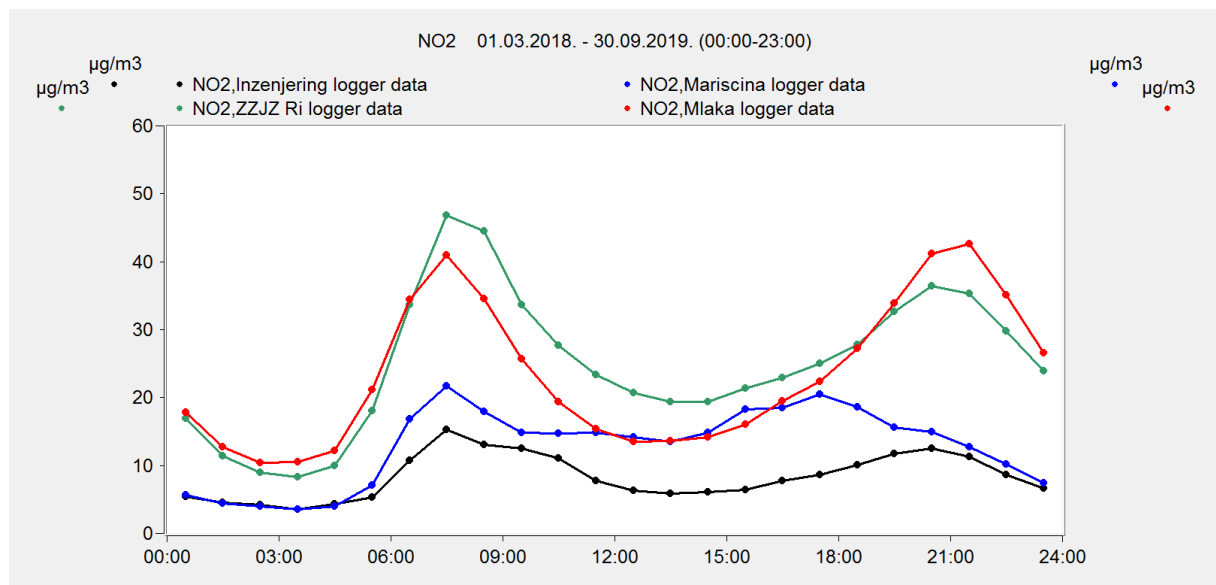


Figure 8. Diurnal concentration of PNO₂ at two urban sites (Krešimirova St - ZZJZ and Trogiraska St.- Mlaka), a suburban (Marišćina) and an industrial site (Urinj-Inženjering)

As expected, the two urban sites show higher NO_2 concentrations, but with slightly different diurnal profiles: at urban background site Krešimirova St (ZZJZ) the morning maximum (7 AM, up to $45 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) is slightly higher than the evening one (9 PM, up to $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), while at residential site Trogirska St. (Mlaka) the situation is just opposite, presumably due to meteorological conditions due to complex orography.

The profile concentrations are 2-3 times lower ($10\text{-}20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) at suburban and industrial sites, with still visible morning and evening maxima. Though, the diurnal profile at suburban site located at 450 m asl appear at 6 PM, presumably due to being under strong impact of land-sea circulation that starts around 6 PM.

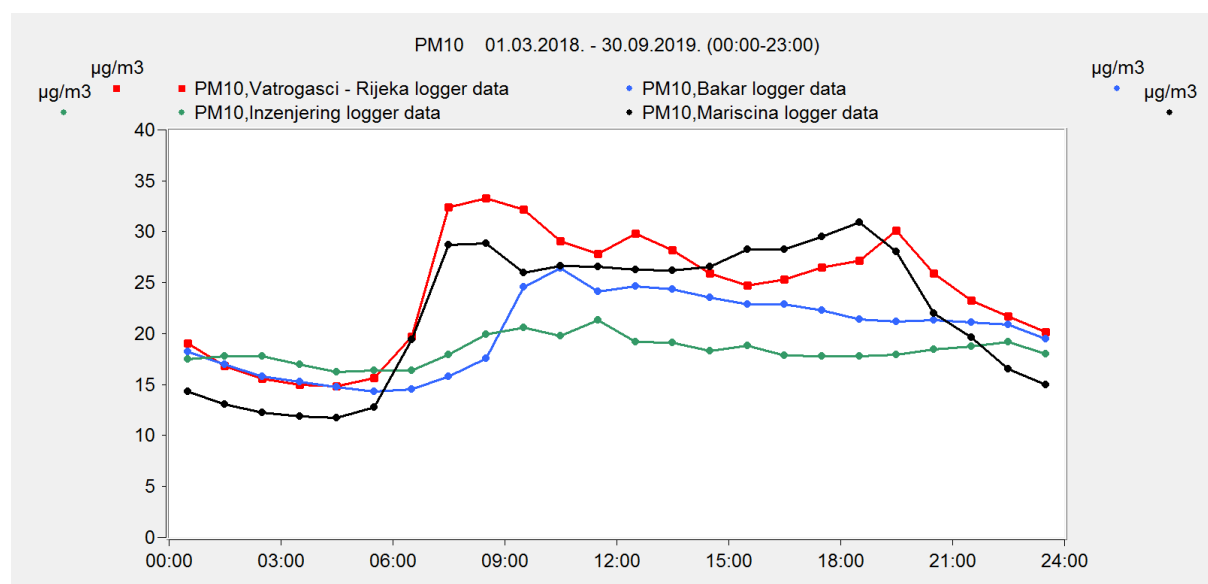


Figure 9. Diurnal concentration of PM_{10} at an urban site (Krešimirova St), a suburban (Mariščina) and two industrial site (Urinj-Inženjering, Bakar)

The PM_{10} diurnal profile for the whole period studied (March 2018-September 2019) shows a rise in PM_{10} (up to $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) in morning hours (6-7 AM) at urban and suburban site coinciding with start of the activities, and maintaining this level until 6-7 PM at suburban Mariščina (due to land-sea breeze) and 8 PM at urban site Krešimirova when most of commercial activity stops. The profile is different for industrial site Bakar, probably connected to the reloading process starting about 9 AM, and slightly diminishing the whole day. Industrial site Urinj shows practically no trend, since the petroleum refinery is not significant emitter of particulates.

The weekly profile shows an expected decrease in concentrations during Saturday and Sunday, for both NO₂ and PM₁₀ (Fig. 10-Fig.11.).

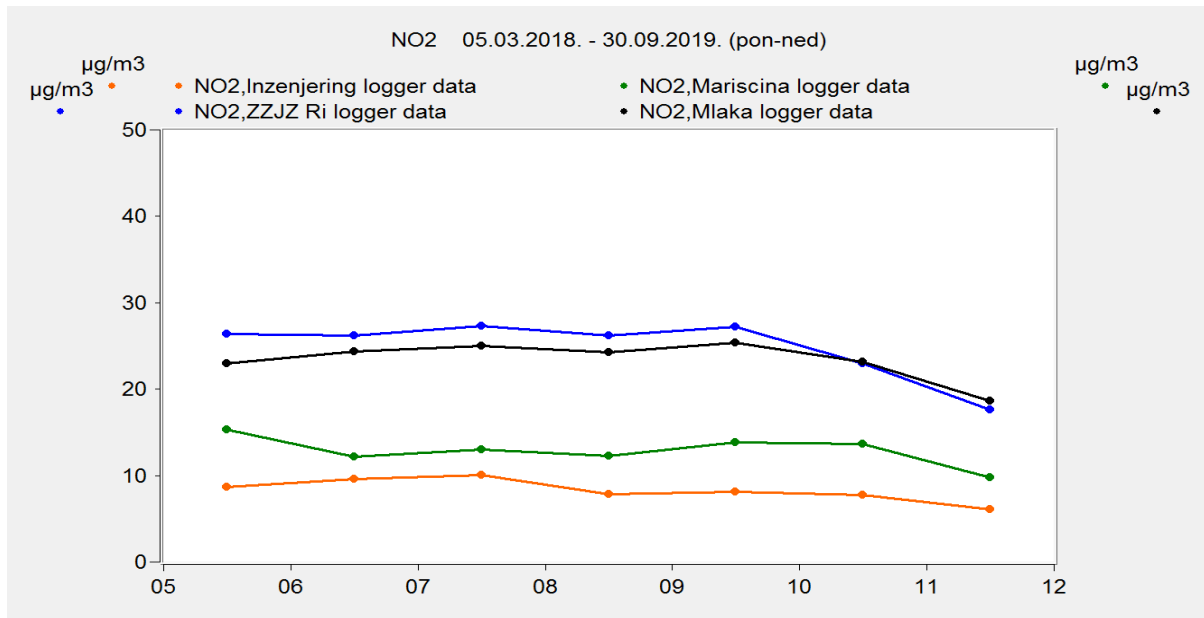


Figure 10. Average daily concentrations of NO₂ during t a week at two urban sites (Krešimirova St and Trogiraska St-Mlaka), a suburban (Mariščina) and an industrial site (Urinj-Inženjering)

Thus the weekly profile of NO₂ distinguish the behaviour of two urban sites (Krešimirova – ZZJZ and Trogiraska- Mlaka) with an average daily concentrations of approx. 25 µg/m³ from Monday to Friday, declining to approx. 20 µg/m³ on Saturday and approx. 20 µg/m³ on Sunday. Suburban site Mariščina shows a different profile with highest mean daily concentration of 15 µg/m³ obtained on Monday, with a slight decrease on Tuesday and keeping that level until Saturday, and a final decrease to approx. 10 µg/m³ on Sunday. Such a profile is correlated to the nearby activity of the solid waste treatment plant, that does not work on Sunday, and therefore more traffic with solid waste is expected on Monday.

There is almost no trend in NO₂ concentrations at the industrial site Urinj-Inženjering (daily average < 10 µg/m³), since the facilities are constantly working during a week.

Similar situation is found with weekly profiles of PM₁₀. The average daily concentrations were approx.. 25 µg/m³ at urban (Krešimirova—ZZJZ) and suburban siites (Mariščina) from Monday to Friday subsequent to a slight decrease since Saturday (Mariščina) and Sunday (Krešimirova st.).

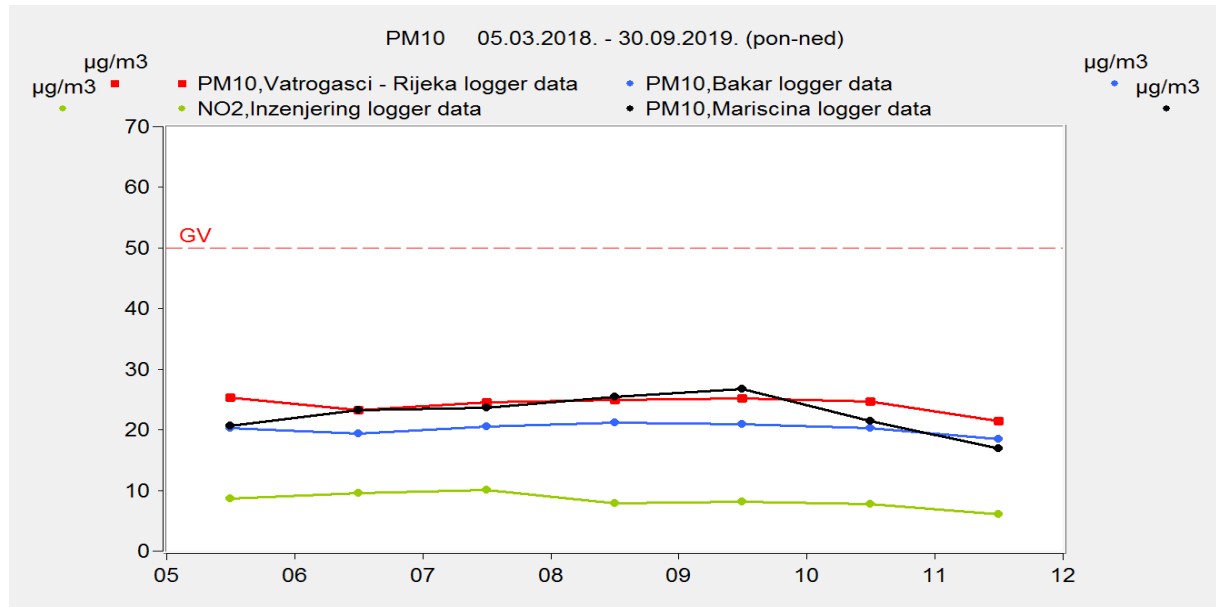


Figure 11. Average daily concentrations during a week at an urban site (Krešimirova St), a suburban (Mariščina) and two industrial site (Urinj-Inženjering, Bakar)

No trend is found in daily concentrations of PM₁₀ (20 µg/m³) at industrial site Bakar, while very slight declining trend (from 8 to 5 µg/m³) is noticed at industrial site Urinj (Inženjering).

RESULTS FROM THE NEW MONITORING STATION

Implementation of ECOMOBILITY project included establishing a new monitoring station in the passenger port area, at the Harbourmasters' Office. For this purpose the City of Rijeka purchased a new compact monitoring system Air Pointer (Recordum, Austria) that contained NO₂, O₃ and PM analysers with complete meteorological sensors. Due to long public procurement procedure, the monitoring system was installed only at the end of May, but due to some technical troubles the transfer to Venice was realized only in mid September. This is the first evaluation of air quality data collected in the passenger harbour area. The monitoring system is located at the terrace of the Harbourmasters' Office building (Fig 12), between the container and passenger area.



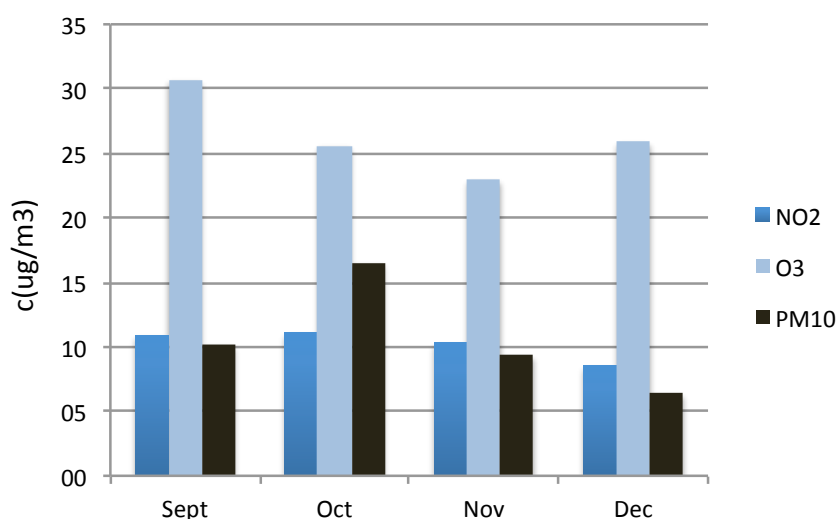
Figure 12. Compact monitoring system (Air Pointer, Recordum, Austria) used to monitor NO₂, PM₁₀ and O₃ in the harbour area

The results analysed comprise the period of September 14th to December 3rd, 2019. Hourly data of given parameters are analysed and presented in Table 3.

Table 3.: First results of monitoring air quality within Rijeka passenger port

Time unit (N)		Parameters c (ug/m3)			
month	h	NO2	O3	PM10	T (oC)
September	400	10,9	30,7	10,2	20,1
October	744	11,1	25,6	16,5	17,3
November	720	10,3	23,0	9,3	13,8
December	75	8,5	25,9	6,4	2,7
Total		10,6	25,7	12,2	16,3
max		71,8	63,1	65,6	28,2
exceedances		no	no	no	

Average concentrations of all three parameters monitored over the whole period are rather low. The mean concentration of NO₂ is 10,5 µg/m³ (monthly range 10,3-11,1 µg/m³), while the maximum


Figure 13. Monthly average concentration NO₂, PM₁₀ and O₃ at new monitoring Site 2 in the port area

hourly value of 71,8 µg/m³ is below the hourly limit value of 200 µg/m³. Mean PM₁₀ concentration of the whole period is 12,2 µg/m³ (9,3-16,5 µg/m³), at the same level as NO₂. The highest hourly concentration is 65,6 µg/m³, but measured on 28/10/2019, when the daily concentration was 24,4 µg/m³, below the daily limit value (50 µg/m³). Both PM₁₀ and NO₂ concentrations are about the half of the values registered in heavy traffic urban streets. Therefore we need more monitoring within the

wide and open harbor areas. On the other site, concentration of O₃ is similar to that measured earlier in the city center. Hourly values of NO₂, PM₁₀ and O₃ are given in Fig.14. The wind rose made upon

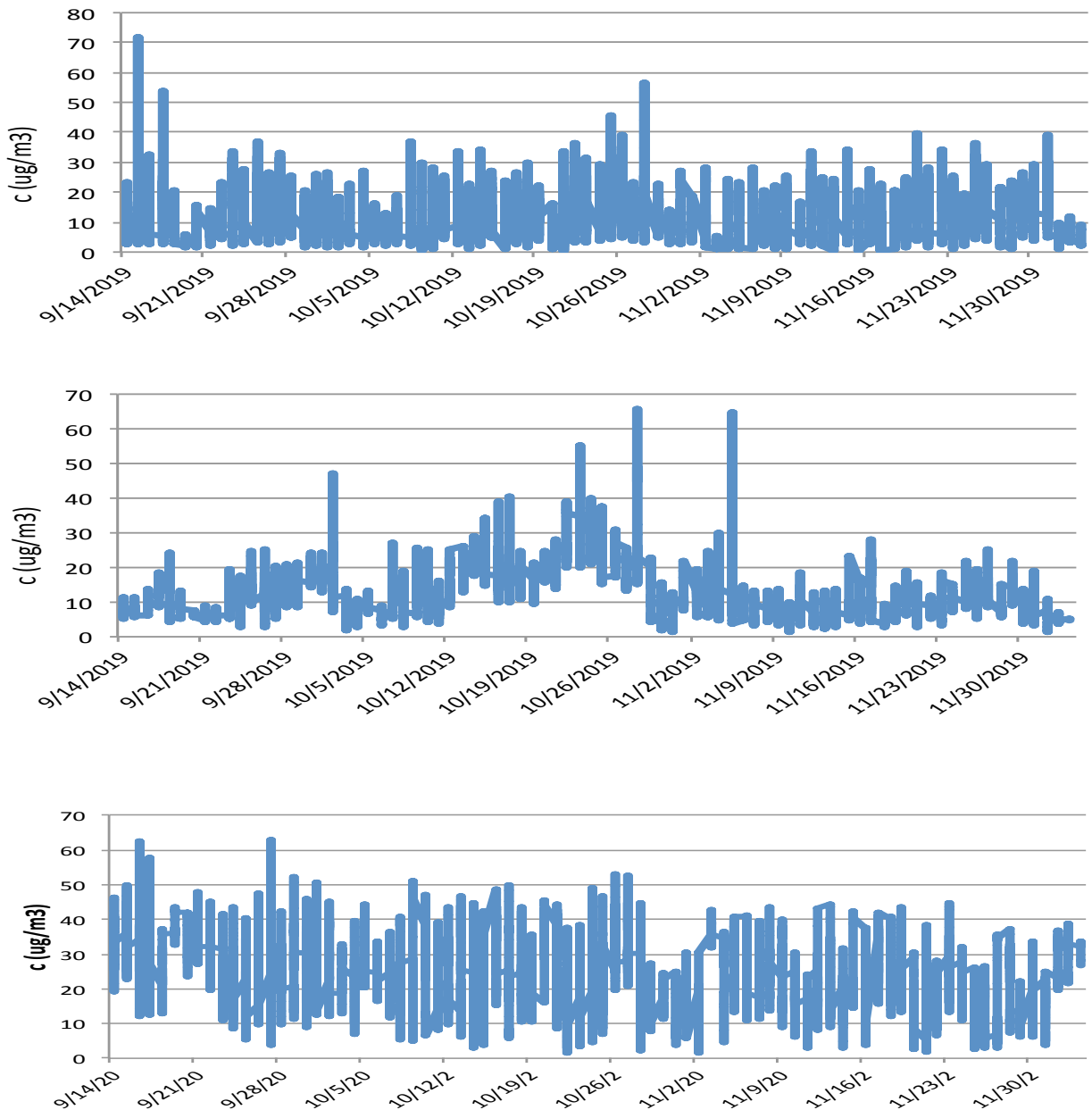


Figure 14. Time-series of hourly concentration of NO₂, PM₁₀ and O₃

first results on the new monitoring site indicated the domination of east winds (Fig.15), NE with higher frequency but low velocity blowing in direction land-sea, and stronger E-SE winds from the harbor area and sea thus justifying the lower concentration of pollutants, already diluted above sea surface.

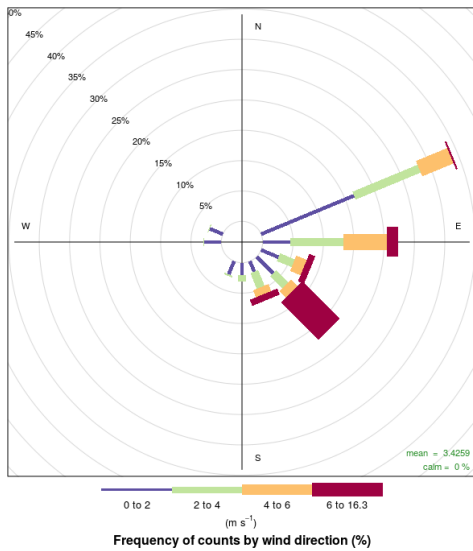


Figure 15: Wind rose for the new monitoring site in the harbor area

The cpf function obtained from the respective 75%- percentile indicated major sources of monitored pollutants (Fig.16). While the source of PM₁₀ is principally container harbor Brajdica (ESE), other directions indicates the nearby Porto Baros. The situation is different with NO₂, with significant

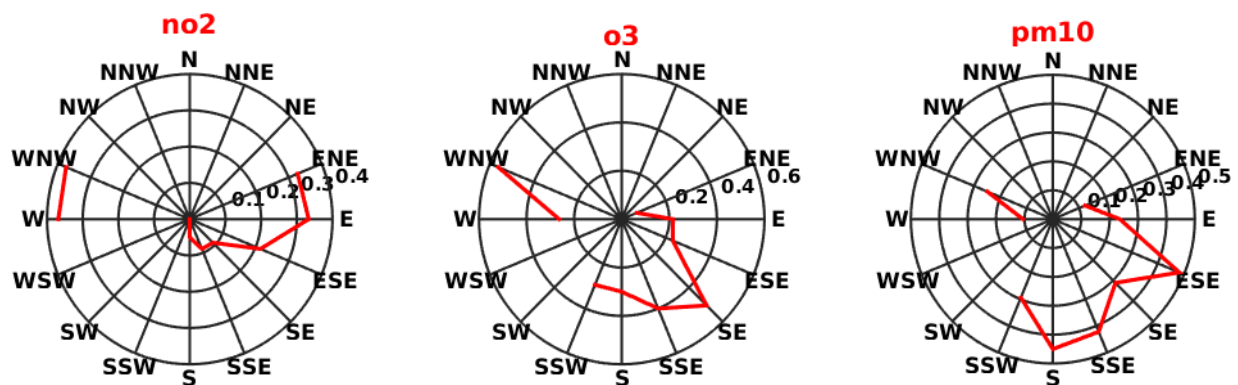


Figure 16: Cpf functions of monitoring pollutants at the new monitoring site in the harbor area

contribution from ENE-E sector. This could be attributed to road traffic, but also to air mass circulation in the Rijeka bay. The situation is different with ozone, a secondary pollutant, coming mostly from the sea surface level, but also from the WNW direction that was detected in the city center, and attributed either to local air mass circulation in the Kvarner bay area, or even transboundary transport.

These are preliminary results for the harbor area, and it would be highly advisable to include this station in the local Air Quality Monitoring Network