

# S2-P3: EO-based pollution-health risks profiling in the urban environment

Population exposure to urban air pollution – The Athens pilot  
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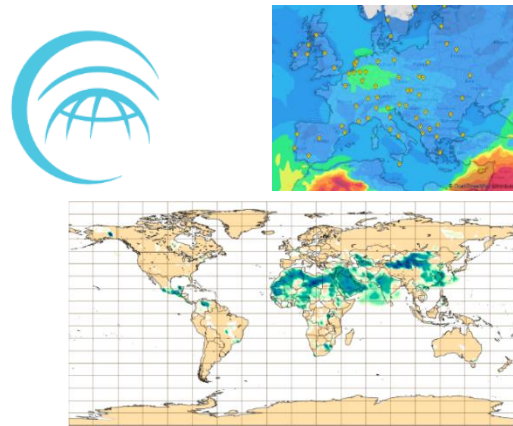
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## Existing EO Infrastructure

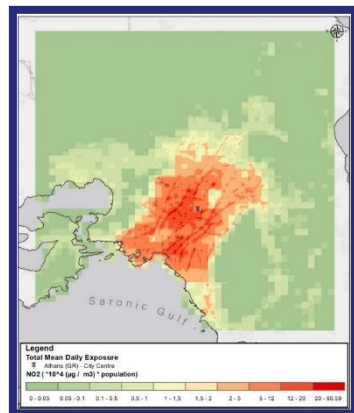
### Satellite: Global



### Modeling: Global/Regional



### Modeling: City-level



### In Situ: down to street level



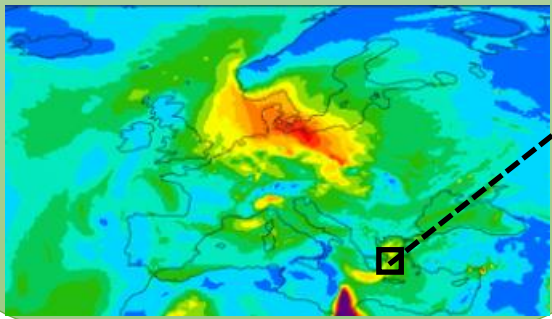
## The application for Athens (Gr):

exploits and fuses data from all EO platforms (satellite retrievals, in situ observations, numerical modeling predictions, citizen observatories) to map the population exposure to air pollution. Emphasis is put to the exposure above the newly published (late 2021) WHO air quality guidelines for NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>., and to the high spatial analysis (below 1 km) of the mapped information.

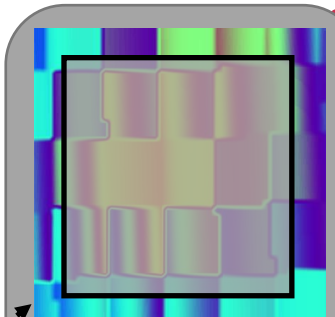


# e-shape – The Athens pilot

CAMS **boundary conditions**:  
European-scale air quality  
interim reanalysis from  
model ensemble



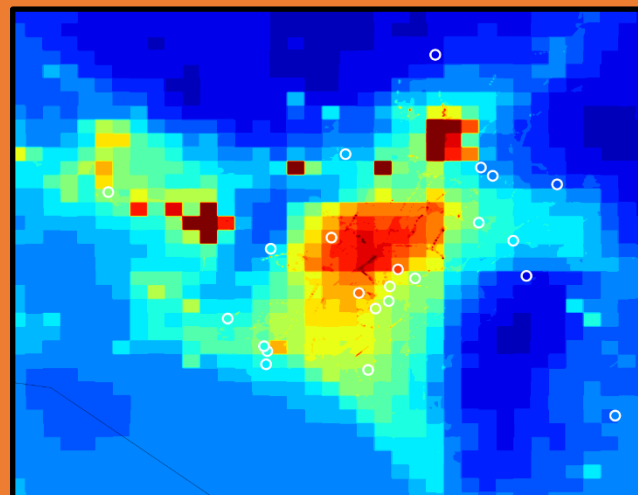
Boundary  
air  
Pollution  
conditions



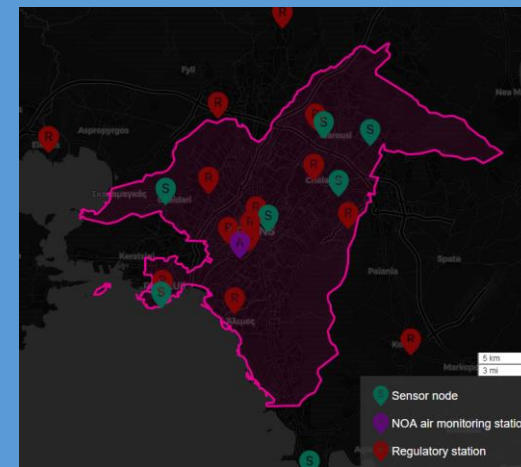
WRF  
**meteorological**  
simulations

Atmospheric  
meteorological  
parameters

Urban scale CTM  
modeling



In situ &

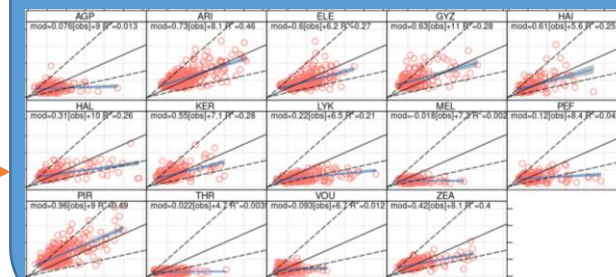


Citizen observatory  
Air pollution  
**measurements**

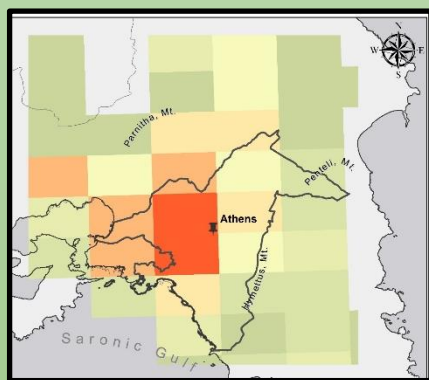
UrbEm spatial  
disaggregation tool

*Episode-CityChem*

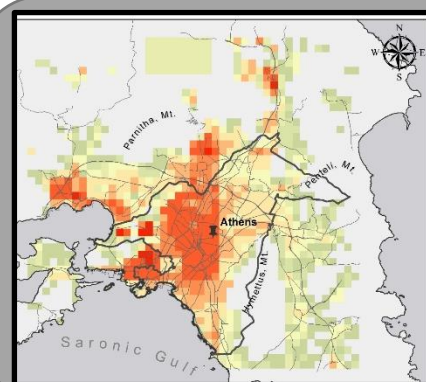
Model **evaluation**



CAMS-REG-AP: regional  
anthropogenic **emissions**



High resolution  
Anthropogenic  
air pollution  
emissions



Health-related parameters of air  
pollution per pixel/ municipality

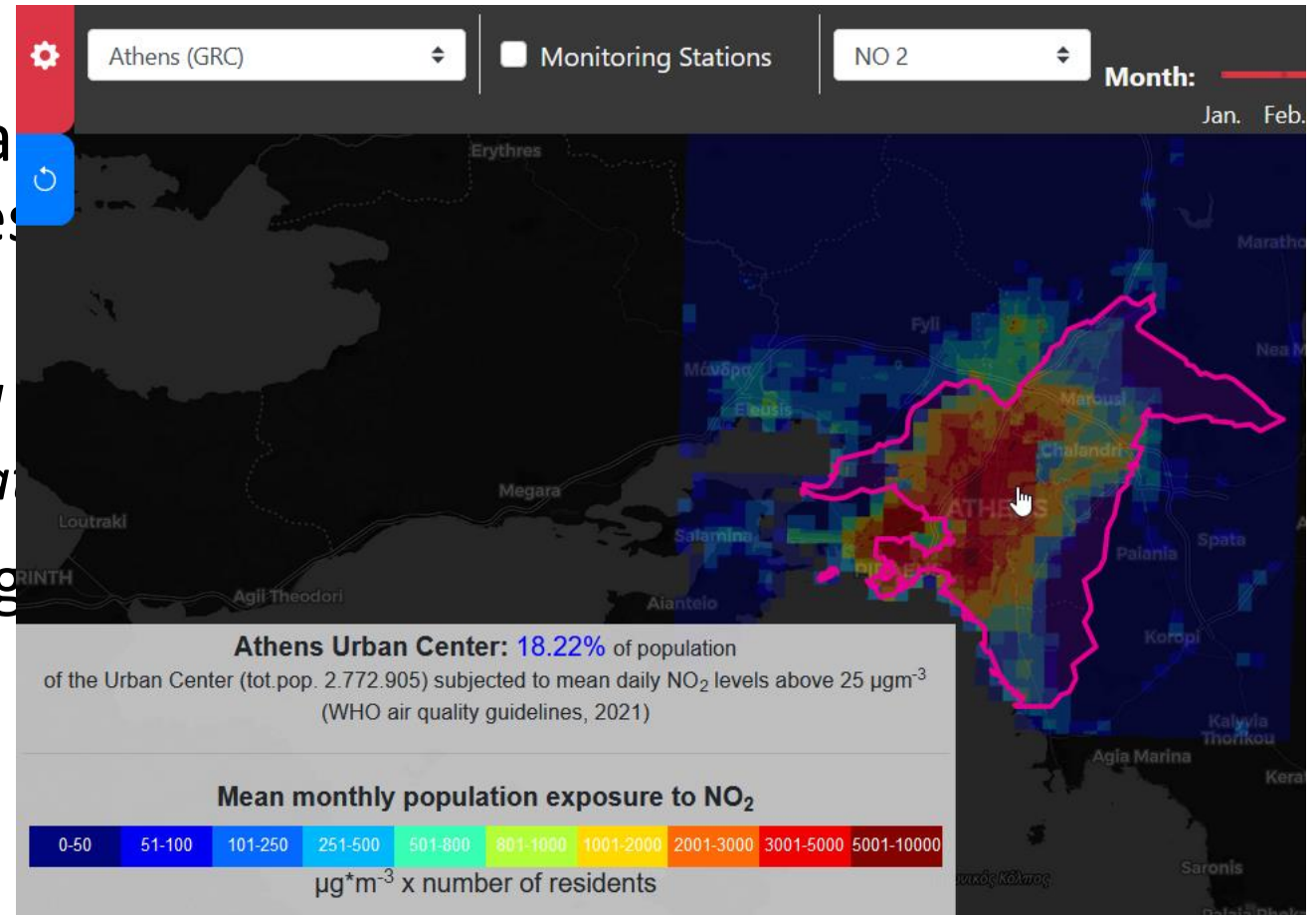
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- Population **exposure** mapping, incl. **% of population** exposed to air pollution over limit values
- **Days** (Per month or per year) when PM2.5 or NO2 **meets/was above** WHO (and/or EC) guidelines: mapping per pixel and/or per municipality.
- **Air Quality Index** (*the overall air quality index for a certain timeframe is based on the worst air quality index rating for the individual pollutants*)
- **Municipality ranking** through annual average PM2.5 and NO2 concentrations.



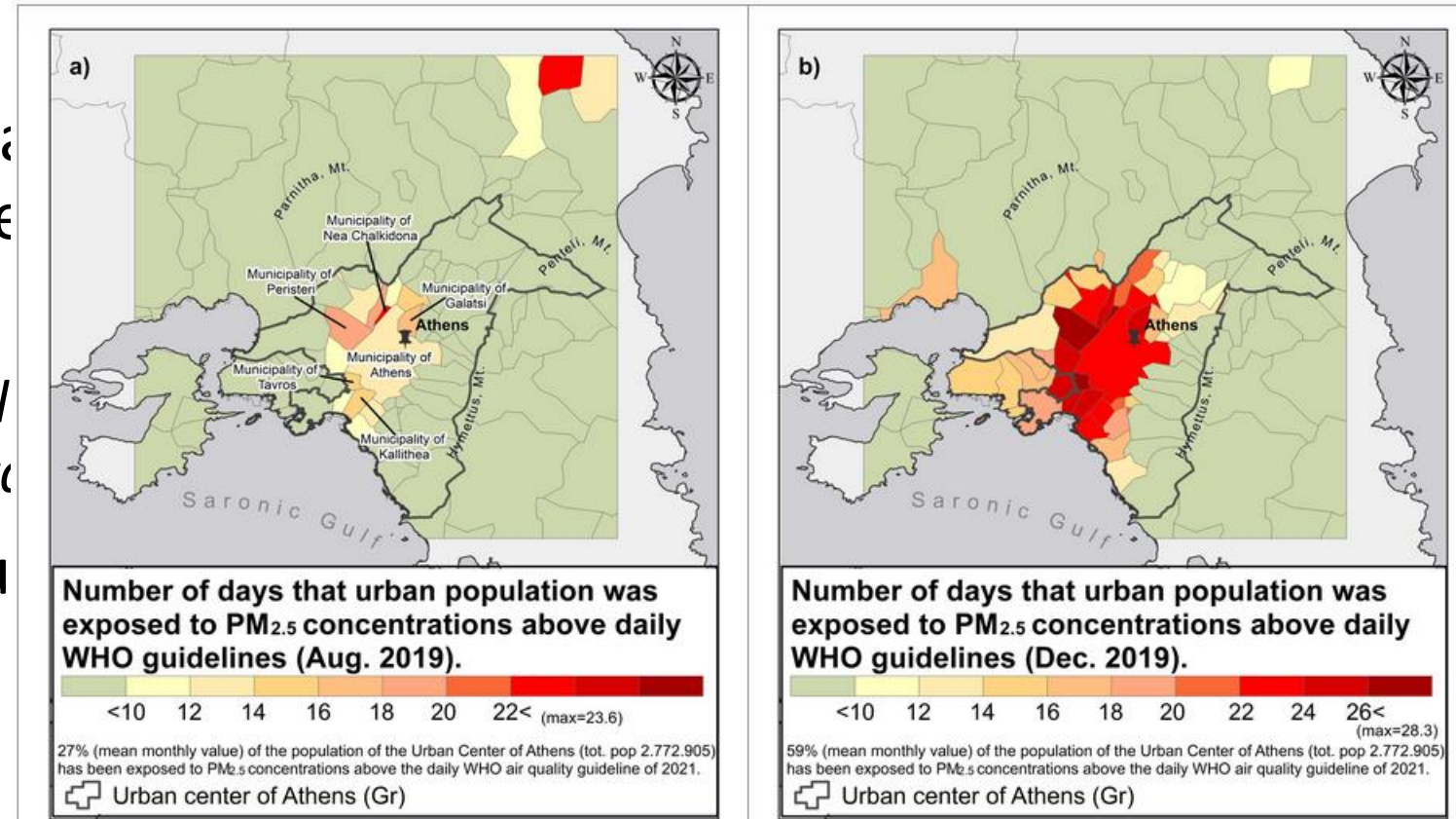
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Σχήμα 1: Αριθμός ημερών έκθεσης σε επίπεδα συγκεντρώσεων PM<sub>2.5</sub> άνω του ημερήσιου ορίου που προτείνει ο ΠΟΥ (οδηγία Σεπτ. 2021) κατά τον μήνα α) με τα χαμηλότερα και β) υψηλότερα επίπεδα ατμοσφαιρικής ρύπανσης στο λεκανοπέδιο Αττικής εντός του 2019. Πηγή δεδομένων: αριθμητικές προσομοιώσεις της ατμοσφαιρικής ρύπανσης από την ομάδα APCG του ΕΑΑ.