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APICE  
**approach**

# 1. The project

Harbours represent a significant potential for the economic development all over the Mediterranean basin, but they also have a potential negative environmental impact due to multiple emission sources.

The presence of competing activities in coastal areas can lead to potential conflicts which need to be managed by the institutional actors.

APICE - Common Mediterranean strategy and local practical Actions for the mitigation of Port, Industries and Cities Emissions – proposes a decision-making approach that assumes the impact of air pollution sources as driver for the coast management in port-cities. This model is based on a strong coordination of environmental and spatial planning policies, aiming to curb emissions and preserving economic potentialities of port-cities.

Project official web site: [www.apice-project.eu](http://www.apice-project.eu)

## APICE:

- funded by the European Program for Territorial Cooperation MED 2007/2013 ([www.programmemed.eu](http://www.programmemed.eu))
- implementation period: June 2010 – February 2013 (33 months).
- total project budget: 2.271.420,00 EUR

## Objectives

The **general objective** of APICE is to pinpoint concrete actions to lowering emissions and mitigate air pollution in harbour cities, while preserving economic potentialities of coastal areas. Focus of the project analysis is the contribution of harbour activity sources to aerosol pollutions. Five of the Northern Mediterranean harbour cities are represented in the Project, from East to West: Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa, Venice and Thessaloniki. For each “study” area both scientific and policies issues are taken into account, through the participation of one “scientific” and one “institutional” partner dealing with planning topics. This vision enforces one of the basic concepts of Integrated Management of Coastal Zones (ICZM): integration among disciplines. Only including both expertises a truly holistic approach towards management can be achieved. The objectives pursued by APICE are strongly connected with the overall objectives of Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies, aiming at strengthen the dynamism of European competitiveness whilst ensuring social cohesion and sustainable development, and with the MED Operational Programme 2007-2013. With reference to the environmental challenges and its relationship with the maritime activities, APICE moves towards the reduction of the emissions from ships and port-based activities for the improvement of the air quality in the port-cities (relevant, above all, for the weakest part of population like children and aging people). In this framework, the Project also paves the way towards wider agreement between MED international ports, ship owners and public authorities to regulate ships emissions, with the concrete potential of contributing to a macro regional strategy in the MED area. The achievement of such environmental objective implicates public and private coordinated efforts to give coherence between environmental regulation and economic instruments, in line with the integrated coastal zones management, that are addressed not only to curb down emissions of maritime transports and industrial parks, but also at stimulating the economic potentialities and the competitiveness of the port-cities in the worldwide market.

In this context, three **specific objectives** of APICE have been defined.

First specific objective: “pinpointing, through monitoring campaigns and models, the relative contribution of several pollution sources to the air quality in the project harbour areas, understanding the differences and similarities among the selected areas, and designing future environmental, economic and urbanization policy-scenarios”



*The scientific knowledge of air pollution generated by port activities in the areas involved in the project is the basic concept of APICE. In response to this objective, the “APICE approach” outlines the knowledge acquired in the project in terms of measures of pollutants, modeling studies, literature data and compares the situation in the five port cities involved in the project.*

Second specific objective: “strengthen, through the use of spatial planning tools, the governance capacity across coastal areas to arbitrate between conflicting socio-economic and environmental interests by including the air-pollution analysis and the scenarios within the already existing Sectorial Plans, with the final aim of supporting the strategic choices of Regions, provinces and ports in terms of sustainable and integrated coast management”

*In response to this objective, the common transnational strategy was developed, as merging point of the scientific findings of the APICE approach with environmental, economic and urbanization trends in vulnerable MED areas and the platform for shared initiatives. The common transnational strategy aims at constituting a road map to develop a common Mediterranean path to curb emissions that is further articulated in local adaptation plans, according to a principle of environmental, economic and social sustainability*

Third specific objective: “facilitate and promote voluntary agreements among local administrations, port authorities, ship owners and cargos’ handlers (like differentiated dues, kilometres charge, blue flag & tradable emission permits) that can concretely contribute – in the medium term - at curbing emissions and improve the environmental balance of the coastal communities without affecting the economic growth potential of harbours districts”,

*In response to this objective, APICE has involved several stakeholders, in a bottom-up process which has taken place in the 5 Port-Cities involved in the project. The content of the common transnational strategy arises from the comparison of the discussions of APICE Partners with local stakeholders in each Port City.*



## **APICE approach**

APICE project is characterised by a strong integration between scientific insights and planning issues, with the common aim of air quality improvement in the harbour areas. The working packages of the project have been designed in order to make the modelling and monitoring outcomes useful to the local managements and planning policies.

The focus of this report is to highlight the main results obtained by the cooperation between the scientific and institutional partners.

In the following two chapters a brief presentation of the partnership and the added value of the project's transnational approach are presented. Then the sequence of the branch of activities carried out is proposed. Finally the Conclusion section contains a synthesis of the main results.

The first phase of the project is more strictly connected with the activities of the scientific partners, and it regards the analysis of the air pollution in each territory, starting both from monitoring and inter-comparison tasks and from the updating of local emission inventories. The outcomes of these preparatory activities, here described in the following paragraphs from 4 to 6, have been the inputs for the modelling applications, which have the aim of identify the weight of harbours emissions on aerosols levels in respect to the others anthropogenic and biogenic sources (so called Source Apportionment analysis). The Source Apportionment results have been summarized at chapters 7 and 8.

Starting from the figures outlined by the model by one side, and from the activities carried out at local level by the working tables installed by the institutional partners and involving the local stakeholders, the future scenarios have been evaluated, considering the trend drivers and the port development plans (chapter 9).

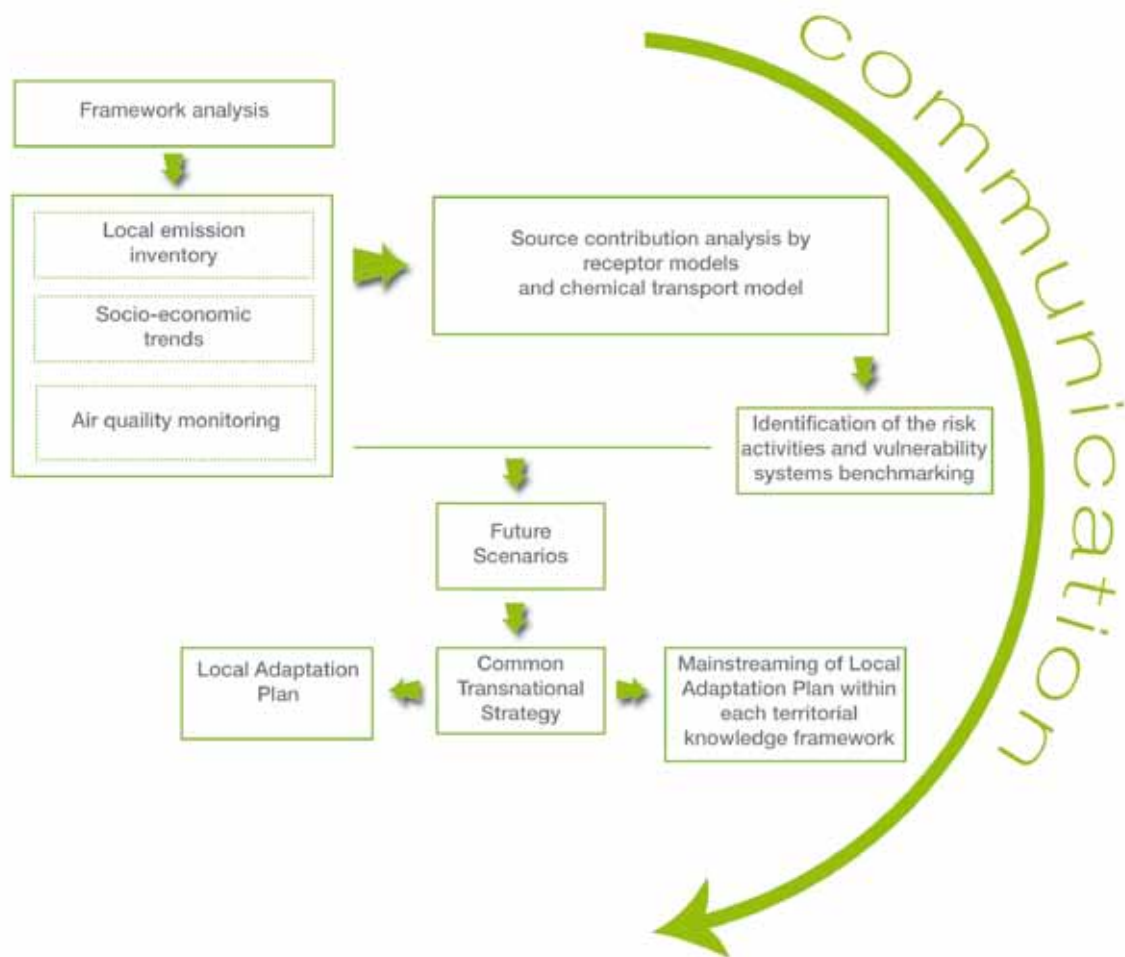
On this basis the more effective mitigation measures proposed by the local stakeholders have been simulated by the chemical transport models (chapter 10).

The second phase of the project carried out in cooperation between the scientific and the institutional partners and in parallel with the first phase activities, concerns the identification of the risk activities and vulnerability benchmarking to design intervention scenarios and shared strategies to mitigate air-pollution effects while preserving economic potentialities of port-cities. In this context the working table outcomes have been subject to the Delphi method in order to highlight the more cost-effective and implementable mitigation actions.

The path unfolded with the previously described activities, have been realized in a Common Transnational Strategy and with the Local Adaptation Plans, which are outlined in the next chapters 11 and 12.







## 2. Transnational added value of the project

On the one hand, air pollution and its impact to the development of coasts is a common matter for the major Mediterranean harbour zones. On the other hand, maritime transport regulations are a cross-border issue being mainly ruled by the International Maritime Organization and the EU at the European level. Hence, air pollution derived from maritime transport must be addressed through a transnational approach. APICE has worked in this sense by bringing together five main Mediterranean ports, both from scientific and policy perspective, and has concretised main common outputs into the Common Transnational Strategy. This planning document is the result of putting together the common measures of the five local action plans. By doing this, APICE intends to voice local needs since many measures concern supra-national stakeholders. This is of utmost importance in the case of ships emissions, which are regulated at the international level. In other cases, the commonalities should bring feasibility opportunities for business.

Furthermore, added value of APICE can be found at the interaction of research groups with multi-level expertise: this has brought capacity building, data/information exchange, homogenization of strategies and local interventions across the Mediterranean basin, delivered to policy makers and key stakeholders able to capitalize results and contribute to governing coasts. Then, the presence of different levels of governance (ports, regional and local authorities) as users of the scientific findings has allowed tackling the same problems in several areas under different perspectives and has made the approach really oriented to find concrete solutions to manage coast challenges (e.g. APICE proposes harmonization of practices among the involved ports to reduce pollution release from ships at berth). The internationally recognized experience of the technical partner, as well as the presence into the partnership of the key policymakers committed to give a follow-up to the project results, assure the ownership of the methodology and planning instruments developed by APICE.

### 3. Partnership

APICE has been developed in 5 study areas of 4 Mediterranean countries and involves the territories of Venice, Marseille, Thessaloniki, Genoa and Barcelona. The partnership has been built up considering a tandem science-policy. Therefore, in each study area, there is at least one partner covering this field. This has allowed proper transfer of science results to policy and at the same time, it has guaranteed that the research was focused on policy needs.



#### **ARPAV - Regional Agency for Environmental Protection of Veneto Region (Lead Partner)**

ARPAV is a public body founded in 1996. The goal of the Agency is to control and preserve the environment in order to help the identification and elimination of risks to humans and to the earth. Its principal activities are: controlling of the environment including sources of pollution; monitoring of the state of the environment, particularly the quality of air, water, and soil; preventing risk factors and promoting an education aimed at favouring life styles, which respect the environment.

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REGIONE DEL VENETO

#### **Veneto Region – Territorial and Strategic Planning Department**

Veneto Region – Territorial and Strategic Planning Department – Spatial Planning and Parks Department has the aim to protect and manage the regional territory to assure a balanced development and to improve regional competitiveness while mitigating the climate change effects. The Regional Coordination Spatial Plan (PTRC) is the roadmap for the development of local, provincial and urban plans in accordance with the regional socioeconomic programming. Department's tasks are:

- design strategies to address regional spatial planning in coordination with the Provinces;
- European project management and promotion of best practices in the field of spatial planning, urban and environmental quality;
- coordination, management and valorization of regional parks and protected areas of Veneto

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PROVINCIA DI GENOVA

#### **Province of Genoa**

The Province of Genoa is a local authority that manages an area of 1834 Km<sup>2</sup>, with 900.000 inhabitants.

The main tasks of the Province of Genoa are concerned with territorial planning at provincial level, soil erosion prevention, education, water and waste management, promotion of rationale use of energy, pollution control. The Province of Genoa is the public body in charge of the management of the air quality monitoring system.

Website: [www.provincia.genova.it](http://www.provincia.genova.it)



#### **Department of Physics of the University of Genoa**

The Department of Physics belongs to the "Università degli Studi di Genova", which is the sole University in Liguria Region. The Department of Physics is composed by 70 Professor and Researchers and 30 technicians and administrative employees. There are active research groups in Theoretic Physics, Nuclear and subnuclear Physics, Material Science, Bio-Physics, Applied Physics to Medicine and Environment.

The Atmospheric and Oceanic Physics Group and the Laboratory of Environmental and Health Physics jointly participate to APICE.

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As the No. 5 port in Europe, Marseille Fos affirms its position as a major player in the Euro-Mediterranean domain, with the adequate infrastructure and space to accommodate all types of freight traffic, passenger traffic and cruise traffic. Marseille Fos port is constantly investing and innovating to satisfy the demand generated by international maritime transport development through its sustainable growth and development plan.

Website: [www.marseille-port.fr](http://www.marseille-port.fr)



For the development of the project APICE the Port Authority of Marseille collaborates with AirPACA (formerly AirPACA, [www.airpaca.org](http://www.airpaca.org)), a non-profit association created in 1982 that manages the air quality monitoring network in south-eastern France.



### University of Provence

The University of Provence was founded in 1970 and is characterised by a strong multidisciplinary character. Research activities and academic training are mainly conducted in the cities of Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles. The 1st January 2012, the university of provence merged with two other University of Marseille resulting of the cretaion of the Aix-Marseille University. Aix Marseille University is largest university in France and the French-speaking world, with about 70,000 students. The research group Instrumentation et Réactivité Atmosphérique (Instrumentation and Atmospheric Reactivity - IRA) of the Laboratoire Chimie Environnement (Provence Chemistry Laboratory – LCE), is research team of the Aix Marseille University and CNRS (FRE3416). It was established to better coordinate the atmospheric research effort in Marseille; with an overall staff of 15 researchers, it has been active in the atmospheric chemistry area for the last 15 years. Research activities of the group are focused on atmospheric organic aerosol including analytical studies, source apportionment, kinetics and mechanisms of heterogeneous and multiphase reactions.

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### Decentralized Administration of Macedonia - Thrace (DAMT)

Decentralized Administration of Macedonia - Thrace is a Public Authority and in particular a “unified decentralized administration unit of the State”, belonging to the core state administration by representing two former Regions since 1.1.2011. The main tasks involve spatial planning, environmental policy, agricultural and fishery, water management, renewable energy sources, natural resources and management and forest protection.

Website : [www.damt.gov.gr](http://www.damt.gov.gr)



### University of Western Macedonia

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, former Department of Engineering and Management of Energy Resources, was first established in 1999 as one of the three new departments of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), in the framework of expanding the scope of higher education. The department is one of the founding departments of the University of Western Macedonia (UOWM) which was established in 2004. The Department is located in the city of Kozani which is the heart of energy production in the country. Nearly 70% of the electricity is produced in the power plants located in the broader area of Kozani.

Website: [www.uowm.gr](http://www.uowm.gr)



### Aristotle University Thessaloniki.

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) is the largest university in Greece. In the past five years, over 3,500 Research and Technological Development Projects have been carried out at AUTH. In the past three years, AUTH has cooperated with 1,080 partners (universities, research centres and companies). Within APICE, AUTH is represented by the Laboratory of Atmospheric Physics (LAP) of the Department of Physics (<http://lap.physics.auth.gr> ). The staff of LAP has expertise in many different scientific fields which are relevant to those investigated within the project, like the meteorological and photochemical modelling at urban and regional scales and the compilation of anthropogenic and natural emission inventories.

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### Spanish Research Council- Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research

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### EUCC Mediterranean Centre

EUCC is an association with 2700 members and member organisations in 40 countries. Founded in 1989 with the aim of promoting coastal and marine sustainable development by bridging the gap between scientists, environmentalists, site managers, planners and policy makers, it has grown since then into the largest network of coastal practitioners and experts in Europe. EUCC Mediterranean Centre, located in Barcelona, aims at carrying out the EUCC’s mission in the Mediterranean region. EUCC is part of the ECNC Group. We work together towards a sustainable and beautiful Europe.

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**Comparison**  
of the  
**harbour cities**

## 4. Framework analysis

At the start up of the project a comparative study of the air quality status of the five European port-cities involved in the project was performed, based on the air quality and meteorological data collected from the local networks. In particular, PM10 concentrations and their variation at the five port areas, as well as meteorological data were examined for the year 2009. The data used were obtained from: Torre Girona station for Barcelona city, Corso Buenos Aires station for Genoa city, Five avenues station for Marseilles city, Aghia Sofia station for Thessaloniki city, Parco Bissuola station for Venice city. The hourly, daily and monthly variation as well as the PM10 exceedances and the wind pattern for each area were discussed. A summary of this study follows while an extended description of the results can be found in the extended Start Up Report of APICE project.

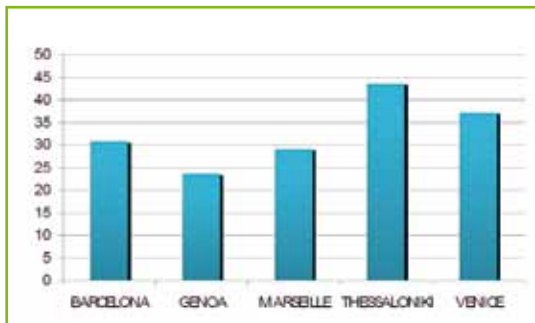


Figure 1 PM10 annual average values in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

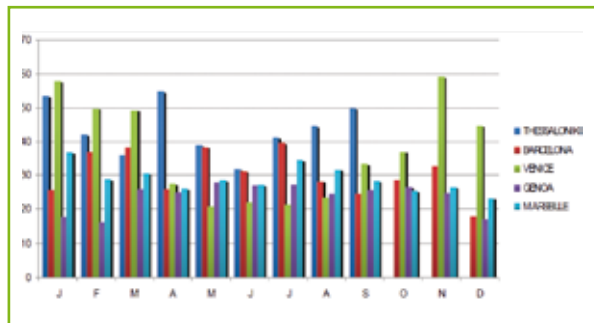


Figure 2 Monthly variation of PM10 (in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

The comparative study showed that the maximum annual average concentration (Fig.1) was observed in Thessaloniki ( $43 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), followed by Venice ( $37 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), Barcelona ( $31 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) and Marseille ( $29 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). The minimum annual average concentration corresponded to Genoa ( $24 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). The annual concentrations were lower than the annual limit value ( $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) for all the areas except for Thessaloniki where it was slightly higher. The highest monthly averages (Fig.2) are observed during different seasons in each city as the factors that contribute to particles levels include permanent or seasonal sources. During winter, intense pollution episodes, central heating and bad operation of vehicle motors in starting because of the cold engine can lead to elevated particles levels. During summer, secondary particles formation, African dust episodes and enhanced resuspension processes are reported as the main factors for high PM levels. On the other hand, the daily variation of PM10 is quite similar in the five port areas (Fig3). The common characteristic among the five cases is the decrease of particles levels during weekend due to reduced vehicles circulation and/or human activity. In general, the highest PM10 average daily values for each day of week were observed in Thessaloniki while the lowest were observed in Genoa. The difference is reduced during weekend and especially on Sundays, implying traffic as a significant particles source, affecting the port area.



Figure 3 Average values (in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) for each day of the week.

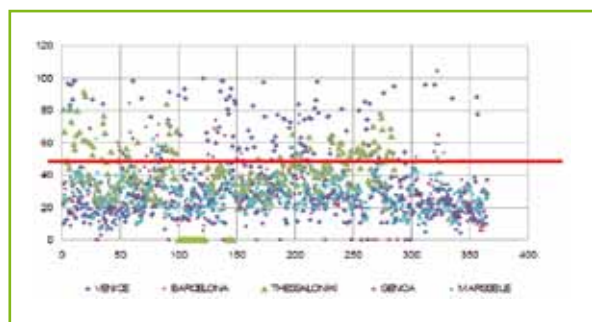


Figure 4 Daily variation (in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) and exceedances of PM10 concentration

Figure 4 presents the PM10 limit exceedances based on the Directive 2008/50/EC (PM10 limit of  $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  should not be exceeded for more than 35 times per calendar year). Although Thessaloniki registers the highest mean value, the highest daily single values are recorded in Venice,



especially during the wintertime, with frequent exceedance of the air quality limit value. Finally, it can be concluded that the hourly variation, which presents a similar picture in all cities (Fig 5), is strongly influenced by two factors: the vehicles circulation/intense human activity and the wind pattern of the area which affects pollutants accumulation or dispersion during day and night.

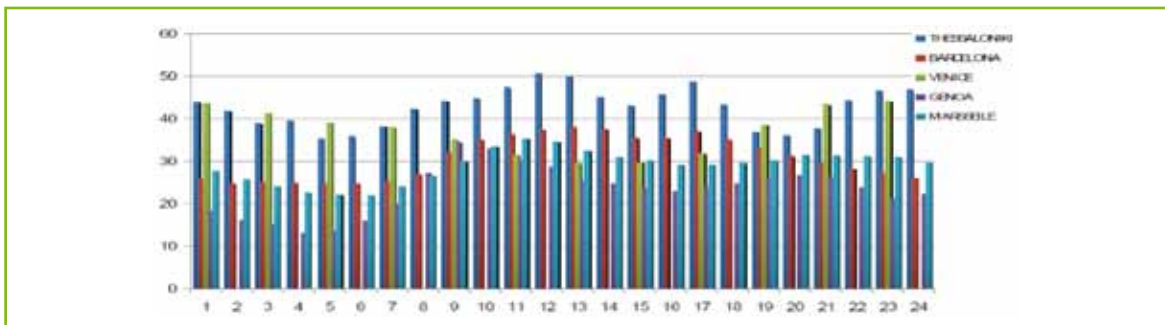


Figure 5 Hourly variation of PM10 (in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

Figures 6 to 10 present PM10 concentration rose diagrams ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , degrees) and wind speed rose diagrams (m/s, degrees) for year 2009. The prevailing wind (velocity and direction) pattern differed significantly in every site, playing a crucial role to pollutants transportation. The meteorological pattern of each area plays a significant role as a low dispersive atmosphere leads to particle levels increase while rainy weather can lead to significant particle levels decrease. Another factor, characteristic of the near-the-sea areas is the presence of the sea breeze: a mechanism that can lead to pollutants transportation from the port to the city or pollutants dispersion at the port site.



Figure 6 Port of Venice – Wind roses



Figure 7 Port of Marseille- Wind roses.



Figure 8 PM10 Port of Genoa- Wind roses

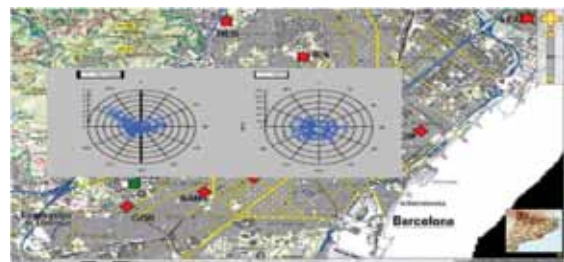


Figure 9 Port of Barcelona – Wind roses.

To conclude, in each of the five cities, there are different factors that contribute to particles levels, including permanent or seasonal sources. In general, the main reported particles sources in (all or part of) the five cities are: emissions from vehicles, buildings' central heating, human activity, construction activities, resuspension, African dust outbreaks, emissions from trucks and ships in the ports, emissions from industries in surrounding areas. At the start up of the project, only qualitative and indicative conclusions for the port's effect on the city's air quality could be drawn. To address this issue, more specified measurements including particles chemical characterization and focused source apportionment studies have been conducted in the frame of APICE project in every one of the 5 study areas.

## 5. Present time emission inventories

In the framework of the APICE project, pollutant emission inventories have been prepared for five Mediterranean port-cities: Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa, Venice and Thessaloniki. The emission inventories reflect present time conditions and include emission data from all anthropogenic sources for CO, NMVOC, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (except Barcelona) as well as natural emissions (e.g. biogenic NMVOC, sea salt, wind-blown dust). Emphasis has been given on the estimation of the maritime sector emissions including emissions from ships and vessels and other activities in the harbor area of each port-city. The detailed description of the methodologies used for the estimation of all anthropogenic source emissions is already available in the report “Compilation of emission inventories for five large Mediterranean cities: Barcelona, Genoa, Marseille, Thessaloniki and Venice” which is available on the APICE website <http://www.apice-project.eu/content.php?ID1=49&ID2=46&ID=46&ID3=49&lang=ENG>). In this section, the methodologies used for the calculation of emissions from maritime sector will be presented only briefly.

The main maritime and harbor activities for which emissions have been estimated are the following;

- Passenger ships (cruises, ferries, other passenger etc)
- Cargo ships (dry bulk cargo, liquid bulk cargo, solid bulk cargo, container, general cargo, car-carrier, cargo Ro-Ro, fridge cargo, other cargo etc)
- Inland waterways vessels (sailing boats, personal watercraft etc)
- Fishing boats
- Other ships and vessels (tugs etc)
- Port activities (dust emissions from (un)loading and piling of materials, exhaust and non-exhaust emissions from vehicles, locomotives etc).

Maritime sector emissions have been estimated within a 100x100km<sup>2</sup> area for all port-cities except for Genoa for which the reference area has a 30x40km<sup>2</sup> extent. In addition, for Marseille, Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice, ship emissions have been estimated for three operation modes: on-cruise, maneuvering and hotelling. In the emission inventory of Barcelona, ship emissions have been calculated only for the maneuvering and hotelling modes.

The main methodologies applied for the emissions estimation of the maritime sector were those of the EMEP/CORINAIR emission inventory guidebook (EEA, 2006, 2009) implemented for Barcelona, Venice and Thessaloniki and of Trozzi and Vaccaro (1998) (developed within the MEET project) used for both Genoa and Marseille. Furthermore, the emission factors of the EMEP/CORINAIR emission inventory guidebook (EEA, 2006, 2009) (for Barcelona, Thessaloniki and Ve-



nice), Cooper and Gustafsson (2004) (for Thessaloniki) and Trozzi and Vaccaro (1998) (for Genoa and Marseille) were used.

A methodology of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, 2006) was used for the determination of emissions from handling and storage piles in the port (for Venice and Thessaloniki). Dust emissions from the circulation of port vehicles or machineries on paved roads were accounted for in the Thessaloniki emission inventory according to (EPA, 2011). In addition, for Venice, the Italian Fleet COOPERT IV Emission Factors (ISPRA, 2012) were applied on the mileages driven by the total amount of vehicles (duty vehicles and passenger ones) arriving and leaving from the port in a year, as estimated by the Venice Port Authority. Finally, the EMEP/CORINAIR emission inventory guidebook factors were used for the railway transport emissions for Venice.

Figure 1 illustrates the annual ship traffic for the study areas for the years 2006 to 2010. The ports of Marseille and Barcelona have comparable ship arrival numbers which are the highest in comparison to the other ports. Genoa is the third in the rank followed by Venice and Thessaloniki.

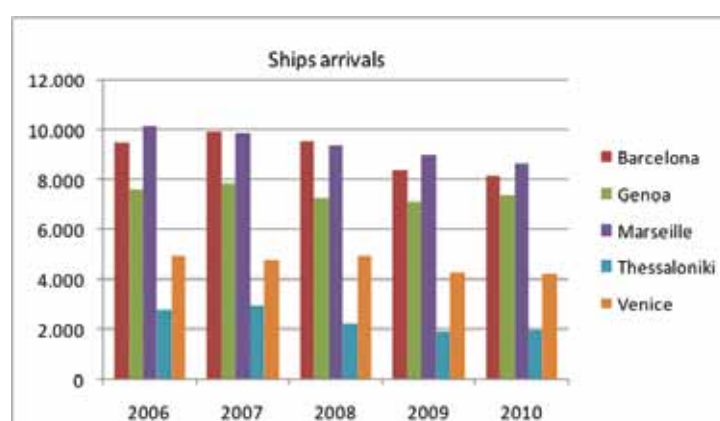


Figure 1. Ship arrivals per year for all study areas.

Following, Table 1 presents the calculated ship and vessel pollutant emissions for the cities studied.

**Table 1.** Ship and vessel pollutant emissions (Mg/year) per study area.

	Reference year	Reference area (km <sup>2</sup> )	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NM VOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona <sup>1</sup>	2008	100x100	6261	7564	329	525	
Genoa	2010	30x40	4191	820	230	122	121
Marseille	2007	100x100	11841	16350	3601	304	304
Thessaloniki	2010	100x100	10881	4529	194	288	287
Venice	2011	100x100	4622	1655	224	249	249

<sup>1</sup> Emissions for Barcelona have been estimated only for maneuvering and hotelling modes, while for the other study areas on-cruise pollutant emissions have been also accounted for.

Table 2 presents in more detail the ship and vessel PM10 emissions including emissions from passenger ships, cargo ships (e.g. containers, dry and liquid bulk ships, general cargo, Ro-Ro cargo, other cargo), other ships and vessels (e.g tugs), inland waterways vessels and fishing boats. According to Table 2, cargo ship category is the major contributor to total ship and vessel PM10 emissions. The second most important emission source is the passenger ships for all the under study cities except for Thessaloniki for which fishing boats is the second larger contributor.



**Table 2.** PM10 emissions (Mg/year) for different ship and vessel types for each study area.

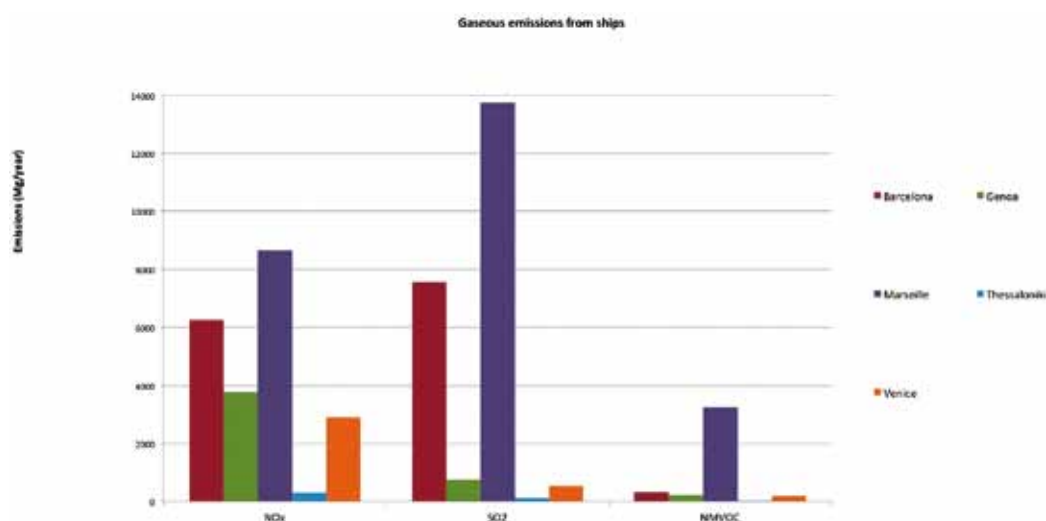
	Reference year	Reference area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Passenger Ships	Cargo ships	Inland Waterways	Fishing	Other ships and vessels	TOTAL
Barcelona <sup>1</sup>	2008	100x100	111	359	--	-	55	525
Genoa	2010	30x40	43	68	-	-	11	122
Marseille	2007	100x100	78	178	7	-	41	304
Thessaloniki	2010	100x100	2	221	7	58	0.4	288
Venice	2011	100x100	94	135	84 <sup>2</sup>	-	20	249 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Emissions for Barcelona have been estimated only for maneuvering and hotelling modes, while for the other study areas on-cruise pollutant emissions have been also accounted for.

<sup>2</sup>For Venice, the emissions by water traffic inside the Venice Lagoon and the historical city is reported; these emissions are not summed up on the total since there're not to be addressed to the Venice port activities.

Emissions from passenger and cargo ships during the hotelling and maneuvering modes are presented in Figure 2 in an effort to make a comparison of the pollutant emissions between the study areas. Attention has to be paid on the reference year of the emission estimation which is not the same for all the cities. It should be noted also that since 2010, the sulphur limit of 0.1% m/m in ship fuels on hotelling phase entered into force (Directive 2005/33/EC). For Thessaloniki, the regulation for the maximum sulphur content has been applied since 2010 concerning though both maneuvering and hotelling modes.

According to Figure 2, Marseille has the highest ship emissions during hotelling and maneuvering modes for all pollutants except for PM10 for which emissions are the highest for Barcelona. This can be explained by the fact that Marseille and Barcelona have the highest ship traffic as presented in Figure 1. It should be noted also that the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions for Marseille and Barcelona are much higher than those for the other cities. One of the reasons is the reference years of the emission inventories for these cities being prior to 2010 and as a consequence prior to the enforcement of the regulation for a sulphur content upper limit in ship fuels on the hotelling phase. Genoa is third in the rank for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NMVOC emissions followed by Venice and Thessaloniki. Regarding PM10 and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions, Venice is third in the rank followed by Genoa and Thessaloniki.



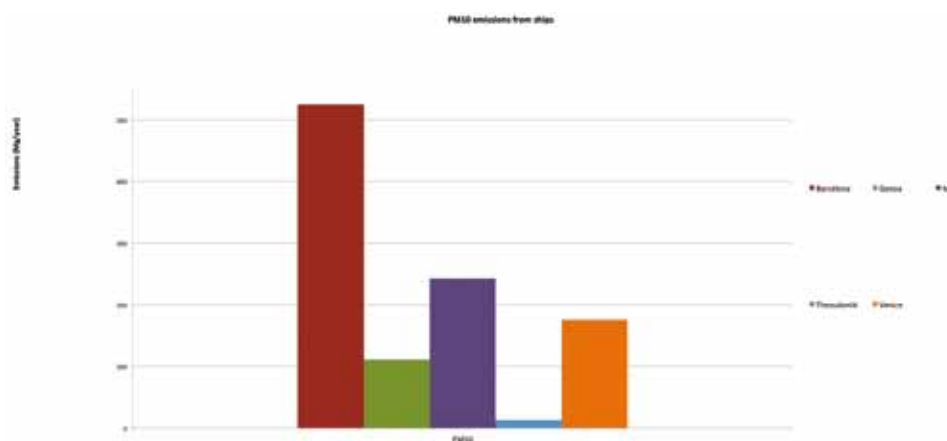


Figure 2. Passenger and cargo ship pollutant emissions during the maneuvering and hotelling modes for each study area (reference year: 2008 for Barcelona, 2010 for Genoa, 2007 for Marseille, 2010 for Thessaloniki and 2011 for Venice).

In the emission inventories of Barcelona, Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice, the emissions from additional activities that occur within the harbor area other than ship and vessel have been taken into account as well as those induced by the presence of the port. For Barcelona and Genoa, these are emissions from cargo handling, solid bulks and land traffic (trucks and trains). For Venice, dust emissions from loading, unloading and piling of materials, exhaust and non-exhaust emissions by passenger and duty vehicles and exhaust emissions by freight on non-electrified railway were estimated. For Thessaloniki, emissions from harbor operations including dust emissions from unloading, loading and piling of materials and dust emissions from the circulation of port vehicles or machineries on paved roads were accounted for. These emission data are shown in Table 3. For Marseille, emissions from port activities other than ship and vessels have not been estimated because no input data were available.

**Table 3.** Pollutant emissions from port activities other than ship and vessel and pollutant emissions induced by the port activities (in Mg/year).

	Reference year	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NMVOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona	2008	724	20	0	106	-
Genoa	2010	313	11	16	36	31
Marseille	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thessaloniki	2010	-	-	-	37	6
Venice	2011	811	0.4	42	30	24

A further analysis of the emission data presented above has allowed the identification of the maritime and harbor activities that are more risky to the environment in terms of the pollutants that are emitted in the atmosphere. This analysis is presented in detail in the “Identification of the risk activities” reports which are available on the APICE website and is summarized below for each study area.





### Barcelona

For Barcelona, pollutant emission data refer to the following maritime and harbor activities: Ships and vessels, Harbor craft (tug boats and auxiliary means), Terminal equipment (cargo handling), Solid bulks, Land traffic (heavy-duty vehicles and locomotives), Enlargement and maintenance works.

Regarding NO<sub>x</sub>, NMVOC and PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from ships and vessels, the major source contributor is the container ships while the second one is the liquid bulk cargo ships followed by the ferries passenger ships.



### Genoa

For Genoa, pollutant emission data refer to the following maritime and harbor activities: Ships and vessels (cargo ships, passenger ships, tugs), Cargo handling, Solid bulk operations, Liquid bulk operations, Heavy-duty vehicles, Rail road locomotives.

Although the data validation is not yet final, the identification of risk activities allows to evaluate that, considering PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, cargo ships are the major source contributor, followed by passenger ships. Solid bulk is higher contributor to PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions. Because of the conformation of the Port of Genoa, all port activities (and in particular the passenger terminals and industrial activities) have a direct effect on areas densely populated and rich in artistic treasures.



### Marseille

For Marseille, pollutant emission data refer to the following maritime and harbor activities: Solid and liquid bulk ships, Containers, Cargo ships, Passenger ships, Inland waterways and Others.

Marseille port is divided in two parts distant of 40 km: the western harbor mainly dedicated to goods transport and the eastern harbor, close to the city center, mainly dedicated to passenger transport. At the scale of the whole Marseille port, two activities display a major contribution to emissions: liquid bulk and passenger transport. The third activity in terms of emissions is the container. For the western part, the major source contributor is the liquid bulk ship followed by container ship. For the eastern part, the major source contributor is the passenger activity. In the domain, pollutant emissions are dominated by the hotelling phase, higher than maneuvering and on-cruise emissions, except for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, dominated by the maneuvering phase.



## Thessaloniki

For Thessaloniki, pollutant emission data refer to the following maritime and harbor activities: Passenger ships (ferries, other passenger), Cargo ships (general cargo, container and other cargo vessels), Tugs, Harbor operations (Loading/unloading/piling of goods/materials and vehicles operation in the port), Inland waterways vessels (small and medium vessels e.g. pleasure crafts), Fishing boats.

In the domain of 100x100 km<sup>2</sup> extent, on an annual basis, cargo shipping is the major contributor to emissions for all pollutants. In particular, the most important source for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NMVOC total emissions is the Containers while for PM is the General Cargo ships. CO is emitted mainly by the Other Cargo Vessels. The second most important emission source is the fishing boats. The in-port storage processes like loading, unloading and piling of goods/materials can be identified as the third in the rank of the PM<sub>10</sub> emission sources. Concerning PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the third most important emission source is the inland waterway vessels. In addition, for all pollutants, the total cruising emissions represent the highest share of total emissions from all operation modes (cruising, maneuvering and hotelling). This result is valid for each of the cargo ship types (general cargo, container, other cargo vessels). On a more local scale (in the port area), on an annual basis, the hotelling of ships is the major emission source for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, CO and NMVOC. PM<sub>10</sub> are emitted mostly from the in-port processes relevant with the loading, unloading and piling of goods/materials. The largest NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are released from the maneuvering of ships; however, the NO<sub>x</sub> ship maneuvering emissions are comparable with those emitted from ship hotelling.



## Venice

For Venice, pollutant emission data refer to the following maritime and harbor activities: Ships and vessels, Harbor craft (tug boats), Loading and unloading of ships, In port traffic load induced by port activities (as road and as railway transport).

Emission estimation has been performed not only for the total amount of traffic of the Port of Venice, but also splitting the emissions between the terminal inside the historical city of Venice (mostly Passenger Terminals) and the Commercial and Industrial Terminals in Porto Marghera (on the inner border of the lagoon) or southward to the Oil Terminal in San Leonardo. On the 100 x 100 km<sup>2</sup> scale, chosen as APICE domain to be analyzed, the kilometers travelled in cruise phase by the ships outside the lagoon are almost 44-47 km, depending on the lagoon inlet (Lido or Malamocco), of which 22 km inside territorial seas. The emissions due to the local traffic of boats and water buses (vaporetti) in the city of Venice and in the surrounding lagoon have been considered, too. The calculation has been based on the total amount of gasoline and marine gas oil sold by the fuel stations operating in the area and the fuel consumed by the public water service (consumption data referred to year 2008).

In Venice, considering every ship category separately (passenger, dry bulk cargo, tanker, container, general cargo, etc.), the most important emission source for all pollutants is the passenger ships. The second larger contributor to total maritime emissions is the Containers for all pollutants except NMVOC for which the second most important source is the liquid bulk ships. Regarding passenger ships, emissions are highest during the cruising mode for all pollutants except for NMVOC emissions which are highest during the hotelling phase. Emissions from liquid bulk ships are highest during hotelling mode for all pollutants except SO<sub>2</sub> for which emissions are highest on-cruise.



## Conclusions

Focusing on PM10 which is a key species within APICE, the study on the identification of the present time maritime and harbor activities that are most risky for the environment in terms of emissions released in the atmosphere indicates that cargo shipping is the major source contributor to PM emissions while in most cases passenger ships is the second most important emission source of PM. Considering the usual location of the passenger ships terminals in the very heart of the port-cities studied, moreover in some cases (Venice and Genoa) at a very short distance to the populated urban areas, passenger ships have been identified as an emission source for which mitigation actions should be examined within the course of the project.

The ports of Marseille and Barcelona have been identified as those with the highest passenger and cargo ship pollutant emissions during the maneuvering and hotelling modes considering also the increased grater ship traffic compared to the ports in the other study areas.

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## 6. Intercomparison campaign

Since no absolute source apportionment approach exists, intercomparison of the different methodologies used by each scientific partners of APICE is a prerequisite for any comparison between the 5 involved in the project. An intercomparison measurement campaign thus took place at Marseilles, from January the 25th to March the 2nd 2011. It gathered all of the APICE scientific partners on the same sampling site, « 5 avenues » (urban background measurement site, located in a large landscape park, in Marseilles downtown). A large set of instruments was deployed to insure the constant monitoring of aerosol physico-chemical parameters and associated gas phase (VOC's and regulated pollutants – i.e.: O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>-); including all samplers and analyzers to be used by each scientific partner of APICE for the second part of the project.

Particles samples collected throughout the measurement campaign were then analyzed according to each partner specific method. A first report discussing of the intercomparison of measurements has been already published<sup>1</sup>. Those data were then used as input for different source apportionment methods, by each scientific partner, as summarized in table 1.

**Table 1:** Source apportionment methods used by each partners

Pilot area	Marseille	Barcelona	Venice	Thessaloniki	Genova
Partners involved	Aix-Marseille University	IDAEA-CSIC	Univ Genoa and IDAEA-CSIC for ARPA veneto	UOWM	Univ Genoa
Method	CMB	PMF	PMF	PMF	PMF
	26 Variables	22 Variables	21 variables	37 variables	15 Variables
Species included	4 PAH, 3 hopanes, linear alkanes from C <sub>27</sub> to C <sub>32</sub> , V, Pb, Ni, Al, Si, Ca, Fe, Ti, Cl, Na <sup>+</sup> and OC	Ca, K, Na, Mg, Fe, Mn, V, Ni, Cu, Zn, Sn, Sb, Pb, SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , EC and Five Oc fractions (OC1, OC2, OC3, OC4 and Pyrolytic C)	Ca, Na, Mg, Fe, V, Ni, Cu, Zn, Sn, Sb, Pb, SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , EC, OC, E-Alk, O-Alk, PAH, HOPA, DHAA	8 PAH, SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , Al, Ca, K, Na, Mg, Fe, Mn, Ti, P, V, Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Rb, Sr, Sb, Cd, Sn, Pb, Li, Sb, La, OC and EC	Al, Si, P, K, Ca, V, Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn, SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , OC and EC
	=> Organics compounds, metals, ions, EC and OC	=> Metals, ions, EC and OC fractions	=> Organic compounds, métaIs, ions, EC and OC	=> Organic compounds, métaIs, ions, EC and OC	=> Metals, ions, EC and OC
Number of factor / sources	10	7	7	6	5

PMF approach has been chosen by 4 partners (IDAEA-CSIC, Univ. Genoa, UOWM, and ARPA Veneto), while CMB has been used by one partner (Aix Marseille Univ.). Each team used a different set of variables, mixing metals/trace elements, sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, OC (Organic Carbon), EC (Elemental Carbon). Those analyses led to the characterization of different sources profiles for each partner, which had to be grouped into 5 source groups: Secondary aerosol, Industrial /Marine, Primary Natural, Residential and Transport emissions. On Figure 1 are displayed the average results obtained for the different scientific partners, for each source group.

Primary natural source group (mainly sea salt and dust) can be regarded as in reasonable agreement between partners, taking into account the different approaches and data set used.

<sup>1</sup> Progress report can be downloaded here :

[http://www.apice-project.eu/img\\_web/pagine/files/Final%20report%20Intercomparison%20campaign%20final%20version.pdf](http://www.apice-project.eu/img_web/pagine/files/Final%20report%20Intercomparison%20campaign%20final%20version.pdf)



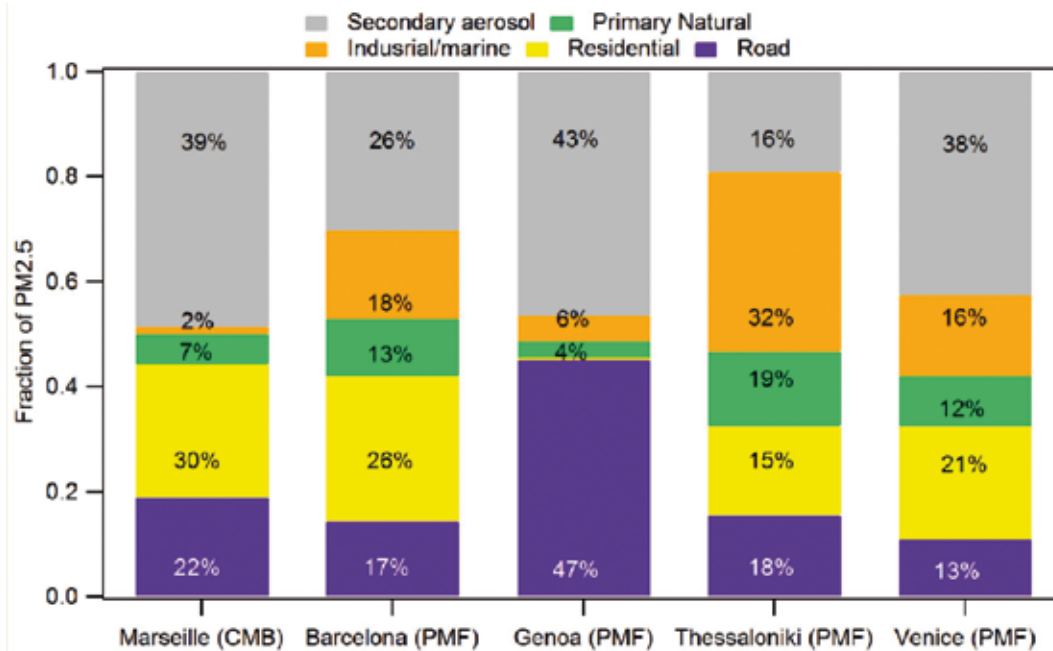


Figure 1: Average relative contributions of source groups to PM2.5

Residential sources are, in this study, quasi exclusively related to wood burning emissions, clearly identified by the use of very specific molecular markers (levoglucosan or dehydro abietic acid). As for transport sources, a good agreement can be observed between the different partners, with the exception of Univ. Genoa results, which can be easily explained. Actually, vehicular exhaust and wood burning are both largely dominated by organics. Since, in this approach, no variables providing insights into the chemical nature of this fraction have been injected, we can consider that the Road factor here represents the sum of residential and road sources. This assumption is supported by the important homogeneity observed for the sum of those 2 sources for the different partners.

For industrial and secondary factors the situation is a little bit different and these two factors must be considered together in the discussion. Industrial sources contribution shows a high discrepancy between partners, with higher contributions estimated for PMF approach. PMF approach is based on the internal variability of the data set; thus, atmospheric dynamics (advection of air masses or boundary layer height) can play a major role on the identification and the quantification of the different factors. Marseille is downwind the industrial area during particular wind conditions: mistral (NW winds). Mistral is canalized by the Rhône valley (a heavily urbanized and industrial area), bringing to Marseille in most cases (when moderate winds) high loads of secondary aerosol particles. Therefore, a significant fraction of the secondary aerosol particles from medium and long range transport episodes have been included in the industrial factor by the PMF approach. This assumption is supported by the fact that the sum of industrial and secondary sources are in pretty good agreement between partners.

Considering the conditions of the intercomparison exercise (different data set, and partners totally free to use its own methodology), results obtained can be consider in quite good agreement.



## 7. Source Apportionment Outcomes by Receptor Models

### Source Apportionment analysis

The contribution of the different emission sources – both anthropogenic and natural – to the Particulate Matter concentrations – has been highlighted by two different approaches: the receptor models and the Chemical Transport Models.

The two different techniques of Source Apportionment analysis, have been applied at the same time in the five cities in order to answer to these questions:

- which pollutant emission mostly affects PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations?
- which is the weight of the presence of the port in the studied cities in terms of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations?

The two different Source Apportionment (SA) approaches aimed at integrating the peculiar potentialities of both techniques: by one side receptor models, more suitable to pointing out specific emission sources bind to specific markers, and, on the other side, CTMs, which extend their assessment on the formation of secondary aerosols, since they apportion the gas precursor emissions, too. Moreover, while receptor models give SA outcomes on some monitoring sites only, SA by CTMs provides outcomes on the whole studied territory with a certain resolution (spatial maps).

Receptor Models aim to re-construct the contribution of emissions from different sources of atmospheric pollutants, e.g., particulate matter (PM), based on ambient data (i.e. PM elemental and chemical composition) registered at monitoring sites. The fundamental principle of receptor modelling is that mass and species conservation can be assumed and a mass balance analysis can be used to identify and apportion sources of airborne PM in the atmosphere. One of the main differences between among models is the degree of knowledge required about the pollution sources prior to the application of receptor models. A second major difference between these different approaches is the number of observations (e.g., samples) needed to apportion sources. While Chemical Mass Balance (CMB) model assumes and needs an a-priori knowledge of the emission sources and could be used with only one sample, approaches such as Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) need a significant number of samples (at least equal to the number of chemical species included in the model) to single out the emission sources active in a particular area and to provide statistically sound results. PMF (in Barcelona, Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice) and CMB (in Marseille) are the two approaches adopted by the APICE Partners. Note that, even if none of these approaches can be regarded as absolute, the conclusions drawn from the inter-comparison campaign recommend using the PMF as a common approach. This work will be finalized in Marseille in early February 2013 and can not be reported here.

We report here a very synthetic summary of the results obtained in each study area:

Barcelona: Simultaneous sampling was carried out in two sites every four days from February 2011 to January 2012: Port of Barcelona (41°19'58"N; 2°8'27"E) and Palau Reial (urban background site, 41°23'15"N; 2°6'56"E). A PMF analysis was performed on 295 cases, including simultaneous PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements performed at both monitoring sites.

**Barcelona, Average results:**

Sources	Port: Contribution ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) to		Palau Reial: Contribution ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) to	
	PM2.5	PM10	PM2.5	PM10
Industrial emissions	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.3 \pm 0.0$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$
Mineral/road dust	$9.2 \pm 0.5$	$2.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.1$	$3.3 \pm 0.3$
Ammonium sulphate	$2.9 \pm 0.6$	$7.9 \pm 0.9$	$9.9 \pm 0.9$	$4.8 \pm 0.7$
Fuel oil combustion	$3.8 \pm 0.3$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$	$2.8 \pm 0.2$
Vehicle exhaust emissions	$6.6 \pm 0.8$	$5.3 \pm 0.5$	$2.9 \pm 0.3$	$2.6 \pm 0.4$
Aged sea spray + nitrate	$12.1 \pm 1.0$	$9.2 \pm 0.8$	$2.3 \pm 0.4$	$2.0 \pm 0.3$
Unaccounted	0.0	0.8	1.6	1.2

The biggest differences between the port and the urban area of Barcelona were found for the mineral dust source, attributed to the influence of dust re-suspension from the new port area under construction, but also to re-suspension of road dust from the intense truck traffic around the port area. The fuel oil combustion source was also higher for the port of Barcelona, reflecting direct emissions from shipping. The contribution of the industrial emissions was also higher at the port area. This is attributed to the transport of pollutants from the industrial area in the surroundings of Barcelona. The aged sea spray+nitrate source was also higher at the port area. This source reflects aging of pollutants during transport of air masses to the monitoring site. However, the ammonium sulphate source was much higher at the urban area of Barcelona. This is attributed to the formation of secondary ammonium sulphate from  $\text{SO}_2$  shipping.

The results show that the contribution of port emissions to PM10 and PM2.5 at the port were around 40% for both PM10 and PM2.5, being mainly attributed to mineral dust (23 and 17% for PM10 and PM2.5, respectively) and fuel oil combustion (10 and 16%, respectively). Vehicle exhaust emissions accounted for 3% in both fractions, and ammonium sulphate for 2 and 6%, respectively.

At the urban area of Barcelona the contributions from the port were 11% and 18% for PM10 and PM2.5, respectively. The influence of the port in the urban background of Barcelona is mainly attributed to fuel oil combustion (4-5%) and ammonium sulphate (6 and 12%, respectively) from the formation of secondary ammonium sulphate during transport of  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions from the port to the urban background site.

It is important to highlight the formation of secondary aerosols in the urban area of Barcelona, from the gaseous precursors  $\text{SO}_2$ , transported from the port, and the high levels of  $\text{NH}_3$  measured at the urban background.

**Genoa:** the monitoring campaign was organized collecting daily PM2.5 samples in three sites: two immediately outside the harbour area (Corso Firenze,  $44^\circ 25' 5.69''\text{N}$ ;  $8^\circ 55' 38.97''\text{E}$ , and Multedo,  $44^\circ 25' 37.18''\text{N}$ ;  $8^\circ 49' 49.21''\text{E}$ ) and one in the northern area of the city (Bolzaneto:  $44^\circ 27' 45.92''\text{N}$ ;  $8^\circ 54' 4.40''\text{E}$ ) about 7 km inland. The sampling started in February 2011 in Corso Firenze and in May 2011 in the other two sites and was stopped in all the sites in October 2011). A PMF analysis was performed to apportion the PM2.5 sources.

**Genoa, Average results (contribution to PM2.5 level in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ):**

	Secondary sulphates	Secondary nitrates	Road traffic	Heavy oil combustion	Soil dust	Soil dust
Cs. Firenze	$6.7 \pm 0.5$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	$3.2 \pm 0.3$	$1.9 \pm 0.5$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$	-
Multedo	$6.7 \pm 0.4$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$2.4 \pm 0.3$	$1.6 \pm 0.4$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	$0.7 \pm 0.3$
Bolzaneto	$7.3 \pm 0.6$	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$4.3 \pm 0.6$	$1.5 \pm 0.2$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$	-

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> level (about 14 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) and composition turned out to be quite uniform, with secondary components (sulphates, nitrates but organic aerosol too) very well correlated in the three sites. Road traffic gave the highest contribute to PM<sub>2.5</sub> level in Bolzaneto located a few hundred meters from the large highway connecting Genoa to Milan. Heavy oil combustion can be attributed completely to ship emissions being any other residential source of this type negligible in the city. On average, ship emissions contributed to 10%- 15% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> level during spring-summer 2011.

**Marseille:** The monitoring campaign in Marseille was conducted in two sites : “Cinq avenues” (43°18’18.84”N; 5°23’40.89”E, a urban background site where PM<sub>2.5</sub> was collected daily from July 2011 to July 2012) and “dock east of the harbor” of Marseille (43°18’4.18”N; 5°21’48.71”E, site affected by the emissions of industrial zone situated in the west of Marseille; PM<sub>2.5</sub> sampling started in November 2011 and finished in July 2012 and each filter represents a sampling period of 48 hours). EPA CMB 8.2 was used to apportion sources and estimates their relative contributions.

**Marseille, Average results at Cinq Avenues in µg/m<sup>3</sup> (rows order: summer, fall, winter, spring)**

Biomass burning	Vehicular emissions	Vegetative detritus	Natural Gas Combustion	Shipping Main Engines	Coke production, Steel facilities
0.31 ± 0.06	6.5 ± 1.3	2.3 ± 0.5	0.01 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01
16 ± 3	7.0 ± 1.4	3.4 ± 0.7	0.00 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.03	0.08 ± 0.02
13 ± 3	8.2 ± 1.6	1.1 ± 0.2	0.03 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.04
0.7 ± 0.1	6.1 ± 1.2	1.2 ± 0.2	0.01 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.02	0.05 ± 0.01
Unexplained organic matter (OM)	Secondary sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Secondary nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	Secondary ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> )	Crustal dust	Sea salt
0.38 ± 0.08	1.3 ± 0.3	0.41 ± 0.08	0.6 ± 0.1	1.8 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.1
0.16 ± 0.03	1.6 ± 0.3	2.2 ± 0.4	1.9 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.3	0.4 ± 0.1
0.28 ± 0.06	1.9 ± 0.4	2.9 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.4	0.7 ± 0.1	0.18 ± 0.04
1.0 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.5	0.75 ± 0.15	1.2 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.3	0.21 ± 0.04

**Marseille, Average results at dock east of the harbor in µg/m<sup>3</sup> (rows order: summer, fall, winter, spring)**

Biomass burning	Vehicular emissions	Vegetative detritus	Natural Gas Combustion	Shipping Main Engines	Coke production, Steel facilities
0.15 ± 0.03	9.2 ± 1.8	1.3 ± 0.3	0.01 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.04	0.03 ± 0.01
17 ± 3	7.4 ± 1.5	0.8 ± 0.2	0.00 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.02	0.06 ± 0.01
7.0 ± 1.4	9.7 ± 1.9	1.2 ± 0.2	0.04 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.02	0.08 ± 0.02
1.7 ± 0.3	9.9 ± 2.0	0.9 ± 0.2	0.00 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.03	0.07 ± 0.01
Unexplained organic matter (OM)	Secondary sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	Secondary nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	Secondary ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> )	Crustal dust	Sea salt
0.46 ± 0.09	1.1 ± 0.2	0.22 ± 0.04	0.75 ± 0.15	0.5 ± 0.1	0.35 ± 0.07
0.00 ± 0.01	2.8 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1
1.9 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.5	3.7 ± 0.7	1.9 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.3
0.19 ± 0.04	5 ± 1	2.3 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.	3.0 ± 0.6

At the urban background station the PM<sub>2.5</sub> are dominated by OM. EC is also a dominant fraction. Overall composition of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the harbour site is very similar. OM and EC represent 55% and 9% of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, respectively. Only trace elements concentrations are significantly higher in the



harbour site (9% vs. 3% for the urban background site). This difference is mostly due to Ca, Na and Cl. Higher Organic markers concentrations are observed in the Urban Background station, especially levoglucosan and odd n-alkanes. Higher concentrations of Ba, Sn, Cd and Cu in the Urban site, while Na, Cl, Ca, Cs, Pb, V and Ni are more abundant in the vicinity of the harbour. During the fall and winter biomass burning (wood and green wastes) is the most abundant sources at both sites with the exception of harbour site during winter (most important source is vehicular emissions).

Harbour related activities represent only a small fraction of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> (0.8 and 1.2% in the urban background and harbour sites, respectively).

Thessaloniki: Two sampling sites were selected: the City Hall at the city center (40°62'36.25"N, 22°95'38.27"E) and the Port (40°63'98.77"N, 22°91'83.57"E). PM<sub>2.5</sub> daily samples were collected between 14/06/2011-22/05/2012 in selected days for a grand total of 322 samples. A PMF analysis was performed to apportion the PM<sub>2.5</sub> sources.

**Thessaloniki, Average results (contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub> level in µg/m<sup>3</sup>):**

City Hall		Port	
Traffic (vehicle exhausts)	11.3 ± 0.6	Vehicle exhausts + road dust	16.0 ± 0.8
Industry	3.6 ± 0.2	Industry/mineral	14.2 ± 0.7
Marine (sea spray + ships emissions)	2.0 ± 0.1	Sea spray	3.0 ± 0.2
Road dust	6.1 ± 0.3	Ship emissions	11.3 ± 0.6
Combustion	4.4 ± 0.2	Combustion	5.2 ± 0.3
Secondary aerosol	11.7 ± 0.6	Secondary aerosol	14.1 ± 0.7
Not apportioned	8.6 ± 0.4	Not apportioned	8.2 ± 0.4

Two traffic-related sources are presented at the City Hall: one related to vehicle exhausts and one to road dust. These two sources are combined and presented as one source for the case of the Port. The total contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the second case is lower. A marine-origin source with rather low PM<sub>2.5</sub> contribution is presented at the city center. The same source is split to two different sources for the Port site: sea spray and fuel oil combustion (ships emissions), the sum of which presents stronger contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub> due to the proximity to the sources (about 16% of PM<sub>2.5</sub>). The combustion-related source presents seasonal variation, being more intense during the cold season, therefore it can be connected to central heating emissions. The mineral/industry source contribution is stronger at the Port site, without presenting significant seasonal variation. The secondary aerosols considerably contribute to PM<sub>2.5</sub> at both sites (20%-25% of PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

Venice: Three sampling sites were selected: Parco Bissuola (45°29'58.71"N; 12°15'40.55"E) and Malcontenta (45°29'58.71"N; 12°15'40.55"E), respectively in the district of Mestre and in the industrial harbour area. In both the sites, PM<sub>10</sub> daily samples were collected along the whole year 2011 and fully characterized in terms of PM<sub>10</sub> composition. A third site, Saccafisola (45°25'42.18"N; 12°18'46.79"E), was chosen in Venice in the area of the passenger terminal. In this case a partial chemical speciation of the PM<sub>10</sub> samples was only performed and the source apportionment was limited to the assessment of heavy oil combustion.

A PMF analysis was performed to apportion the PM<sub>10</sub> sources.

**Venice, Average results (contribution to PM10 level in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ):**

	Bissuola Spring/ Summer	Bissuola Fall/ Winter	Malcontenta Spring/ Summer	Malcontenta Fall/Winter	Saccafisola Spring/Sum- mer	Saccafisola Fall/Winter
Biomass burning	5.4 ± 0.5	10 ± 1	1.1 ± 0.4	11.3 ± 1.5	-	-
Heavy oil combustion	3.7 ± 0.3	3.1 ± 0.3	6.5 ± 0.5	6.1 ± 0.5	6.1 ± 1.5	3.6 ± 0.9
Glass production	0.9 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 0.6	0.4 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.5	-	-
Industry (Cr)	0.6 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 0.2	3.9 ± 0.5	-	-
Industry (Pb)	2.6 ± 0.5	7.3 ± 1.4	0.9 ± 0.7	1.2 ± 1.0	-	-
Road traffic	0.7 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.4	5.0 ± 0.5	8.3 ± 0.7	-	-
Soil dust	0.5 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.2	2.1 ± 0.3	-	-
Secondary sulphathes	5.6 ± 0.4	6.3 ± 0.5	8.1 ± 0.9	7.8 ± 0.9	-	-
Secondary nitrates	1.0 ± 0.1	10.7 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.1	10.9 ± 0.5	-	-

Several industrial activities contribute to the PM10 level in the Venice area with a cumulative average weight of 10% - 20%. Heavy oil combustion is due both to ship emissions and to industrial plants: in the two inland sites (Bissuola and Malcontenta) the percentage weight of these sources does not show any seasonal trend while in Venice area (Saccafisola) a quite clear increase during the touristic season could be appreciated (in percentage terms the weight increase from about 13% to about 23% of PM10) this indicating a preponderant impact of ship emissions ( large cruise ships and ferryboats).

**Conclusions**

The long monitoring campaigns in each study area produced a quite detailed picture of PM composition and sources. Even if the results are not directly comparable since they partially depend on the position of the sampling sites, in four cities the impact of ships emissions has been detected at comparable and significant levels (between 10% -20% of the total PM) while a lower figure came out from the Marseille data set. This was the only one analysed with the CMB model and a systematic difference with the PMF approach is not surprising and would deserve a much broader discussion. The PMF approach in Marseille will be finalized at the beginning of February 2013.

## 8. Source Apportionment Outcomes by Chemical Transport Model

Source Apportionment analysis by CTMs has been performed using the zero-out modeling technique by the groups running CHIMERE (Barcelona and Marseille) whereas for CAMx the specific PSAT tool has been applied (Genoa, Venice, Thessaloniki and one once again Marseille). The zero-out method sets to zero a specific emission on the original emission inventory and measures the change in the concentration output; a complete model run is required for each source or emission sector under investigation. Particulate Source Apportionment technology (PSAT) uses reactive tracers to apportion primary PM, secondary PM and gaseous precursors to secondary PM among different source categories and source regions.

We report here a very synthetic summary of the results obtained in each study area.

### Barcelona

Source apportionment for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been evaluated by CHIMERE zero-out method for both summer (August 2011) and winter (December 2011) periods. The maritime contribution analysis has been calculated by the zero-out method applied on the Other Mobile Sources (SNAP 8) in which port emissions are included.

SA outcomes are here discussed for three sites: an urban site in Barcelona downtown and two sites near the Port: the World Trade Center, which can be considered as a port background site and a second site located at the very heart of the port of Barcelona.

All the three sites present exceedances of the daily PM<sub>10</sub>, both during summer and winter periods, with higher concentration both for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> during summer than at wintertime, indicating the importance of secondary formation in PM levels in the city of Barcelona.

The highest concentrations are recorded at the site at the very heart of the port of Barcelona (Table 1).





**Table 1:** PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations recorded at 3 monitoring sites in summer and winter period

Site	PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) summer	PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) winter	PM2.5 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) summer	PM2.5 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) winter
Barcelona downtown	40.5	24.0	19.2	14.2
World Trade Center (WTC)	52.2	40.2	24.6	24.6
Inner Port (POR)	69.4	55.2	43.2	29.4

In all the three sites, Source Apportionment outcomes for PM10 and PM2.5 are slightly different but not so much to give different ranking in the contribution analysis (Tab.2).

In summertime the most important contributors at the various sites are the following:

- urban site: on-road transport, followed by the maritime sector (included in other mobile sources);
- World Trade Center site: maritime sector, followed by on-road transport. Here, also the boundary conditions and biogenic sources have a relevant weight on PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations;
- inner port site: the maritime sector, dominates with over 50%, followed by on-road transport. Here, the external contribution is reduced from both the urban and the WTC sites, indicating the important local contribution of emissions to air quality.

In wintertime the most important contributors at the various sites are the following:

- urban site: the contribution from outside of the domain through the boundary conditions and combustion in manufacturing industry (SNAP 3); on road traffic loses importance, as well as the maritime sector;
- World Trade Center site: the maritime sector followed by on-road transport, with the weight of combustion in manufacturing increased conversely to biogenic contributions in respect to summertime;
- inner port site: the maritime sector still dominates but with a less important weight then summertime (38%); the second contributor is the combustion in manufacturing processes.

**Table 2:** SA from CHIMERE during summer (August 2011) and winter (December 2011) at 3 Barcelona sites.

PM2.5 Source Apportionment (% on total concentrations)	Urban site		World trade center		Inner port	
	summer	summer	summer	winter	summer	winter
Boundary conditions	6.3%	14.3%	8.3%	8.9%	5.5%	7.7%
Road Transport	20.5%	8.5%	18.6%	18.1%	11.7%	8.3%
Other mobile sources (including Maritime/Harbor emissions)	16.7%	4.5%	28.4%	23.2%	53.9%	38.1%
Non-industrial combustion	6.9%	3.5%	5.6%	6.5%	4.6%	3.6%
Energy production and Industries	7.4%	8.9%	7.0%	9.3%	5.8%	16.1%
Agriculture	2.5%	1.3%	2.4%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%
Biogenic sources	5.2%	3.1%	7.2%	2.5%	4.9%	2.0%
Others	34.5%	55.9%	22.5%	30.3%	12.2%	23.0%

Focusing on the other mobile sources sector, which includes maritime emissions, the mean contribution on PM2.5 among the three sites varies between 17% at the urban sites and 54% inside the port area during summertime, whereas in winter this contribution decreases to 5% at the urban site and 38% at the port. This contribution takes into account not only the emissions from ship and vessels, but considers all the emissions coming from the SNAP 8 (other mobile

sources), comprehending all on shore port activities.

Very similar results are recorded for the PM10 source apportionment (between 16% and 52% in summer and between 7% and 41% in winter). The mean contribution is rather constant throughout the year in the entire domain (approx. 7-9%), but a strong seasonality can be found at the urban site (16-17% in summer vs. 5% in winter).

The minimal contributions are lower than 1% for both summer and winter period at the scale of the APICE domain.

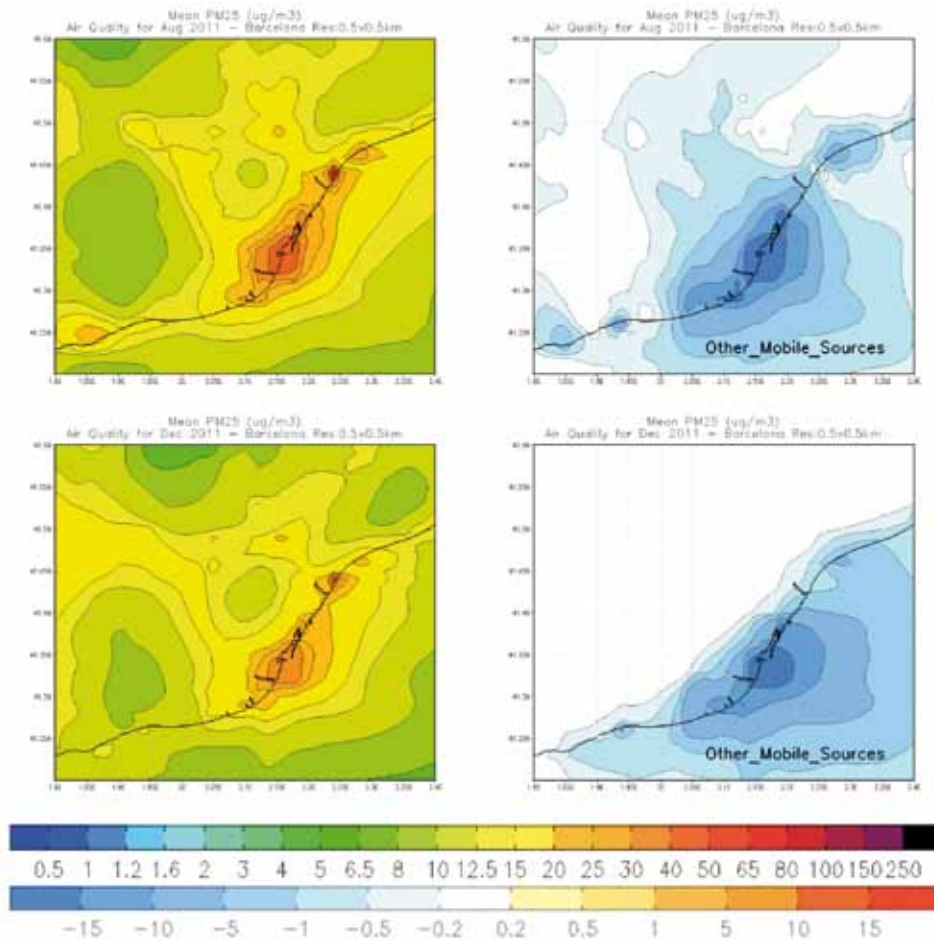


Figure 1: Monthly PM2.5 concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) (left) during the summer (top) and winter (bottom) periods at the Barcelona APICE domain scale from CHIMERE model and contributions for maritime sector (right) (obtained by zero-ing out the SNAP8 sector).

## Genoa

Source apportionment for PM10 and PM2.5 have been evaluated by CAMx-PSAT for both a Summer period (June-August 2011) and late Autumn period (15 November - 15 December 2011). PSAT routine has been activated, allowing for a complete analysis of source impact over the whole Genoa domain. SA outcomes are here discussed for the three sites where long monitoring campaign has been performed: Corso Firenze and Multedo (costal sites) and Bolzaneto (inland), allowing to make a comparison with results obtained by receptor models analysis.

Five source categories have been considered, in view of both the main goal of APICE project (assessment of harbour impact) and the peculiar characteristic of Genoa area, in particular:

- Maritime sector
- Traffic
- Industrial sources
- Non industrial combustion plants (SNAP02 sector, in Genoa area mainly residential sources)
- Other sources (including boundary conditions)

On Table 3 we report the contribution of above listed sources to simulated PM2.5 concentrations in the three monitoring sites.

**Table 3:** SA from CAMx during summer (June-August 2011) and late-autumn (15 November – 15 December 2011) at 3 Genoa sites.

PM2.5 Source Apportionment (% on total concentrations)	Cso Firenze		Mutedo site		Bolzaneto	
	summer	fall-winter	summer	fall-winter	summer	fall-winter
Road Transport	53%	38%	46%	32%	47%	35%
Maritime/Harbor	11%	5%	9%	4%	4%	3%
Residential/tertiary	1%	8%	2%	9%	2%	9%
Energy production and Industries	18%	19%	18%	20%	21%	20%
Others	17%	30%	25%	35%	26%	33%

The pattern obtained confirms the expected scenario for air quality in Genoa area, showing that the main pollution source in Genoa is related to road traffic, and minor contributions are given by industries and by maritime activities.

A seasonal trend can be identified in both coastal and inland sites. In fact during winter period a strong increase in the contribution of “Residential” sources is observed, which can be ascribed indeed to the presence of residential heating emissions.

Moreover in the coastal sites, which lies near the harbour (almost inside when considering the spatial resolution of simulation domain) a strong reduction of maritime activities contribution is observed during winter period, when ship traffic in the harbour is lower (effect mainly related to social trend in tourism). The maritime contribution on PM2.5 concentrations varies among the three sites between 4% and 11% in summer, whereas in winter decreases to 3-5%.

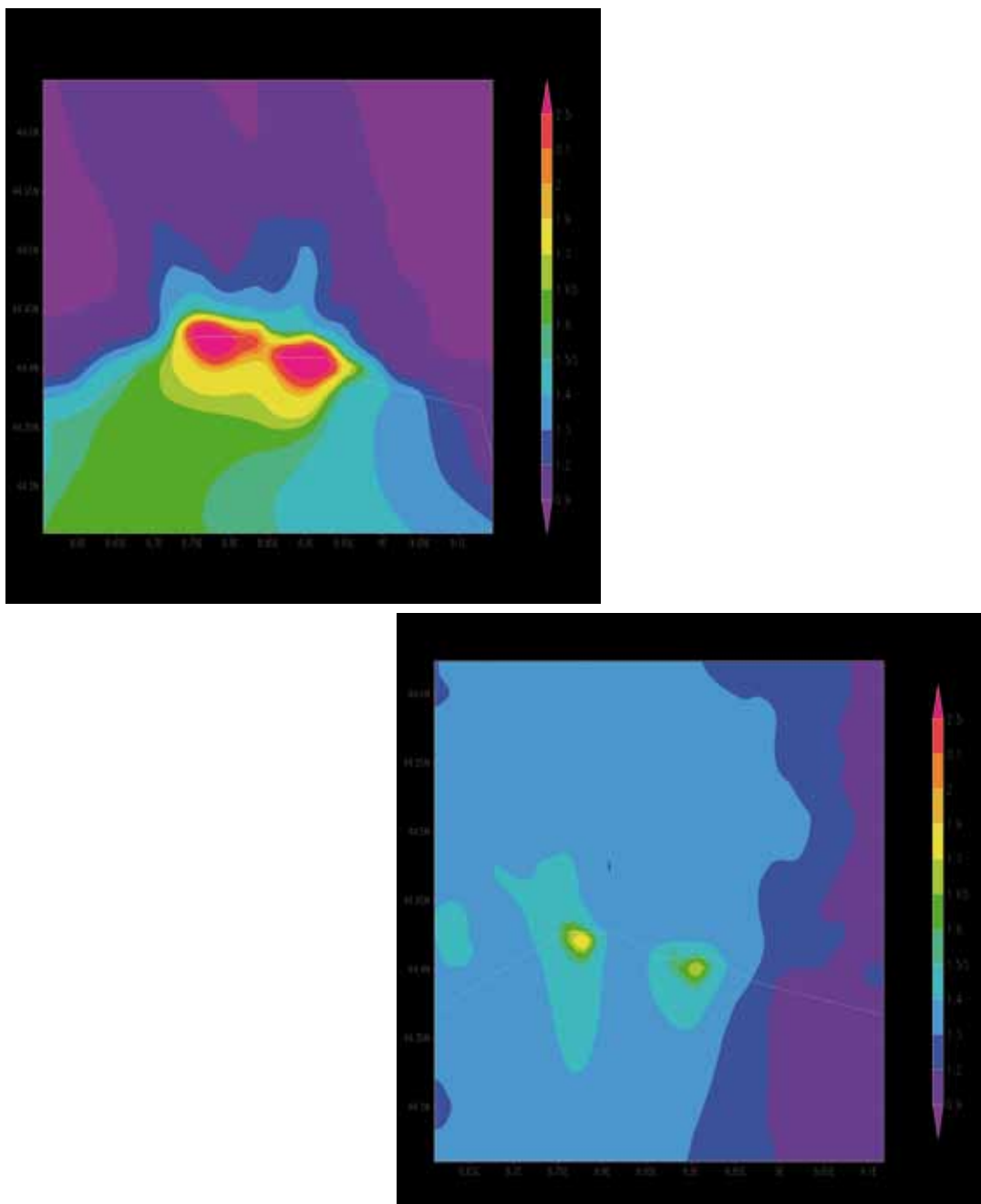
Finally the comparison between coastal and inland sites is consistent with what expected, in particular considering that lower contribution of harbour activities on PM2.5 is observed for inland site.

In the figures Figure 2 we report the concentration values of PM2.5 due to harbor activities emissions. Higher values are observed in summer period, confirming the seasonal trend observed in single receptor analysis. Also, in summer period the harbor activities impact is more evident in coastal area, where most of the Genoa urban area is located.





Figure 2: PM2.5 mean values in summer period (top) and late-autumn (bottom) in Genoa (Maritime activities sources only).



## Marseille

Source apportionment for PM10 and PM2.5 has been evaluated both by CHIMERE and CAMx, using zero-out modeling and tracer approach (PSAT) respectively for both winter, February 2011, and summer, August 2011 periods (Figure 3).

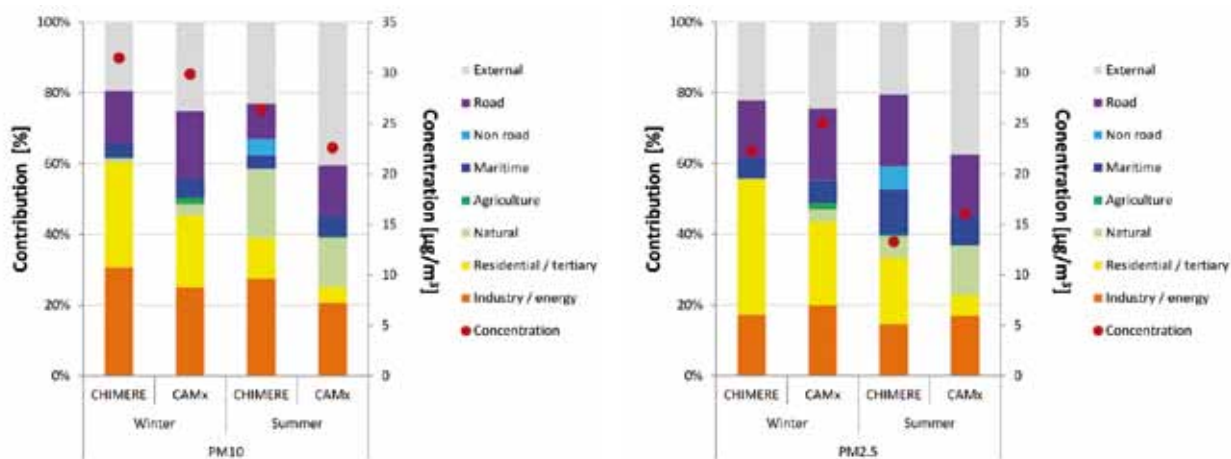
During the winter period, several exceedances of the daily PM10 have been monitored to the urban background station of “5 Avenues”, located downtown in Marseille. The major contributions are associated to industry-energy and residential-tertiary sectors. The road traffic significantly contributes to high PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations also.

During the summer period, PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations are lower. The industry-energy and road traffic sectors still have a major contribution to particulate matter. An additional significant contribution is issued from the natural sector. Mainly during the summer period, the external sec-

tor, representing the long-range transport, displays a large contribution to particulate matter concentrations.

Except the agriculture and the non-road and non-maritime sectors, every anthropic emission sector displays a significant contribution with different timing, spatial extent or absolute contribution. Thus, an efficient reduction of PM concentrations should involve each activity sector over large areas.

Figure 3: Concentration and relative contribution of emission sectors to the monthly PM10 (left) and PM2.5 (right) concentrations at «5 Avenues» sampling site during winter and summer periods using zero-out modeling from CHIMERE and tracer approach from CAMx by PSAT module.



SA outcomes are here discussed for two sites: an urban background site located downtown in Marseille and a second site located inside Marseille’s harbor (Table 3). Focusing on the maritime contributions, the maximal contribution of this sector is computed during the summer period at the port site with 10% of the PM2.5 road concentration. At the urban background site, the maritime contributions are lower and range between 7% and 9% of the PM2.5 concentrations. As the distance between sites is less than the spatial resolution of the model, results for urban and port sites are very similar.

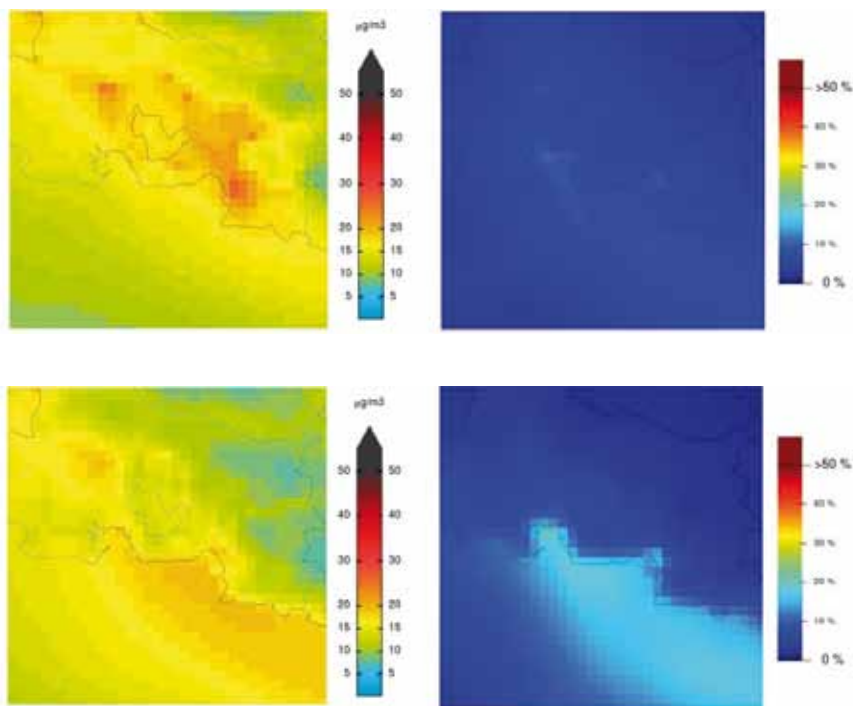
**Table 4:** SA from CAMx during summer (August 2011) and winter (February 2011) at 2 Marseille sites.

PM2.5 Source Apportionment (% on total concentrations)	Urban site “5Avenues”		Inner port site	
	summer	winter	summer	winter
Boundary conditions	37%	25%	38%	26%
Road Transport	17%	20%	16%	19%
Maritime/Harbor	9%	7%	10%	7%
Other mobile sources (excluding harbour)	0%	0%	0%	0%
Residential/tertiary	5%	21%	4%	20%
Energy production and Industries	17%	21%	17%	21%
Agriculture	0%	2%	0%	2%
Biogenic sources	14%	4%	14%	4%

The application of the model over the APICE domain allows a spatial representation of source apportionment results and highlights the location of the contribution from the maritime sector (Figure 4).

The maximal contribution from the maritime sector is 11% and 20% of the total PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration during the winter and summer periods respectively. These maximal contributions are located inside the port area.

Figure 4: Monthly PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations (left) during the winter (top) and summer (bottom) periods at the APICE domain scale from CAMx model and relative contributions for maritime sector (right).



## Thessaloniki

Source apportionment for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been evaluated by CAMx-PSAT for both a Summer period (June-August 2011) and early Winter period (15 November – 15 December 2011).

PSAT routine has been activated, allowing for a complete analysis of source impact over the Thessaloniki domain, that covers the urban area with an extent of 120 km and a resolution of 2 km.

PM<sub>2.5</sub> Source Apportionment outcomes are here discussed for the two sites where the long monitoring campaign has been performed: the first is in the Port area while the second is in the City Hall (Figure 5).

Figure 5: The city of Thessaloniki and the monitoring sites.



Table 6 presents the SA for the fine airborne particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at the monitoring sites. The SA analysis has revealed an important contribution of the pollution sources outside the modeling domain to the atmospheric levels of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Thessaloniki. However, in the results shown in Table 6, this influence is not considered. Consequently, the results shown are indicative of the contribution of the pollution sources inside the modeling domain to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> atmospheric pollution in Thessaloniki.

**Table 5:** SA from CAMx during summer (June-August 2011) and late-autumn (15 November – 15 December 2011) at 2 Thessaloniki sites.

PM <sub>2.5</sub> Source Apportionment (% on total concentrations)	City Hall		Port	
	summer	fall-winter	summer	fall-winter
Road Transport	45.1	24.5	44.8	24.9
Maritime/Harbor	2.2	1.0	5.8	2.8
Central Heating	0.0	45.4	0.0	44.3
Industries	20.1	10.9	16.4	9.8
Windblown Dust	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.8
Biogenic NMVOCs	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.1
Leftover Sources	30.8	17.2	31.2	17.3

Road Transport and Central Heating have the highest contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the Thessaloniki urban area in the summer and in the winter period examined respectively.

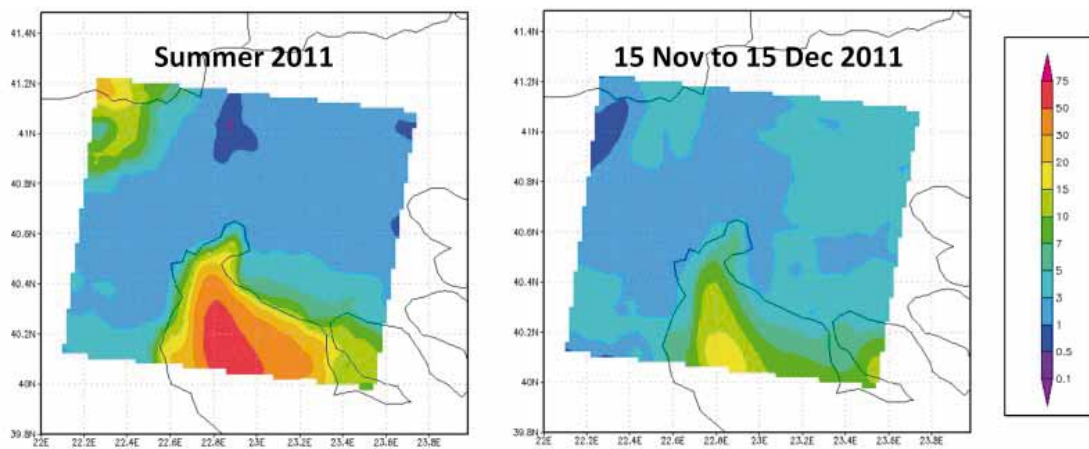
The Maritime and Harbor activities present a rather small contribution to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> average levels: from 6% in the port sites during summer to 1% in the urban site in the early winter period.



The influence of this emission source is greater in summer compared to the winter time because of the increased ship traffic, harbor and fishing activities during the summer. The influence of the Maritime and Harbor activities is smaller in the City Hall compared to the Port. The City Hall is about 5km away from the Port and represents urban background conditions.

Figure 6 illustrates the spatial distribution of the contribution of Maritime and Harbor activities to mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration over the whole modeling domain. As expected, the CAMx results have shown that the contribution is higher over the maritime than over the coastal and continental areas of the study domain. Over the former areas, the contribution can be rather significant in the summer (more than 50%) while it is moderate in the wintertime (about 20%). In addition, the contribution is higher over the maritime areas that are more distant to the coast.

Figure 6: Spatial distribution of the % contribution of Maritime and Harbor activities to the mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations over the Thessaloniki study domain.



## Venice

Source apportionment for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has been evaluated by CAMx-PSAT for both a Summer period (June-August 2011) and late Autumn period (15 November – 15 December 2011).

PSAT routine has been activated, allowing for a complete analysis of source impact over the Venice nested domain, which covers the urban area with an extent of 30 km and a resolution of 1 km.

PM<sub>2.5</sub> Source Apportionment outcomes are here discussed for the three sites where the long monitoring campaign has been performed: two urban background sites, one in the Venice historical center (close to the passenger ship berths, Sacca Fisola) and one in the mainland part of the Venice Municipality (Mestre, Parco Bissuola), and one industrial site located close to Porto Marghera (industrial and commercial harbor and industrial area of Venice).

Table 6 shows the SA for the fine airborne particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) at the Venetian monitoring sites, expressed as % contribution to the mean concentration of the seasonal period.

**Table 6:** SA from CAMx during summer (June-August 2011) and late-autumn (15 November – 15 December 2011) at 3 Venice sites.

PM <sub>2.5</sub> Source Apportionment (% on total concentrations)	Venice		Mestre		Marghera	
	summer	fall-winter	summer	fall-winter	summer	fall-winter
Boundary conditions	27.0%	19.0%	27.4%	17.6%	28.1%	18.1%
Road Transport	8.6%	16.8%	16.7%	20.4%	11.9%	17.5%
Maritime/Harbor	8.0%	1.8%	5.5%	0.2%	8.1%	0.9%
Central Heating	0.3%	27.0%	0.5%	32.9%	0.5%	33.0%
Industries	5.9%	7.6%	9.1%	6.4%	10.8%	6.9%
Agriculture	4.8%	8.2%	6.2%	9.1%	7.6%	8.6%
Biogenic sources	28.6%	13.4%	27.7%	10.7%	27.2%	12.3%
Leftover Sources	16.7%	6.2%	6.8%	2.6%	5.8%	2.7%

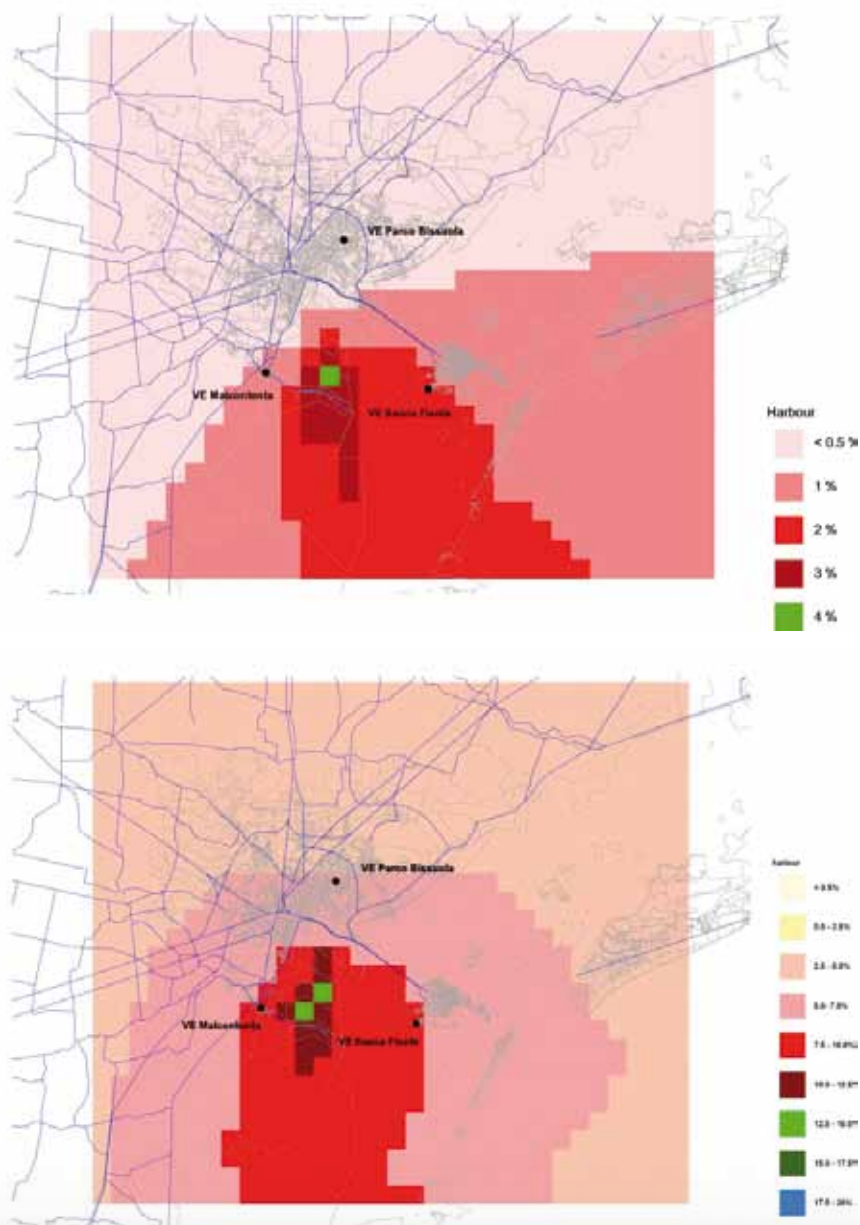
The boundary conditions, which refer to the PM amounts coming from outside the main modeling domain (256x236 km<sup>2</sup> covering Veneto Region and part of the neighbouring regions), play an important role on the concentration levels simulated in the Venice area, in both seasons.

In the summer period, natural sources account for the greatest amount of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, followed by boundary conditions, whereas the anthropogenic source with the most relevant impact on concentrations is road transport. The maritime activities account for the 6-8% of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations along the three monitoring sites.

During the late Autumn 2011, characterized by concentrations up to three times higher than the summer period, the wind blew from north-west and brought the emissions from the Po valley into the nested domain; in these meteorological conditions the influence of boundary conditions decreases while the relative importance of first levels diffusive emissions increases, even if road transport, wood combustion from residential heating and agriculture aren't typical emissions in Venice historical center. The maritime and harbor activities present a rather small contribution to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> average levels during this cold scenario, mainly because the presence of the emissions of domestic heating in respect to the summer scenario. Moreover the passenger vessels traffic decrease significantly between November and March.

Figure 7 illustrates how harbor activities contribution on PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration is spatially distributed on the nested modeling domain, in the summer and late-autumn period. The maximum contribution of harbor activities to the mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> values is depicted in green and reaches 15% in the summer period and 4% during the cold one.

Figure 7: Spatial distribution of the % contribution of Maritime activities to the mean PM2.5 concentrations over the Venice nested domain in the summer scenario (top) and in the late-autumn scenario (bottom).





## Conclusions

The Source Apportionment analysis by CTMs produced a quite detailed picture of the contribution of the different emission sources to PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each study area.

Focusing on the maritime activities impact on PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, a common feature for the five study area is an higher contribution during Summer period, when touristic ship activities are at their maximum and residential heating is at its minimum.

The maximum impact by maritime activities has been spotted always in summer: in Barcelona a contribution of 54% of harbour activities (ships and vessels and on shore harbour activities) has been calculated in the very heart of the port; a comparable contribution (~65%) is estimated in Thessaloniki over the open sea, estimation however calculated considering only the contribution of the pollution sources at local-medium scale (that is without taking into account the contribution of the emission sources outside the inner modelling domain).

Considering only the ship and vessels emissions, in summertime a maximum value of 33% is reached in Genoa whereas in Marseille and Venice the highest values are 20% and 15% respectively.

In wintertime, the highest contributions by maritime/harbour activities become lower: 38% in Barcelona and 20% in Thessaloniki; more comparable contribution have been obtained for Genoa, Marseille and Venice: 7%, 11% and 4% respectively.

Analysing the maritime contribution over the sites of the long monitoring campaign performed in every study area, the pattern spotted is: a contribution from 2% to 17% for the urban background sites in summer that become from 0% to 7% in winter.

The contribution for the sites very exposed to harbour emissions is quite different among the study areas and strongly depends on the different exposition to the local emission within the port-city area under investigation and on the method applied to analyse the harbour contribution.







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## 9. Base Future time emissions scenario

For all study areas, anthropogenic pollutant emission data were estimated for a future reference year. Consequently, a base future emission scenario was configured to act as a basis for the application of air quality models in order to investigate the impact of mitigation actions relevant with the maritime and harbor activities on the air quality in the future. In this chapter, a short description of the rationale of the future base emission scenario for each area is presented. The future maritime and harbor activities that are expected to be risky to the environment in terms of pollutant emissions to the atmosphere are also discussed.

While configuring the base future scenario, effort has been paid in order to take into account the existing normative framework for ship emissions. The air pollution from maritime transport is regulated by Annex VI of the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78) governed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). According to a revision of the MARPOL Annex VI, a stepwise reduction of the sulphur content of fuels used by ships while on cruise in all seas to 0.5% as of 2020 and to 0.1% in SECAs (Sulphur Emission Control Areas) as of January 2015 is prescribed. As a consequence, SO<sub>2</sub> and PM ship emissions are predicted to decrease considerably. Moreover, it should be noted that, according to the directive 2005/33/EC, since 2010, all ships have to change their marine fuel used while being at berth with fuel of sulphur content not exceeding 0.1% by mass. It should be noticed that according to an amendment of the directive 2005/33/EC (FEK 173B – 30/08/2007), all ships have to change their marine fuel used before entering into the ports of Greece (i.e. during maneuvering also) with fuel of sulphur content not exceeding 0,1% by mass.

For Barcelona, the base future emission scenario has as a reference time the year 2015 and considers the port and maritime activity forecast and the future normative framework for ship fuels. In particular, it was built up accounting for the:

- Socioeconomic trends developed within APICE project
- Official Port forecast regarding goods and passengers figures
- Ongoing or planned changes in infrastructure and operations within the port.

As for all other anthropogenic source emissions, data from the Catalan air quality improvement plan were used.

For Genoa, the emission values for the 2020 year base future scenario were calculated on the basis of the analysis of the ENEA project GAINS-Italy (<http://gains-it.bologna.enea.it/gains/IT/index.login>). According to this projection, there is an overall reduction of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions, mainly due to a general reduction of all production activities. The simulation of the effect of the new regulatory limit imposed for the content of sulphur in the fuels used by vessels required an assumption for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions which were reduced by -20%, enough for overcoming the expected emissions increase related to the maritime sector activities development.

For Marseille, the base future scenario is for the year 2025 and considers port and maritime traffic evolutions according to the Marseille port projections. Data concerned the following ship types: container, liquid bulk, solid bulk, cargo, cruise and passenger. An additional calculation provided projection for tugs according to the maritime traffic evolution. To calculate and to map the future emissions, the main properties for ships and their calls were conserved (ship dimension, engine, speed, duration of hotelling, maneuvering and on-cruise phases, provenance and destination, location of the quay to load/unload). Only the fuel characteristics were modified to respect the future regulation with sulphur content of 0.5% and an additional reduction of -20% for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions. These hypotheses allowed firstly an evaluation of the impact of the maritime



traffic evolution on the air quality in Marseille and secondly an independent evaluation of several projects from the Marseille port plan as the building of a new cruise terminal, the modification of the fuel type or others.

For Thessaloniki, the base future emission scenario refers to the year 2020. Emissions from the maritime and harbor activities were estimated according to activity data provided by the Thessaloniki Port Authority SA and considering the port evolution without taking into account any modification in engine types and emission factors. The projected emissions were based mainly on the Port Authority investment and development plans including a pier extension and the construction of a marina. Because of that, an increase in cargo ship traffic is expected along with an increase in the traffic of vessels that will be hosted in the marina (e.g. pleasure crafts). Moreover, in the calculations of the future SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the reduction of the sulfur content in fuels used by ships to 0.5% was taken into account. Future PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from ships were reduced by -20% because of the future normative framework for ship fuels. Regarding the future emission data for all other anthropogenic sources, the projections foreseen for Greece provided by the GAINS model were used (<http://gains.iiasa.ac.at/models/>).

Future emissions for the year 2020 were calculated for Venice considering the two main port development projects with a realistic realization within 2020: the Venice Motorways of the Sea Terminal and the first development of the new Container, for which a much more important growth is foreseen after 2020 with the realization of the off – shore Terminal outside the Venice Lagoon. With the realization of these two projects, both in Porto Marghera, an increase of 18% for Containerships, 11% for Ro-Ro Cargo Ships and 77% for Ro-Ro Passenger vessels is expected compared to those of the present time. Moreover, a yearly rate increase of 2% for the cruise movements was considered, whereas the ships movements related to the industrial activities were considered unchanged. Beside the emissions from ships, the traffic emissions induced on roads and railways by the total amount of vehicles arriving to and departing from the port of Venice were considered too. The induced traffic emission estimation was based on the forecast for duty and passenger vehicles on road, as well for the railway provided by Venice Port Authority for the two projects. For the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the 2020 scenario considered the limits on sulphur content in fuels of 0.5% in maneuvering and cruising phases for all ships, with an associated reduction of -20% for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for Bunker Fuel Oil (BFO) emission factors, as suggested in EC, 2006. Figure 1 illustrates the annual ship traffic for the reference year of the base future scenario for each study area. The port of Marseille has the highest ship arrivals. Barcelona is the second in the rank followed by Genoa and Venice. Ship arrivals in the port of Thessaloniki are the lowest.





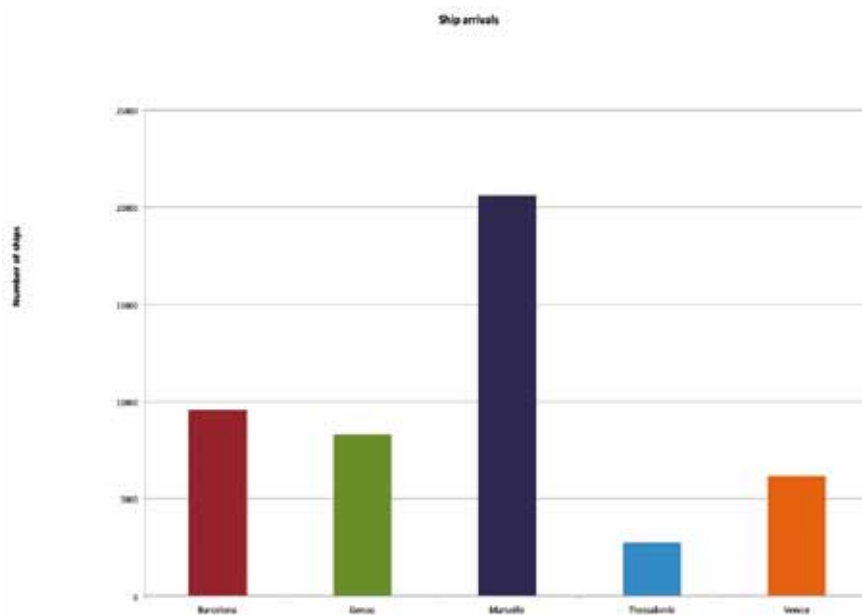


Figure 1. Annual ship traffic for the reference year of the base future scenario being 2015 for Barcelona, 2020 for Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice and 2025 for Marseille.

**Table 1** shows the calculated ship and vessel pollutant emissions for the base future scenario for all the cities studied.

	Reference year	Reference area (km <sup>2</sup> )	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NM VOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona <sup>1</sup>	2015	100x100	6694	3079	369	393	-
Genoa	2020	30x40	4522	463	260	118	109
Marseille	2025	100x100	22107	4270	6384	444	444
Thessaloniki	2020	100x100	14015	1600	431	459	448
Venice	2020	100x100	6671	757	335	360	360

<sup>1</sup>Emissions for Barcelona have been estimated only for maneuvering and hotelling modes, while for the other study areas on-cruise pollutant emissions have been also accounted for.

Following, Table 2 shows the change in ship and vessel present time emissions because of the base future emission scenario examined for each study area. It is obvious that ship and vessel emissions for NOx and NMVOC show an increase in the future in all the study areas. Regarding SO<sub>2</sub>, a decrease in ship and vessel emissions is foreseen, which is due to the reduction of sulphur content in ship fuels. PM10 and PM2.5 emissions are expected to increase in all cities except for Barcelona and Genoa in which a small to moderate decrease is foreseen.

**Table 2.** % Change in present time ship and vessel pollutant emissions because of the base future emission scenario.

	Reference year	Reference area (km <sup>2</sup> )	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NM VOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona <sup>1</sup>	2015	100x100	12	-59	12	-25	-
Genoa	2020	30x40	8	-43	13	-2	-10
Marseille	2025	100x100	87	-74	77	45	45
Thessaloniki	2020	100x100	29	-66	122	59	56
Venice	2020	100x100	44	-54	50	44	44

<sup>1</sup>Emissions for Barcelona have been estimated only for maneuvering and hotelling modes, while for the other study areas on-cruise pollutant emissions have been also accounted for.

Table 3 presents PM10 emissions per ship and vessel type in accordance with the base future scenario for all cities except for Genoa for which a more detailed analysis of the future emission data has been produced on the basis of very recent data that have to be verified. According to Table 3, cargo shipping is the major contributor to ship and vessel future emissions of PM10 in all the study areas, except for Venice in which passenger ships is the largest contributor. For Barcelona and Marseille, the second most important emission source is the passenger ships. For Thessaloniki, the second larger contributor to total emissions is the inland waterways, which show a steep increase in the future, followed by the fishing boats.

**Table 3.** PM10 future emissions (Mg/year) for different ship and vessel types for each study area.

	Reference year	Reference area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Passenger ships	Cargo ships	Inland waterways	Fishing	Other ships and vessels	TOTAL
Barcelona <sup>1</sup>	2015	100x100	115	236	-	-	42	393
Genoa	-	30x40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marseille	2025	100x100	95	281	14	-	54	444
Thessaloniki	2020	100x100	2	248	170	38	1	459
Venice	2020	100x100	198	131	842	-	31	3602

<sup>1</sup>Emissions for Barcelona have been estimated only for maneuvering and hotelling modes, while for the other study areas on-cruise pollutant emissions have been also accounted for.

<sup>2</sup>For Venice, the emissions by water traffic inside the Venice Lagoon and the historical city is reported; these emissions are not summed up on the total since there're not to be addressed to the Venice port activities.

In an effort to make a comparison of the pollutant emissions among the study areas, future emissions from passenger and cargo ships during the hotelling and maneuvering modes are presented in Figure 2 for all study areas apart from Genoa for which the specific data are not available. Attention has to be paid on the reference year of the emission estimation which is not the same for all the cities. Marseille has the highest emissions in accordance with Figure 1 showing increased ship traffic compared to the other study areas. Barcelona has the second higher gaseous pollutant emissions while PM10 emissions are comparable with those of Marseille. Venice and Thessaloniki follow as third and fourth in the rank respectively in accordance with the ship arrivals shown in Figure 1.

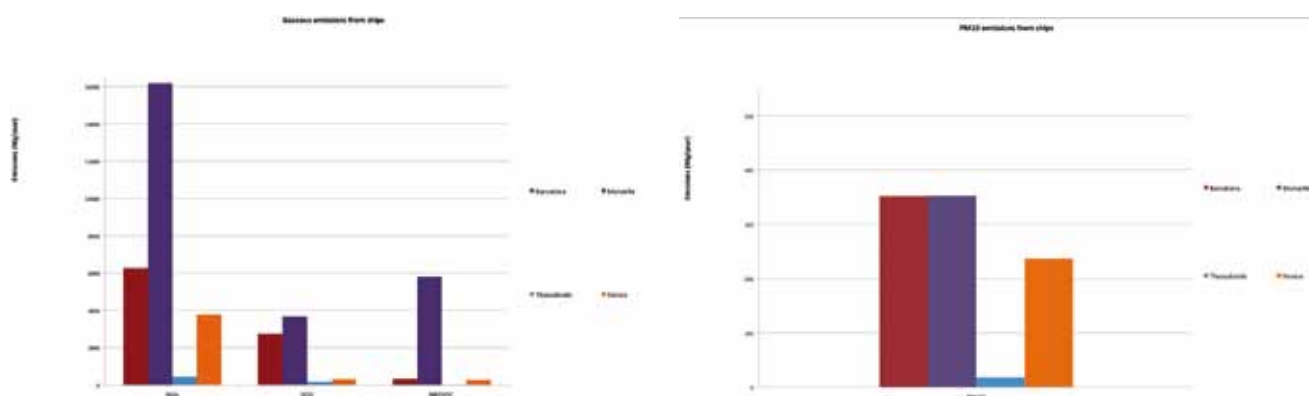


Figure 2. Passenger and cargo ship pollutant future emissions during the maneuvering and hotelling modes for each study area (reference year: 2015 for Barcelona, 2025 for Marseille, 2020 for Thessaloniki and Venice).

Table 4 shows the pollutant emissions from additional activities that occur within the harbor

area (other than ship and vessel emissions) and those induced by the presence of the port. For Marseille, this information is not available due to lack of input data to be used for the emissions estimation.

**Table 4.** Pollutant future emissions from port activities other than ship and vessel and pollutant emissions induced by the port activities (in Mg/year).

	Reference year	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NM VOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona	2015	605	14	0	75	-
Genoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marseille	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marseille	2020	-	-	-	67	10
Venice	2020	1419	1	73	47	41

According to Table 5 emissions from port activities other than ship and vessels are going to increase in the future for Thessaloniki and Venice for all pollutants. For Barcelona, the corresponding emissions are expected to decrease for all pollutants apart from NMVOC for which emissions remain the same.

**Table 5.** % Change in present time emissions from port activities other than ship and vessel and emissions induced by the port activities because of the base future emission scenario.

	Reference year	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NM VOC	PM10	PM2.5
Barcelona	2015	-16	-30	0	-29	-
Genoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marseille	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marseille	2020	-	-	-	81	66
Venice	2020	75	150	74	57	70

A further analysis of the emission data presented above has allowed the identification of the maritime and harbor activities that are expected to be more risky for the environment in the future in terms of the pollutants that are emitted in the atmosphere. This analysis is presented in detail in the “Identification of the risk activities” reports which are available on the APICE website and is summarized below for each study area.

## Barcelona

The trend scenario 2015 has been based on the evolution of type of merchandise/passengers, which has been provided by the Strategy Department of Port of Barcelona. The dry bulk carriers tend to increase while no change on tug boats fleet is foreseen by 2015 in a way that it can be assumed that for that type of boats, fuel and operations will be the same. NOx emissions resulting from auxiliary means working within the port have been estimated considering the overall change of activity at the Port. According to the official forecast, activity would increase around 15%. Cargo handling related emissions are estimated in function of TEUs movements evolution and new terminal equipment. Finally, the trend scenario considers evolution according to the amount of tones expected to be transported by trucks, as well as a reduction by 10% on the emissions factors due to fleet renewal.

According to number of calls foreseen by the Port Authority, the main increase on emissions will be due to cargo ships. Hotelling emissions are mitigated, as for SOx and PM10 due to the entry in force of the Directive for the fuel sulphur content.

## Genoa

A future scenario for 2015 has been configured according to the evolution of type of merchandise/passengers, which has been provided by the new PRP (Piano Regolatore Portuale) of Genoa Port, a document containing harbour planned intervention and structural modification for the next years. These provisional data have been translated into vessels types and number of calls per vessel type, considering also the increased ratio of merchandise/passengers that can be transported by modern ships. About the development of container traffic in the short term, the forecasts of economic operators show a growth in volumes greater than expected, with an average growth of about 7% (2011 - 2015). Solid bulks traffic forecasts show a further increase on specialized goods such as forestry, fruit and vegetables and metals / steel products, with variations year to year about 4.2%. In addition, activities concerning heavy-duty vehicles and railroad locomotives are also expected to increase in 2015. Socio-economic data of port activities development have been very recently collected and further analyses are needed to elaborate harmonized and accurate emission data.

## Marseille

Marseille port projections forecast a high increase of the maritime traffic for 2025. The main developments are expected for the cruise activity, which will be 4 times the current traffic, the container activity, which will be tripled and the conventional cargo activity which will be multiplied by 2.5. Traffic of leftover activities is also expected to increase.

At the port scale, container activity is expected to be the major contributor to the future pollutant emissions, followed by passenger activity and liquid bulk activity. In the western part, dedicated to goods transport, future emissions will be dominated by container, liquid bulk and cargo activities. In the eastern part, close to Marseille city center and mainly dedicated to passenger transport, the first emission contributor will be the passenger activity, followed by cruise and container activity. For all pollutants, future emissions will be dominated by hotelling phase except for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, dominated by maneuvering phase.

## Thessaloniki

In 2020, according to activity data provided by the Thessaloniki Port Authority SA and considering the port evolution, cargo and passenger ships will increase in traffic by approximately 35%. Tugs will increase by 50% and the inland waterways vessels will have a very high increase too. The traffic of fishing boats is expected to decrease by about -30%.

In the domain of 100x100 km<sup>2</sup> extent, on an annual basis, cargo shipping is expected to be the major contributor to the future maritime and harbor activities emissions of CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>. The second larger contributor to NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions is the fishing boats and to the CO emissions are the inland waterways. The inland waterways are expected to be the most important NMVOC emission source followed by the cargo ships. PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> will be mostly emitted by the cargo ships while the second emission contributor will be the inland waterways. Regarding cargo ships, the highest emission source for all the pollutants except for CO is the containers (followed by the general cargo ships). CO is emitted mostly by the other cargo vessels. Moreover, for all pollutants, the total cruising emissions represent the highest share of total future emissions from all operation modes (cruising, maneuvering and hotelling). This result is also valid for each of the cargo ship types (general cargo, container, other cargo vessels).

On a more local scale (in the port area), on an annual basis, the hotelling of ships will be the major emission source for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, CO and NMVOC in 2020. PM<sub>10</sub> will be emitted mostly from the in-port processes relevant with the loading, unloading and piling of goods/materials. The largest



NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be released from the maneuvering of ships; however, the NO<sub>x</sub> ship maneuvering emissions are estimated to be comparable with those emitted from ship hotelling.

## Venice

Differently to the 2011 emissions, on the 2020 scenario, the greater emission contribution is by passenger ships and this is mainly due to the Ro-Ro passenger vessel traffic increase of the new Motorways of the Sea Terminal. Except for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, for which the limitation of 0.5% in sulphur content of ship fuels for the maneuvering and cruising phases results to an important decrease, all the other pollutants record an increase between 40% to 60%, considering the whole Port of Venice and the three phases of navigation.

Letting aside the cruise phase, that in the Port of Venice starts outside the Venice lagoon entrances and so it is quite distant in respect to both the historical city and the inland one (Mestre) and considering separately the commercial/industrial terminals in Porto Marghera and the other terminals in the historical city of Venice, the 2020 development scenario record a decrease for all the pollutants in the historical city of Venice: - 10-12% for CO, NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC, -20% for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. On the other hand, there's to report the increase on the total emission for the Porto Marghera terminals: +88% for CO, +52% for NO<sub>x</sub>, +63% for NMVOC and +75% for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. This is due to the fact that the Venice Motorways of the Sea Terminal foresee a displacement of the present Ro-passenger vessels from Venice to Porto Marghera.

### Conclusions

In the future, an increase in ship and vessel emissions for NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC is expected in all the cities given also the increase in the ship traffic foreseen. Regarding SO<sub>2</sub>, a reduction of total maritime emissions is estimated due to the reduction of the sulphur content in ship fuels. PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> ship and vessel emissions will increase significantly in Marseille, Thessaloniki and Venice and present a small to moderate decrease in Barcelona and Genoa. In the latter cities, the effect on the emissions of the new regulatory limit imposed for the content of sulphur in the ship fuels overcomes the expected emissions increase due to the port activities evolution.

The results for the future emissions per ship and vessel type reveal that the major contributor to PM<sub>10</sub> emissions is the cargo shipping in Barcelona, Marseille and Thessaloniki while in Venice passenger ships are the most important future PM<sub>10</sub> emission source.

Finally, an increase in pollutant emissions from port activities other than ship and vessel and emissions induced by the presence of the port is expected for Venice and Thessaloniki while a decrease is foreseen for Barcelona.

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## 10. Mitigation scenarios

Within APICE, emission mitigation measures (and corresponding emission scenarios) relevant with the maritime and harbor activities were studied for each port-city with the use of Chemical Transport Models (CTM) in order to estimate the expected change in pollutant emissions and air concentrations in comparison to those of the base future emission scenario. The mitigation measures studied were decided mainly after discussions between the governmental bodies, port authorities and scientific groups with a view to increase the territorial knowledge framework and provide indications to undertake environmental-addressed actions towards mitigation strategies as drivers for the sustainable eco-environmental growth of the coastal areas. Following is a presentation of the emission mitigation measures or emission scenarios selected for each study area with a discussion on the related impact on air quality.

### Barcelona

18 mitigation measures were examined for Barcelona aiming to the reduction of port emissions for the reference year 2015:

1. Promotion of LNG as fuel for ships: It is considered that ferries passengers will use this fuel in the future, considering traffic forecast by 2015. The expected reduction in emissions is about -85% for NO<sub>x</sub> and -100% for PM<sub>10</sub>.
2. Cold ironing: It is considered for 10% of cruise passenger, with forecast data for 2015. The expected decrease in emissions is about -6.5% for NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>.
3. LNG as fuel for tug boats: It is considered that half of the tug boats use LNG, with 2015 data projection. The expected reduction in emissions is about -42% for NO<sub>x</sub>.
4. Measures regarding trucks: Both NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> emissions are expected to decrease by about -8%.
5. Measures regarding trains: NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> emissions are expected to decrease by about -3% and -4% respectively.
6. Conversion cargo handling machinery to natural gas: The expected reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is about -35%.

Table 1 shows the reduction in the total maritime and port annual emissions of the base future scenario due to the mitigation measures.



**Table 1.** % Change in the maritime and port annual emissions of the base future scenario due to mitigation measures (Reference domain: Port area, Reference year: 2015).

Mitigation Action	NOx	PM10
18 mitigation actions <sup>1</sup>	-12%	-13%

<sup>1</sup>The actions are described in text above.

The impact of several future emission scenarios, including the aforementioned mitigation actions, on the air quality of the city of Barcelona was studied using the MM5-CHIMERE modeling system, as described in several works (e.g. Jiménez-Guerrero et al., 2012), including both anthropogenic and natural emissions (biogenic NMVOCs, wind-blown dust and sea salt aerosol). The system was applied over two nested domains covering (1) the entire Catalonia (120 x 120 km<sup>2</sup> at a resolution of 2 km) and (2) the Barcelona Metropolitan Area (40 x 40 km<sup>2</sup> at a resolution of 0.5 km) (Figure 1). 30 vertical layers up to 100 hPa were used for the simulation of the meteorological conditions and 16 layers up to 500 hPa in the CHIMERE configuration. Modeling system simulations were performed for a summer month (August 2011) and a winter month (December 2011).

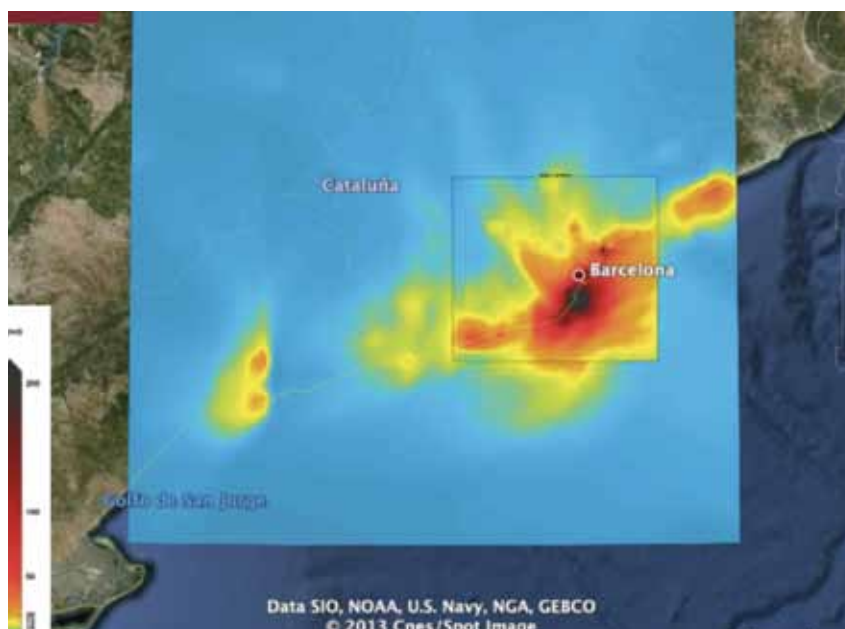


Figure 1: One-way nested domains of study simulated with CHIMERE: Catalonia and Barcelona Metropolitan Area. Shaded colours represent the maximum summertime concentrations of sulphur dioxide highlighting the impact of the Barcelona port on the levels of this pollutant.

CHIMERE results are based on the 0.5 km resolution simulations, and cover three different emission scenarios: (a) base-case future scenario: the forecast of the emissions for the port in the year 2015, including the trend scenario of emissions predicted by the Catalonia Government for emissions different from the maritime sector, (b) an analogous scenario to (a), where the emissions for the port include the mitigation measures as defined in APICE and (c) the plan scenario as defined by the Catalonia Government for the year 2015, where the port emissions include the mitigation actions defined in APICE. Further explanations are provided in the document “[APICE Plan Barcelona](http://www.apice-project.eu/index.php?lang=SPA)” (<http://www.apice-project.eu/index.php?lang=SPA>).

Figure 2 presents the change in PM air quality in Barcelona for a summer period (using the meteorology of August 2011) because of the mitigation measures selected. When comparing the APICE mitigation scenario to 2015 base case scenario, values around -10.2% as maximum reductions are found (very similar reductions, -11.3%, are found in the case of PM2.5 concentrations). For the whole modeling domain, we observe a reduction in PM10 (PM2.5) levels around

-6.1% (-6.3%) for this mitigation scenario. Analogous results are observed in the APICE mitigation + Plan scenario for 2015 (where reductions from other emitting sectors are included), where the maximum reductions downwind the port area are -12.8% and -11.9% for PM10 and PM2.5 (-5.7% and -5.4% respectively for the whole modeling domain). The above indicate that most of the concentration reduction comes from the mitigation measures in the port and not from the rest of planned emissions for the other emitting activities.

Analogous results are found for Barcelona in the winter month (simulations using the meteorology of December 2011). The maximum decreases in mean PM levels (Figure 3) are over the coastal areas, and especially over the Barcelona port, where reductions in the order of -10.3% are found as maximum reductions in the scenario including the APICE mitigation measures when compared to the base case scenario for 2015. The results are similar for PM2.5 concentrations, where reductions by -9.9% are modeled as maximum decreases. When considering the mean in the modeling domain, we can observe a reduction in PM10 (PM2.5) levels around -5.6% (-5.2%) in this APICE mitigation + Trend scenario. Similar results are observed in the APICE mitigation + Plan scenario, where the maximum reductions are located near the port: -10.6% and -10.1% as maximum reductions of PM10 and PM2.5, respectively (-5.2% and -4.9% as mean for the modeling domain). As also found for the summer period, the local mitigation actions significantly impact SO2 and NO2 concentrations in the port and surrounding areas.

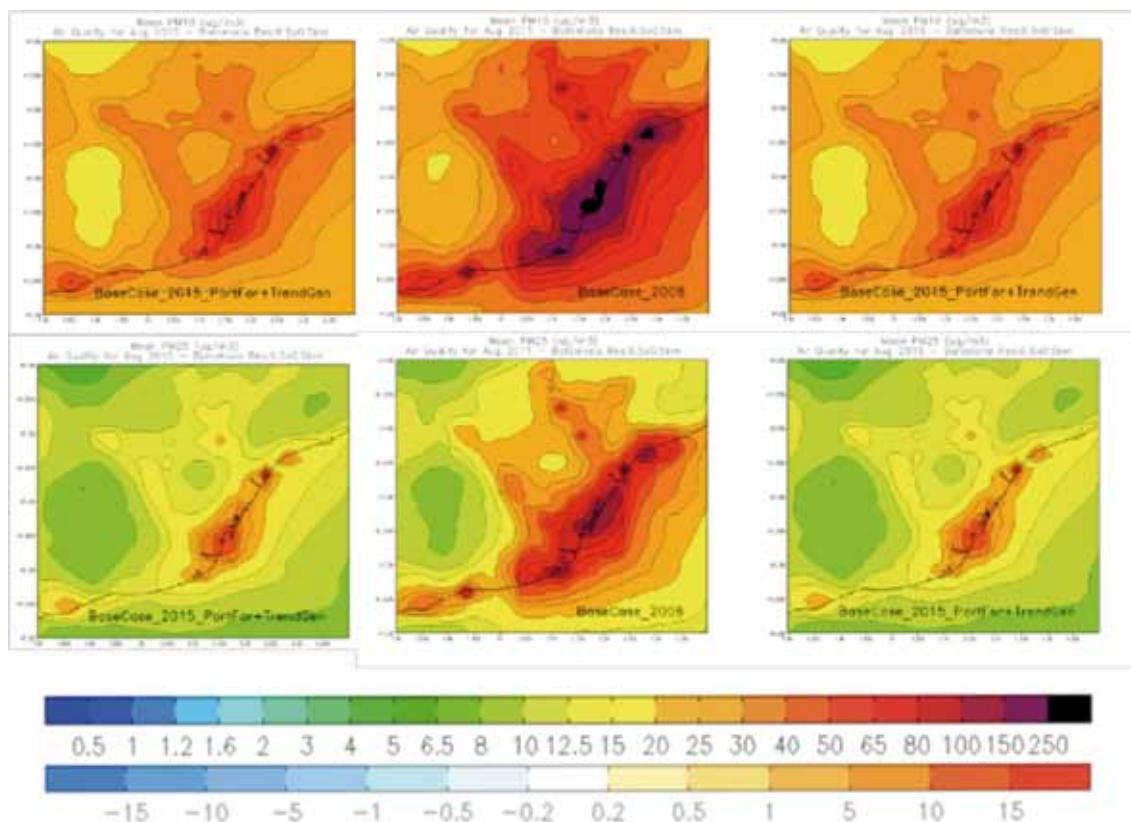


Figure 2: Left: Base-case concentrations of PM10 (top) and PM2.5 (bottom) over the Barcelona domain for summertime 2015; Middle: the relative difference (%) due to the APICE mitigation measures + Trend scenario; Right: the relative difference (%) due to the APICE mitigation measures + Plan scenario.



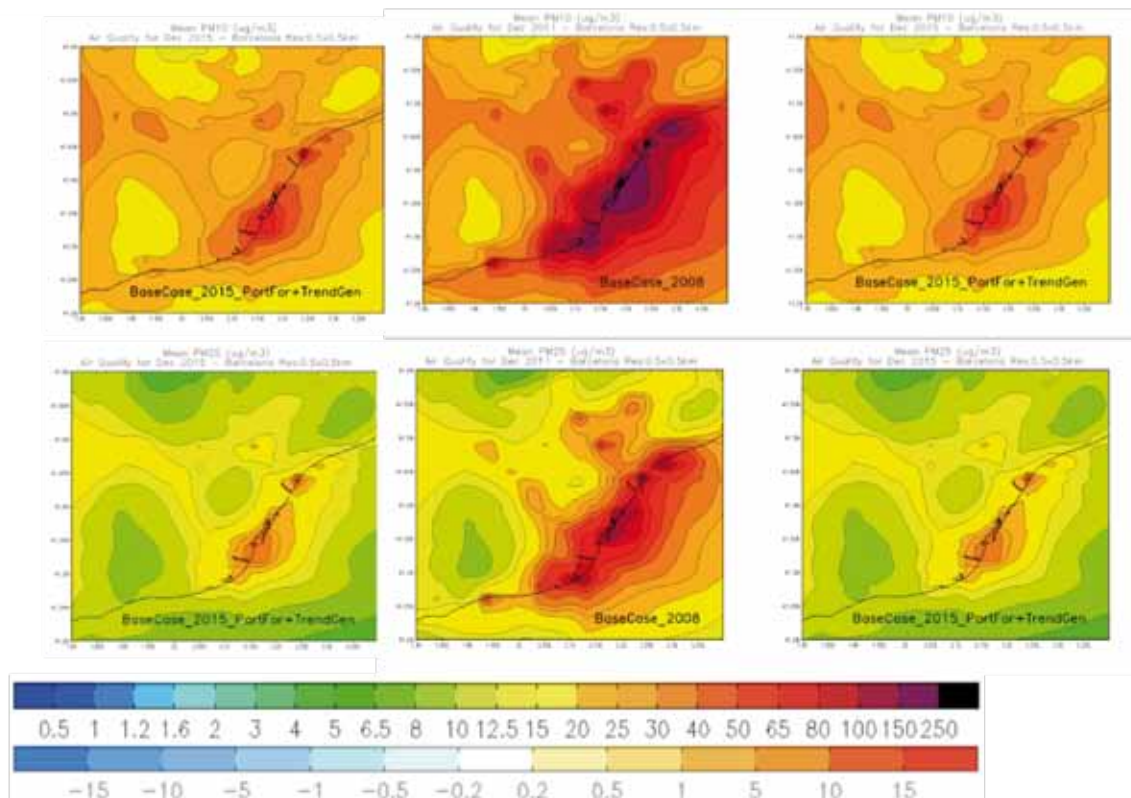


Figure 3: Left: Base-case concentrations of PM10 (top) and PM2.5 (bottom) over the Barcelona domain for wintertime 2015; Middle: the relative difference (%) due to the APICE mitigation measures + Trend scenario; Right: the relative difference (%) due to the APICE mitigation measures + Plan scenario.

## Genoa

The mitigation measure considered for Genoa was the Cold ironing for two different areas of the port, namely the VTE cargo terminal, located at the western edge of the harbour area, and the Ferry Terminal, sited very close to the city center. The contribution of VTE and Ferry Terminal emissions to total harbor emissions is around 10%, while the abatement of the harbor emissions in the area close to the electrified quays is very high (till 80%). The advantage of a very high mitigation at local level can be added to the contemporary mitigation of noise from harbour. Table 2 presents the change in future time ship and vessel annual emissions in the port area due to the cold ironing measure.

**Table 2:** % Change in future time ship and vessel annual emissions due to emission mitigation measure (Reference domain: Port area, Reference year: 2020)

Mitigation Action	CO	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NMVOCs	PM10	PM2.5
Cold ironing (ferry and container terminals)	-35%	-38%	-35%	-34%	-35%	-35%

The emission scenarios were studied with an integrated air quality forecasting system that was implemented at the University of Genoa. Meteorological fields were obtained from the mesoscale model WRF-ARW, whereas air quality simulations were performed using the photochemical model CAMx. By means of subsequent nesting procedures, meteorological and pollutant concentration fields were obtained up to resolutions of 1 km. Initial and boundary conditions needed to drive WRF simulations were provided by the global model GFS, operational at the National Center for Environmental Prediction. Large-scale anthropogenic emissions data were provided by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) after processing the 2005 European emission

dataset of The Netherlands Organization with the MOdel for the Spatial and tEmporal diStribution of emissionS (MOSESS) (Markakis et al., 2013). Finally, natural emissions were computed from the WRF outputs using the Natural Emission Model (NEMO) developed by AUTH (Markakis et al., 2009; Poupkou et al., 2010). Figure 4 shows the environmental impact of the mitigation measure on the air quality of Genoa as simulated for the base future time emission scenario using the meteorology of the year 2011. The role played by meteorological conditions (mainly prevailing wind directions) on the impact of mitigation action is clear while looking to Figure 4. Pollutant emitted from the port is carried mainly to N/NW, then the central and eastern part of the city area will be less affected by this intervention, while local consistent effects are expected in western side of the city.

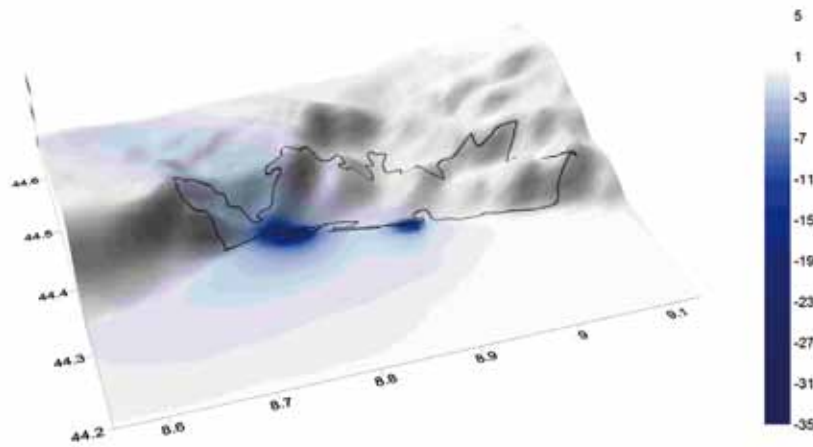


Figure 4. % Difference in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations between the future time scenario with mitigation action and the 2020 base future scenario (summer month).

## Marseille

The following mitigation emission scenarios were studied for Marseille having as reference time period the year 2025:

1. Cold ironing: It is applied to passenger ships in rotation between Marseille and Corsica Island. It involves one terminal and three ships of the CNM Company (scenario name “Cold ironing”).
2. Build a new cruise terminal: The aim of this scenario is to move the current terminal cruise closer to the historical city center to allow a direct access to the places of interest (scenario name “New terminal cruise”).
3. Use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in shipping: It is applied to passenger and cruise ships for cruising, maneuvering and hotelling phases. This scenario is named “LNG passenger”.

The expected changes in the maritime emissions at the scale of the Marseille urban area for each mitigation action examined are reported in the Table 3.

**Table 3:** % Change in the maritime annual emissions of the base future scenario due to mitigation measures (Reference domain: Marseille urban area, Reference year: 2025).

Mitigation Action	CO	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NMVOCs	PM10	PM2.5
Cold ironing	-3%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-3%	-3%
New cruise terminal	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%
LNG passenger	-78%	-57%	-75%	-78%	-78%	-78%

As the studied scenarios considered very local mitigation actions or a translation of maritime emissions, the ADMS Urban model was used to allow a better evaluation of these actions. This urban model was used over a domain including the Eastern port of Marseille, with an adaptive spatial resolution, narrowed close to the main pollutant sources and over the areas including an emission scenario. Receptor points were computed with a height of 1.5m. Meteorological data were taken from a meteorological station located in Marseille. The main emission sources as road traffic, industry and maritime activity, were modeled as explicit sources. CHIMERE model was used with a spatial resolution of 3km over the regional area, meteorological data from the WRF model and the local emission inventory to include background concentrations for PM10 and PM2.5.

PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations for the “Base future” scenario were computed for a winter and a summer month, using meteorology for February and August 2011 respectively (Figure 5). As the highest PM concentrations were identified during the winter time, the evaluation of mitigation actions focused on this period. Seasonal variations were due to lower emissions of primary particles as from the central heating and better dispersion conditions during the summer time.

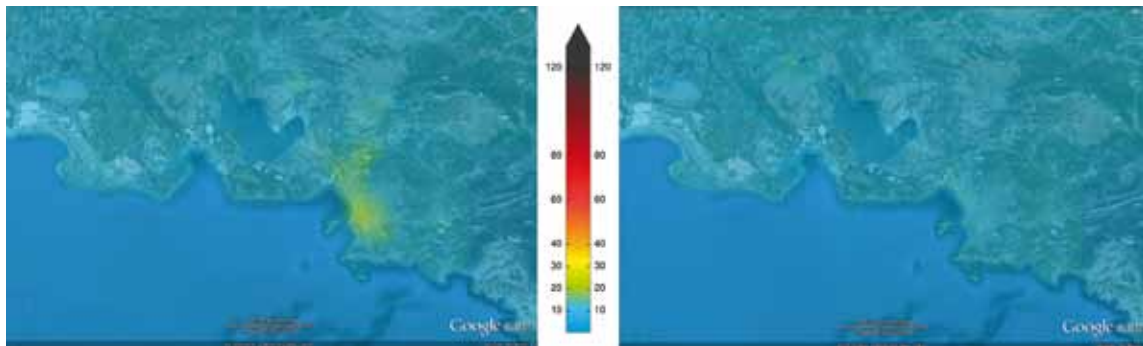


Figure 5: PM2.5 concentrations for the “Base future” scenario during winter (left) and summer (right) periods using the CHIMERE model.

Figure 6 displays the expected changes on the PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations as a result of the implementation of the mitigation emission scenarios selected for Marseille for a winter period (using the meteorology of February 2011). The use of LNG as fuel for passenger ships has shown a significant decrease for PM concentrations at the port scale. The impact of the cold ironing action is lower with an improvement located very close to the terminal involved. The new cruise terminal building should significantly reduce concentrations in the northern part of the port with a translation of the emission inside the new terminal. Also, all the local mitigation actions significantly impact NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the port and surrounding areas.

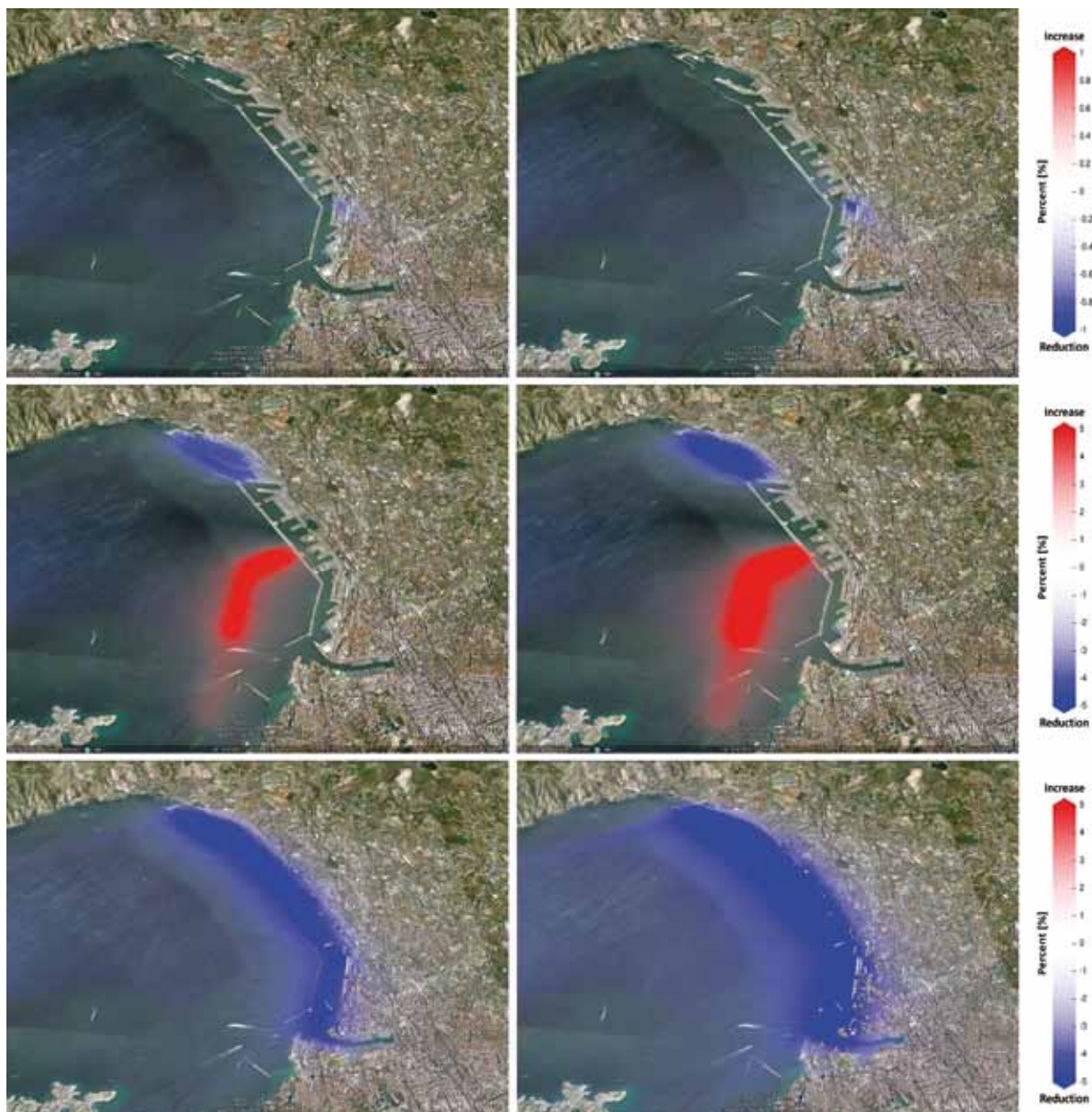


Figure 6: Relative difference between the “Base future” and the “Cold ironing” scenario (top), the “New cruise terminal” scenario (middle) and the “LNG passenger” scenario (bottom) for the PM10 (left) and PM2.5 (right) concentrations during the winter period over the urban domain for Marseille.

## Thessaloniki

The following mitigation actions were studied for Thessaloniki for the year 2020:

1. Cold ironing: It was considered for all types of ships.
2. Use of wetting agents (chemical and water): The aim of the measure is the reduction of the port storage pile PM emissions.

Table 4 reveals that the implementation of both measures is expected to contribute to significant decreases in future PM maritime/harbor emissions in the area of the port. Over the whole study domain centered over Thessaloniki with a 100 x 100km<sup>2</sup> extend, the reduction of the PM maritime/harbor emissions due to both mitigation actions was estimated to be small (-4.4% for PM2.5 and -8.1% for PM10).



**Table 4:** % Change in the maritime/harbor annual emissions of the base future scenario due to mitigation measures (Reference area: Port area, Reference year: 2020)

Mitigation Action	CO	NOx	SO <sub>2</sub>	NMVOCs	PM10	PM2.5
Cold ironing	-80%	-46%	-15%	-82%	-19%	-55%
Use of wetting agents	0%	0%	0%	0%	-31%	-14%

In order to assess the impact of the mitigation actions on the air quality of Thessaloniki, simulations were performed using the WRF-CAMx modeling system (Skamarock et al., 2008; ENVIRON, 2010) applied over a 2km spatial resolution grid for Thessaloniki. There were 17 vertical CAMx layers extending up to 10 km above ground level. CAMx simulations were performed for a summer period (month of July using the WRF meteorology for July 2011) and a winter period (the period from 15 November to 15 December using the corresponding WRF meteorology for the year 2011). CAMx runs were based on the 2km resolution anthropogenic emission data of: a) the base future emission scenario and b) the base future emission scenario reduced in order to account for the mitigation actions selected. 2km spatial resolution natural emission data (biogenic NMVOCs, wind-blown dust and sea salt), as calculated with the use of NEMO driven by the WRF meteorology for the year 2011, were also used. The chemical boundary conditions for the Thessaloniki grid were taken from the results of CAMx having been applied over the Balkan Peninsula for the present time emission scenario.

Figure 7 shows the differences in the mean PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations of the 2020 year base future scenario due to the implementation of both mitigation actions. The differences are small. The maximum decreases in mean PM levels are identified in and near the port area where PM10 values decrease by -4.4% and -2.4% and PM2.5 concentrations are reduced by -0.9% and -0.5% during the summer and winter period respectively. Controlling PM emissions from port storage piles with the use of wetting agents (chemical and water) improves better the PM air quality near the port area than the implementation of the cold ironing.

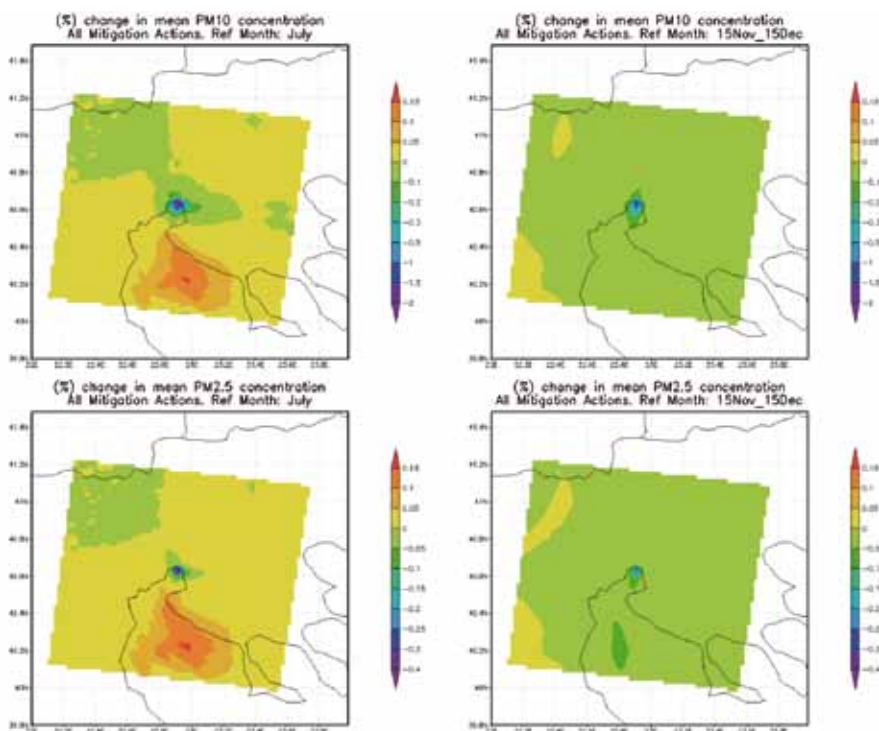


Figure 7. Difference (%) in the mean PM10 (top panel) and PM2.5 (bottom panel) concentrations implementing the “Cold ironing” and the “Use of wetting agents” mitigation actions for the summer and winter periods studied.

## Venice

One emission mitigation scenario was examined for Venice accounting for the following 2 mitigation actions:

1. Cold ironing: It was considered for the cruise vessels hotelling in Venice at the Marittima Terminal, with a total amount of 6195 hours of power supply in a year and a local production of electricity by the near coal power plant in Fusina (Porto Marghera),
2. Limitation of 0.1% for the sulfur content in ship fuels: The measure was considered for all the passenger ships arriving and departing from the terminal inside the historical city of Venice in maneuvering and cruising phases. The emission estimation calculation has considered an obligation to switch from Bunker Fuel Oil (BFO) to Marine Gas Oil/Marine Diesel Oil (MDO/MGO) in order to reach the limit.

The changes in the emissions of the future reference year 2020 due to each of the mitigation actions examined are reported in Figure 8.

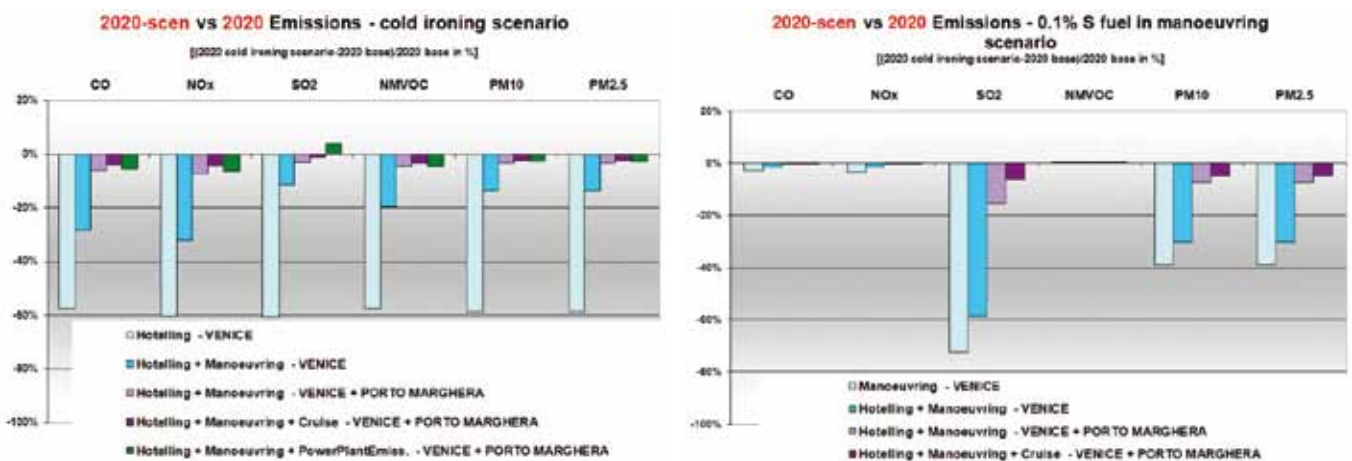


Figure 8. % Change in future time emissions due to emission mitigation measures in Venice.



The modeling chain implemented was constituted by COSMO-LAMI (Limited Area Model Italy) meteorological model and the photochemical air quality model CAMx, which was run for two periods: from June to August 2011, and from mid-November to mid-December 2011. The main CAMx grid had an extent of about 250 km and a 4 km resolution, whereas the nested one covered the urban area of Venice with an extent of 30 km and a resolution of 1 km. In the CAMx domain there were 10 vertical layers extending up to 3 km above ground level. The gaseous and PM chemical boundary conditions were provided by the CHIMERE outputs of the Prev'air System (<http://www.prevair.org/fr/index.php>). Natural emissions (biogenic NMVOCs, wind-blown dust and sea salt) have been calculated during the CAMx simulations, starting from land use and the meteorological data provided as input to the model. CAMx runs were based on: a) the base future emission scenario, with the emission data coming from the projection to the year 2020 of the Veneto Regional Emission Inventory by GAINS-Italy model and the port emissions estimated by the EMEP/EEA methodology on the ship movements foreseen for the development scenario at 2020 and b) the base future emission scenario reduced in order to account for the mitigation actions selected.

Figure 9 illustrates the expected impact of both mitigation actions on the PM<sub>2.5</sub> mean levels of the 2020 year base future scenario in the Venice area for a summer month (using the meteorology of the corresponding month for the year 2011). Model runs for a winter period were not performed since the mitigation actions selected consider the passenger ship traffic that has non negligible contribution only in summer. The maximum decrease occurs in the cell of the Passenger Terminal

in which cold ironing has been modeled. The map for PM<sub>10</sub> (not shown here) is very similar with that presented in Figure 9 and reveals differences in concentration values that are not detectable.

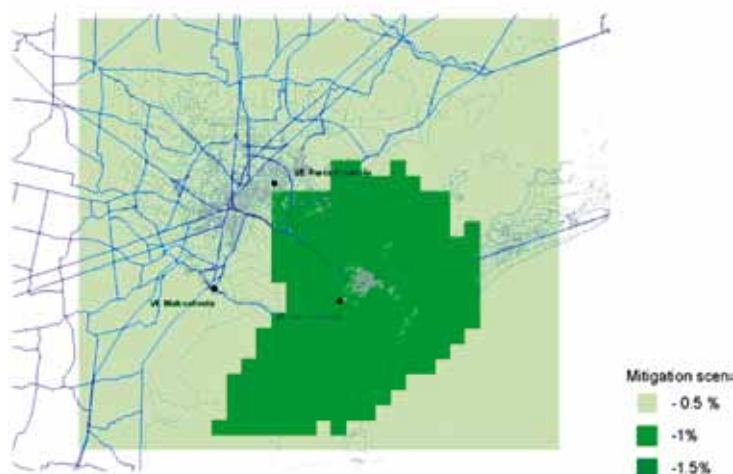


Figure 9. Difference (%) in the mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations between the future mitigation scenario and the future base scenario for the summer period studied.

## Conclusions

A summary table for the effect of the different emission mitigation scenarios on the future PM maritime emissions and PM air quality in the study areas is presented below. Table 5 shows the differences in the mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> levels of the base future scenario at the monitoring sites and in the whole modeling domain because of the emission mitigation actions examined in each study area.

For Barcelona and Genoa, the estimated decreases in mean PM concentrations are moderate in the summertime; down to -12.7% and -11.6% for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> respectively in Barcelona and -23% and -21% for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> in Genoa. For Thessaloniki and Venice the maximum reductions are expected to be rather small; -0.9% and -4.4% for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> in Thessaloniki and -1.5% for both PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> in Venice. In wintertime, the mitigation measures could have a moderate impact on the PM air quality in Barcelona and Marseille. The maximum decrea-

ses are -11.2% and -10.6% for PM2.5 and PM10 respectively in Barcelona; -8.5% and -6.1% for PM2.5 and PM10 in Marseille when considering the “LNG passenger” scenario. For Thessaloniki, the air quality improvement seems to be rather small.

As shown in Table 5, PM2.5 maritime/harbor annual emissions are cut down by -35% and -69% in the port areas of Genoa and Thessaloniki respectively because of the mitigation actions. Also in the Marseille urban study domain, the use of LNG as fuel in passenger and cruise shipping may seriously reduce PM2.5 maritime annual emissions by -78%. The mitigation actions are expected to result in a moderate reduction (-13%) of PM10 emissions in the Barcelona port area and in a moderate decrease (-10%) of PM2.5 and PM10 emissions in the port of Venice.

Based on the above, it can be concluded that the mitigation actions studied for each Mediterranean port-city are more effective in terms of the maritime and harbor emission reductions that they induce mainly in local scale while their impact on the air quality is estimated to be more limited.

**Table 5:** The effect of emission mitigation actions on the PM emissions and concentrations in the study areas for a future reference year<sup>1</sup>.

City	Mitigation actions	% Decrease in maritime and port annual emissions <sup>2</sup>		% Difference of mean concentration at the monitoring sites		% max increase / % max decrease of mean concentration in the modeling domain <sup>3</sup>	
		PM10	PM2.5	PM2.5 (PM10) (summer month)	PM2.5 (PM10) (winter month)	PM2.5 (PM10) (summer month)	PM2.5 (PM10) (winter month)
Barcelona	18 actions (see the text above)	-13	-	Port site: -11.3 (-10.2) Urban site: -1.7 (-1.6)	Port site: -10.3 (-9.9) -Urban site: -1.3 (-1.5)	0.0 / -12.7 <sup>4</sup> (0.0 / -11.6) <sup>4</sup>	0.0 / -11.2 <sup>4</sup> (0.0 / -10.6) <sup>4</sup>
Genoa	Cold ironing	-35	-35	Port site: -1 (-1) Urban site: <-1 (<-1)	-	0.0 / -23% (0.0 / -21%)	-
Marseille	Cold ironing	-3	-3	-	Port site: -0.1 (-0.1) Urban site: 0.0 (0.0)	-	0.0 / -1 (0.0 / -0.7)
Marseille	New cruise terminal	0	0	-	Port site: +0.9 (+0.6) Urban site: 0.0 (0.0)	-	8.4 / -5.5 (5.8 / -3.9)
Marseille	LNG passenger	-78	-78	-	Port site: -6.0 (-4.2) Urban site: -1.0 (-0.7)	-	-0.1 / -8.5 (-0.1 / -6.1)
Thessaloniki	Cold ironing and use of wetting agents (chemical and water) for storage piles	-50	-69	Port site: -0.9 (-4.4) Urban site: -0.07 (-0.4)	Port site: -0.4 (-2.4) Urban site: -0.03 (-0.1)	0.2/-0.9 (0.2/-4.4)	0.01/-0.5 (0.01/-2.4)
Venice	Cold ironing and 0.1% sulfur content in passenger ship fuels	-10	-10	Malcontenta <sup>5</sup> : -0.5 (-0.5) Sacca Fisola <sup>5</sup> : -1.4 (-1.4) Parco Bissuola <sup>5</sup> : -0.5 (-0.5)	-	-1.5 (-1.5)	-

<sup>1</sup> Future reference year: 2015 for Barcelona; 2020 for Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice; 2025 for Marseille.

<sup>2</sup> Reference area: the port area for Barcelona, Genoa, Thessaloniki and Venice; the urban area for Marseille.

<sup>3</sup> Modeling domain extend: 100 x 100 km<sup>2</sup> for Marseille, Thessaloniki and Venice; 40 x 40 km<sup>2</sup> for Barcelona; 40 x 30 km<sup>2</sup> for Genoa.

<sup>4</sup> % changes of mean concentration refer to scenario (b) (Trend scenario + APICE mitigation measures).

<sup>5</sup> Malcontenta: Commercial port in Porto Marghera; Sacca Fisola: Historical city near Passenger Terminals; Parco Bissuola: Urban background.

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# **11. Towards common steps to curb emissions: the Common Transnational Strategy of APICE Project**

## **11.1 The Common Transnational Strategy: What is about?**

The Common Transnational Strategy (CTS) represents the general and shared result of the APICE project, whose title explicitly mentions, as its general aim, “Common Mediterranean strategy and local practical Actions for the mitigation of Port, Industries and Cities Emissions”.

On one hand, CTS is meant to support policy makers and local communities to develop their own strategies to mitigate air pollution in coastal areas. On the other, CTS is oriented to support the ongoing discussion at European level with respect to New Directives implementation on Air quality and on ICZM, integrated with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

The CTS represents the merging point of the scientific findings (air-monitoring campaigns and model scenarios) with environmental, economic and urbanization trends in vulnerable Mediterranean areas and the platform for shared initiatives. It aims at constituting a road map to develop a common Mediterranean path to curb emissions that is further articulated in local adaptation plans, according to a principle of environmental, economic and social sustainability.

The Common Transnational Strategy has been structured aiming at simultaneously supporting the sustainable development of port activities, being respectful of the environment and human health. Stakeholders, targets and goals, measures and actions, communication issues are strictly linked and intertwined, since they together constitute the “ingredients” to design and implement a local plan towards air pollution mitigation.

Common Transnational Strategy is the result of bottom-up process which has taken place in the 5 Port-Cities of the APICE Project: Barcelona, Genova, Marseilles, Thessaloniki and Venice. The contents arise from the comparison of the discussions of APICE Partners with local stakeholders in each Port City.



## **11.2 Towards a common Mediterranean strategy: shared measures for air pollution mitigation**

The Common Transnational Strategy arises from the assessment of actions for air pollution mitigation in each Port City (Barcelona, Genova, Marseilles, Thessaloniki and Venice), which has been built taking into consideration the main sectors of emissions (according to 7 categories), which were as well considered in the emissions inventories, as follows:

- Measures cat. 1: Ship emissions
- Measures cat. 2: Diesel Powered equipment
- Measures cat. 3: Cargo handling equipment
- Measures cat. 4: Rail emissions
- Measures cat. 5: Road emissions and diesel road vehicles
- Measures cat. 6: Solid Bulks
- Measures cat. 7: Inventorying, Monitoring, Communicating

Each measure has been articulated in actions, of different type and nature. Cluster of stakeholders were associated to each action, according to their involvement, roles and competences, to evaluate the actions.

The assessment was conducted at local level by each APICE Port City working group, taking into consideration the local differences between the 5 Port Cities, as their geographic, climate, topographic conditions, as well as the economic situation, trends and scenarios of each Port Cities. To evaluate the feasibility of actions in each Port City, 10 criteria were adopted by the Partnership. The criteria, that take into consideration environmental, social and economic aspects at once, in line with the general approach of the APICE project, have been weighted from the Partnership through a Delphi Method: Cost-effectiveness, Implementability, Emissions reduction potential, Technical feasibility, Costs, Enforceability, Co-benefits, Potential funding opportunities, Measureable results, Timeframe. With respect to the criterion on “emissions reduction potential”, the evaluation was developed according to the information deriving from the APICE modeling, where available.

Measures and actions contained in the CTS have been shared by the APICE Partnership as the ones that might be implemented in different ways and according to different schedule, by all partners.

The most suitable actions supported by the APICE project are listed in table 1.



**Table 1:** actions shared by the Partnership as part of the Common Transnational Strategy

Measures	Actions
Measure 1: Ship Emissions	Action 1.1: On-shore Power Supply (OPS) Action 1.2: Change fuel while maneuvering Action 1.3: Alternative fuel (LNG)
Measure 2: Diesel powered equipment and Cargo handling equipment	Action 2.1: Accelerated fleet turnover Action 2.2: Idle reduction programs Action 2.3: Alternative fuels
Measure 3: Road Traffic	Action 3.1: Improvement of road system (to avoid congestion) Action 3.2: Environmental excellence certification for trucks Action 3.3: Mode switching - Alternative fuels (CNG, LNG, hybrid) Action 3.4: Idle reduction programs
Measure 4: Rail Traffic	Action 4.1: Increase rail ratio through economic incentives Action 4.2: Improvement of rail system (access, avoid congestion) Action 4.3: Track electrification
Measure 5: Inventorying, Monitoring, Coordinating, Communicating	Action 5.1: Monitoring and control (protocol or agreement between stakeholders, etc) Action 5.2: Port Air Quality Steering/Working Committee Action 5.3: Data Sharing: Inventorying Emissions and Monitoring concentrations as the base for planning Action 5.4: Communication strategy





## **12. The Local Adaptation Plans: strategies for mitigation of air pollution in each APICE Port-City**

The Local Adaptation Plans (LAPs) have been drafted in each project area and they represent the roadmap at the same time to elaborate and to scale down the Common Transnational Strategy (CTS) at local level, according to the approach developed within APICE project.

While designing the targets of APICE project, in each area the LAP aims at achieving specific targets. In the area of Barcelona, the LAP aims at constituting a guidance for reduction of 12 % for both NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> emissions from the port, and thus supporting and complementing efforts by national and regional authorities. In Genoa, the APICE project is expected to develop a model for air quality focused on harbor emissions, as this tool was missing in this area before APICE. This tool is fundamental for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the new Port Master Plan. The APICE model was also applied to a selection of actions contained in the new Port Master Plan, with the aim of continuing with the overall assessment of the whole plan. In Marseilles, the application of APICE inputs and scenarios is meant to support a new project of setting electric power ground supply terminal within the strategic Plan of the Port Authority and to include of APICE deliverables in atmospheric, urban and health protection plan of PACA region.

In Thessaloniki, the LAP will contribute in establishing a roadmap for the improvement of the efficiency of the Decentralized Administration of Macedonia – Thrace and the Region of Central Macedonia in urban development planning for Thessaloniki city and implementing environmental policies in order to improve the citizens' quality of life.

For Venice, the target is to investigate on possible solutions to mitigate air pollution but at the same time supporting the development of port activities, within the framework of planning guidance to drive port-district expansion (and its connection with the northeast transport poles) and of the Regional Masterplan (under revision) and coastal plans, as well as to support the promotion of agreements to mitigate emissions of docked-vessels closed to the historical islands of Venice. As geographical scope, the areas investigated take into consideration morphological and geographical aspects which are specific of each Port City: in Barcelona, area declared Special Protection Zone in the Air Quality Plan (40 municipalities); in Genoa, coastline and its back of Genoa Province; in Marseilles, the Bouche-du Rhône land as a part of the PACA Region; in Thessaloniki, the Region of Central Macedonia; in Venice, City of Venice and Venice Lagoon, with respect to Veneto Region.

The Local adaptation plans are organized in a coherent way to be comparable between partners, even if local differences are put in evidence, as they characterize the specific context in which the Common Transnational Strategy has been elaborated and downscaled through the common methodology. Based on the CTS general framework, each Port City working group has articulated the LAP according to peculiarities and specific topics emerged from the discussion with the stakeholders involved. For example, Barcelona LAP is oriented toward the coherent and conversion of Port activities towards the use of LNG and natural gas; while in Venice, the LAP acquires a precautionary approach supporting voluntary agreements between public and private stakeholders, because of high contextual uncertainties.

With respect to the contents, a first part of LAP is devoted to the Stakeholders involved and the process of participation; the process of measures assessment; method each Port City adopted to define emissions reduction targets (the way you use to define emissions reduction targets, as top down or bottom up; reference to limits, etc); the analysis of emissions sources: main findings, main problems, uncertainties. A second part of the LAP discusses on measures analysis and implementation for each specific coastal conditions, taking into consideration the general evaluation of the measures developed according to the APICE CTS approach.



The analysis of each measure has been carried out, considering the state of the art, the description of the measure and actions in which it is divided (if any). The measures are analyzed according to the criteria considered for the evaluation (please refer to the CTS paragraph in this publication), and then discussed about benefits and advantages, disadvantages, barriers, uncertainties, implementation and effect of the measure applied in the Port City.

The final part of LAP is devoted to the discussion of the mainstreaming of local adaptation plan for each Port City, concerning the main outcomes and actions to be implemented from APICE. The LAP Mainstreaming within local decision making processes has some specific objectives according to each local situation: to integrate existing programming, to strengthen territorial governance in port-cities, and to promote voluntary agreements among administrations, ports, ship-owners and transport entrepreneurship.

Specifically, the Mainstreaming of APICE's scenarios and designed measures referred to different objectives according to local situation. In Barcelona, it regards the integration of APICE Plan within the Catalan plan to improve air quality, and within Port Authority strategy and management; for the Genoa new Port Master Plan, which foresees the reorganization of terminals location and new infrastructures; in Marseilles, it reflects on Regional-Urban platform 08-10 for environmental control of Marseille involving the Marseille Port Authority due to strong investments in West and East ports; the regional/local air quality environmental plans and urban master plan of Thessaloniki and the environmental objectives and upcoming master plan of the Thessaloniki Port Authority; and in Venice, the interaction with the new Veneto Masterplan and Port of Venice Op. Plan 08-13 which plans hard investments.









# Conclusions



## **13. Main scientific conclusions**

The general objective of APICE was to pinpoint concrete actions to lowering emissions and mitigate air pollution in the pilot harbour cities, while preserving economic potentialities of port cities. The project analysis was focused on how harbour emission sources contribute to PM concentrations, with particular attention to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> fraction.

The multidisciplinary approach, which is based on a strong coordination between scientific and institutional partners, was meant to guarantee that the scientific knowledge and findings could have a response on the planning policies and on the assessment plan of each territory benefiting from the funding.

The first specific objective was to estimate the relative contribution of several pollution sources to air quality and to understand the similarities/differences among the port areas investigated. This task has been carried out by the scientific group following two different techniques of Source Apportionment analysis, based respectively on receptor models and Chemical Transport Models (CTMs). The focus of these techniques was the identification of pollutant emissions that mostly affect PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations.

The two different Source Apportionment approaches aimed at integrating the peculiar potentialities of both techniques: by one side receptor models, more suitable to pointing out the bonds between specific emission sources and specific markers and, on the other side, CTMs, that extend their assessment on the formation of secondary aerosols, since they apportion the gas precursor emissions, too.

These two SA techniques have required different preparatory activities that have been implemented in parallel for each harbour area of the project. Receptor models identify, on a statistical basis, the weight of different urban sources differentiating temporal trends in concentrations; to their implementation, chemical speciation of aerosol are required to quantify the abundance of the different source tracers.

The chemical transport models, on the other hand, reconstruct the air pollutant concentrations from emissions and meteorological inputs, so they are particularly suitable for scenarios evaluation.

As input of the receptor models, during 2011, in each studied area a long air pollution monitoring campaign, with aerosol measurements and chemical speciation, has been carried out. A common feature was the choice to monitor two or more sites, in each urban area, having different exposures to emission sources. In every city, at least one site was more exposed to maritime emissions (from harbour terminals or at least from ship traffic), one site was urban background and possibly one place more exposed to surrounding industrial area.

In order to better understand the differences among the study areas, the inter-comparison exercise in Marseille allowed comparing the monitoring techniques and the receptor model applications in the frame of the six-week long campaign, carried out at the beginning of 2011. Considering the conditions of the inter-comparison exercise (different data set, and partners totally free to use its own methodology), results obtained can be considered in quite good agreement.

The long monitoring campaigns in each study area produced a quite detailed picture of PM composition and sources. Even if the results are not directly comparable since they partially depend on the position of the sampling sites, in four cities the impact of ships emissions has been detected at comparable and significant levels (between 10% -20% of the total PM) while a lower figure came out from the Marseille data set. This was the only one analysed with the CMB model and a systematic difference with the PMF approach is not surprising and would deserve a much broader discussion.

has been performed in each study area. On the project's website, it is available one emission inventory for each partner. Emission inventories have been developed by accounting gaseous and particulate emissions from all anthropogenic sources (transport, industry, energy, residential heating, etc.). Emphasis has been given to the detailed calculation of emissions from ships and other activities in the harbours. In addition, natural emissions in the study areas have been calculated, including biogenic emissions and emissions from windblown dust and sea salt. Beside the emission inventory, for every pilot area, a socio-economic trend database has been delivered. Focusing on the most risky activities in harbour in terms of the PM emissions, cargo shipping has been identified as the major contributor, and in most of the cases passenger ships is the second emission source. Considering the usual location of the passenger ships terminals in the very heart of the port-cities studied, and specifically in Venice and Genoa at a very short distance to densely populated areas, the study of mitigation actions has been concentrated also on this ship category.

The Source Apportionment analysis by CTMs produced a quite detailed picture of the contribution of the different emission sources to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each study area. As for maritime activities impact, a common feature for the five study areas is a higher contribution during the summer period, when touristic ship activities are at their maximum and residential heating is at its minimum. The maritime contribution among the city partners is quite different, depending not only on the peculiarity of each study area (e.g.: socio-economic trends, meteorological and dispersion conditions, industrial and residential emission strength and composition), but also from the methodology applied by the partners. The higher contribution of harbour activities has been estimated in summer in Barcelona at the very heart of the port and in Thessaloniki at open sea (both over 50% of contribution), whereas in the other cities lower values have been estimated. Nevertheless at urban background sites more comparable results have been obtained with a contribution ranging from 2% to 17% in summer and 0% to 7% in winter.

Beside SA analysis, CTMs have been used to simulate the future development scenarios, as well as the mitigation scenarios, in order to assess the effectiveness of mitigation actions, addressed in strict collaboration with the territorial authorities involved in local working tables.

The future base scenario has been estimated on a reference year (2015 or 2020 or 2025, depending on the city), taking into account both the port development (extension of piers, spatial displacements, increase in port traffic) and the projection of all the other emissions according to future legislation and trend drivers (for example fleet renewal for road transport or change in fuel



consumptions).

In particular, future maritime emissions have been calculated considering the reduction to 0.5% for the fuel sulphur content in force as of 2020, according to the Directive 2012/33/EC.

In the future, an increase in ship and vessel emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOC is expected in all the cities related to the foreseen increase of the maritime traffic. Regarding SO<sub>2</sub>, a reduction of total harbour emissions is estimated due to the reduction of the sulphur content in marine fuels. PM ship and vessel emissions will increase significantly in Marseille, Thessaloniki and Venice and present a small to a moderate decrease in Barcelona and Genoa. In the latter cities, the effect on the emissions of the new regulatory limit imposed for the content of sulphur in the ship fuels overcomes the expected emissions increase due to the port activities growth. The results for the future emissions by ship and vessel type reveal that the major contributor to PM emissions is again the cargo shipping in Barcelona, Marseille and Thessaloniki while in Venice passenger ships become the most important future PM emission source.

Finally, an increase in pollutant emissions from activities induced by the presence of the port is expected for Venice and Thessaloniki while a decrease is foreseen for Barcelona.

The future base scenario was the basis to calculate the mitigation scenarios that considered specific measures to lowering or mitigating harbour emissions. The difference between the base future and the mitigation scenarios has been calculated both in terms of emissions and concentrations.

The future mitigation scenarios designed in every city come from a participative process by the local working tables specifically established under the coordination of the institutional partners. Following the Delphi method, a list of mitigation actions have been evaluated by the working tables stakeholders through some criteria, among which cost-effectiveness, implementability and emissions reduction potential have been considered the more relevant in the decision making process.

The mitigation actions considered more interesting are:

- Cold ironing for cruise ships or RO-PAX vessels
- 0.1% for sulphur content in fuels to be used also in the manoeuvring phase
- Use of LNG fuel
- Scrubbers to be used to abate emissions during the hotelling or manoeuvring phases
- Displacement of some on shore harbour activities
- Usage of wetting agents (chemical and water) to control the storage pile emissions

The decreases in mean PM concentrations were estimated to be rather limited (less than -13%) for 4 of the 5 cities of the project. Only for Genoa, the calculated changes in PM values are rather high (up to -23%). These figures suggest that the mitigation actions studied can be effective in reducing emissions at the local scale, while their impact on air quality was estimated to be more limited. It depends on urban aerosol characteristics: as aerosol pollution arises principally from secondary formation, it has a large scale evolution, requiring acting on a wide perspective on all emissions sectors.

Nevertheless the main project results can be considered the installation of local working tables and the development of a Common Transnational Strategy in which the more cost-effective actions have been delineated, evaluated and compared in response to the second specific objective of the project.

This Common Transnational Strategy represents a basis for integrating the harbour management and development plans in the air quality policy at local level, in the frame of the Local Adaptation Plan designed in response to the third specific objective of APICE.



## **14. APICE in the Mediterranean: perspectives and emerging issues**

The Common Transnational Strategy, as synthesis arisen from the main outputs of the APICE project, puts in evidence some important issues that all APICE Port Cities share, and that can be extended to the Port Cities of the Mediterranean area.

As emerging point, it is relevant to mention the importance of networking of port cities and their stakeholders towards common goals on topics which will have common impacts on Port-Cities, and which local communities alone might not be able to face.

Some important points regard (1) the evaluation at local level of the effectiveness of environmental regulations at European level; (2) the need of networking of Local stakeholders to acquire a position in the international debate with global economic actors (Shipowners and Ship Companies), towards sustainable development, (3) the need of networking of Local stakeholders to share best practices and procedure, to achieve environmental objectives as defined by European policies.

Special attention has to be devoted to the Mediterranean Sea and the different geographical areas in which it is divided, as West Mediterranean, the Adriatic and Ionian Sea, as the negotiation of Environmental requirements might affect competitiveness and attractiveness of the Mediterranean Ports on global markets. On this topic, a wider discussion should be launched with respect to the proposal for a Emission Control Area (ECA) in the Mediterranean by the European Union together with the stakeholders at all scales, from local stakeholders to global economic actors as ship owners and ship companies. The discussion should be based on an extensive cost-benefit





analysis to put in relevance positive and negative externalities to the Mediterranean environment, as well as to the costs that private companies might assume.

APICE methodology and rationale, in its entire process from monitoring, inventorying, modeling, scenario analysis and planning, can be adopted to assess the marine SO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the designated area and their impact on the environment and human health, as required by the SECA application, that has to be carried out by States attending International Maritime Organization (IMO). If there exist already several indications with respect to environmental values of the Mediterranean with respect to marine and coastal ecosystems, however, several uncertainties should be overcome. The APICE project has defined, for the areas concerned by the project, the contribution of each sector to emissions through source apportionment. The evaluation of the cost-effectiveness between the effort of different sectors in reducing emissions according to their contribution to air pollution is an uncertain point that might emerge. Further studies on the economic impacts in the Mediterranean Sea of the entry into force of the SECA should be put in place. The results from the APICE project might be useful to enter inside the discussion on the opportunity to launch and support the predisposition of a ECA for the Mediterranean, considering that more original research and further discussion with the stakeholders is needed. The APICE methodology, as well as the structured process of stakeholders' participation can constitute a solid base to introduce the phase of stakeholders' consultation as required by the ECA application procedure.

Besides the specific question on the Emissions Control Area, as a tool to mitigate air pollution from maritime transport, it is necessary to understand how to promote sustainable transport in the context of climate change, according to European objectives as defined in the White paper "Roadmap to a single European transport area" (COM(2011) 144 final). Research and innovation are essential for a faster and cheaper transition to a more efficient and sustainable European transport system based synergies with sustainability objectives on (i) vehicles' efficiency, (ii) cleaner energy use (iii) more secure operations. The APICE approach constitutes a robust tool to work towards the construction of strategies of mitigation of emissions according to the principles established by the White Paper.



## **15. Capitalisation and utilisation of the results of the project**

APICE has worked since the beginning of the project in capitalizing the results by different means. Firstly, the communication strategy has assured reaching key stakeholders from international to local levels in a way that they have been well informed about project progress and results have been duly transferred. To this aim, the project team has made use of the website, newsletters and attendance to international conferences and meetings. Furthermore, the team has contributed to the Med Programme clusters and capitalization process participating in meetings and providing input to strategies, and therefore including APICE view at the Mediterranean scale.

The main results, the Common Transnational Strategy (CTS) and the Local Adaptation Plans (LAP), have been transferred to concerned stakeholders by presenting and discussing with them the measures. For example, in the case of Barcelona, the regional government already agreed on incorporating some of the measures into their planning. In the case of Thessaloniki, an agreement for the mitigation actions on the basis of LAP is under consideration. In Marseille, PACA region has already made use of APICE results by integrating some of the scientific results and measures into its regional air policy. In Genoa, the tools developed in APICE will be used by Genoa Port Authority to evaluate the new Port Master Plan. In Venice, the APICE analysis and insight on the contribution of the port of Venice on the air quality of the Venetian area has been integrated on the Veneto Air Quality Regional Plan currently under implementation. Therefore, APICE is being mainstreamed into regional and local policies and assuring project results being used.

Prior to these planning tools, research has been conducted and produced remarkable insights for both policy makers and scientists. In fact, these new data sets, cartography, port-city comparisons are made available through APICE portal so they are of use for interested stakeholders.

Results are relevant in different aspects of EU-MED policy. Firstly, they support complying with air quality standards according to current legislation. The transnational strategy and local adaptation plan addresses transport and energy aspects, having the EU and the Programme MED an important say. For example, territorial cooperation is relevant for rail network development throughout the Mediterranean (this is an important measure to reduce container trucks emissions). Energy and engines efficiency, as well as alternative energy/fuel are regarded as important measures, in line with EU policies, supporting also innovation.



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