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



Addressing the UN SDGs - The pilot of Bari (CNR)

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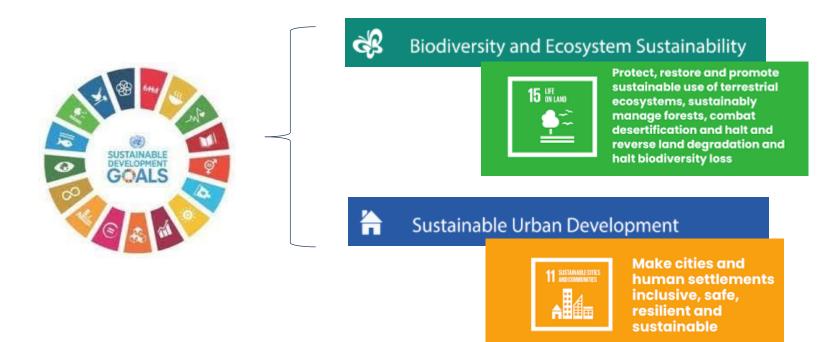
WHO WE ARE?





CNR-IIA Earth Observation team

Our skills range from calibration, analysis, and publication of data, products, and models (algorithms) in the GEO and EuroGEOSS international frameworks to facing the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) challenges.



UN Sustainable Development Agenda

The United Nations UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda, under the guidance of the World Health Organization (WHO), is a benchmark of specific targets to reduce air pollution exposure. These, are divided into indicators providing quantitative metrics to assess air quality and relative impacts on human health.

SDG indicators to inform on the health trends associated with exposure to air

pollution:

- ☐ Indicator 3.9.1: Mortality rate attributed to household and ambient air pollution;
- ☐ Indicator 7.1.2: Percentage of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology;

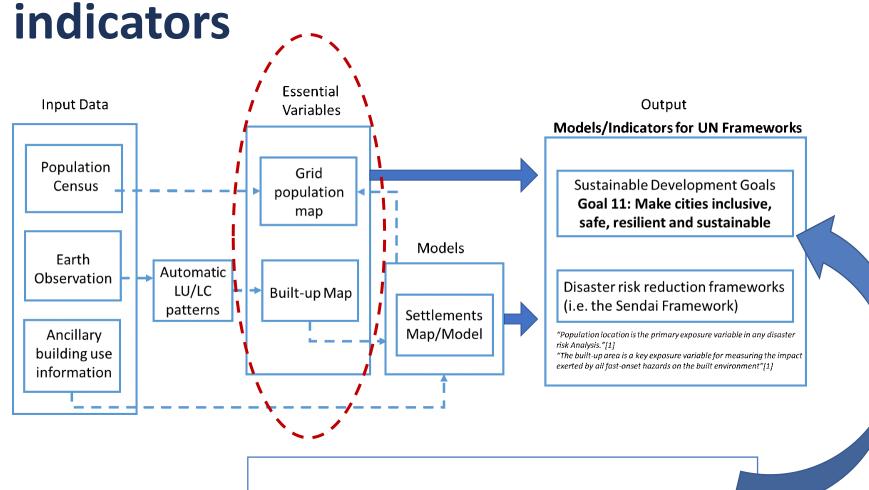


☐ Indicator 11.6.2: Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter (e.g. PM2.5 and PM10) in cities (population-weighted).

Target 11.6: By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

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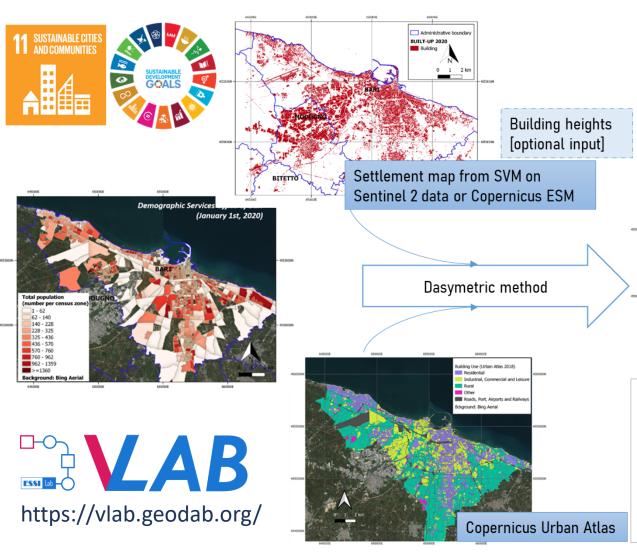
Our approach for estimating SDG 11



Other domain-specific information, such as air particles pollutants maps

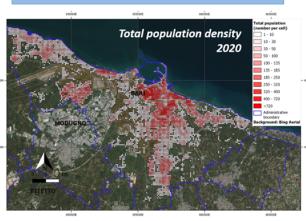
Automatic workflows for Essential Variables

https://plugins.qgis.org/plugins/dasy/





Population density map (100 m x 100 m)



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Particles pollutants maps by ARPA PUGLIA

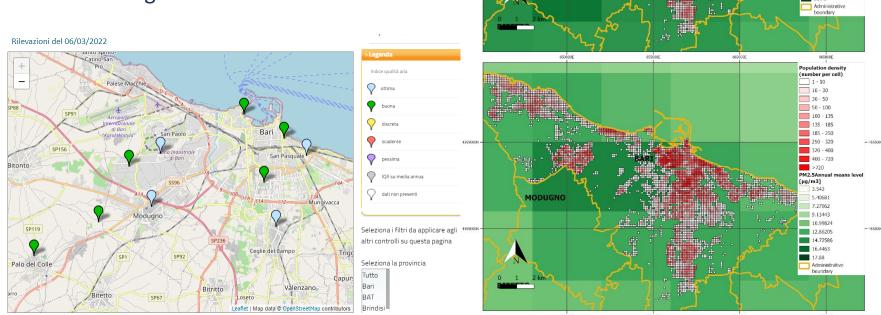
Flexible Air quality Regional Model (FARM)

Multi-grid Eulerian model for dispersion, transformation, and deposition of airborne pollutants in gas and aerosol phases

INPUT DATA:

5 monitoring stations in Bari urban areas;

Meteorologic model and so on.....



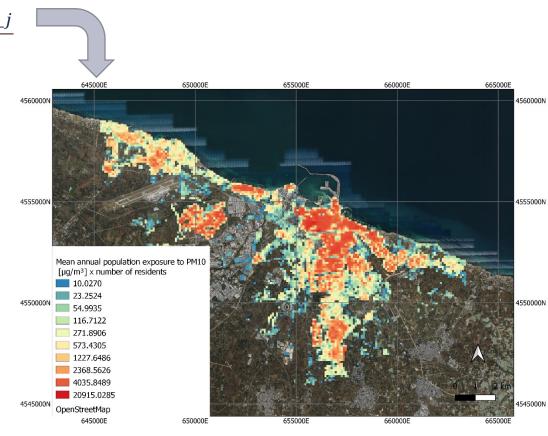
Teaser Platform Navigation

Mean annual Population Weighted Exposure Levels

$$C_{city} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} C_{4km \times 4km} * \sum_{j=1}^{m} P_{GRID_j}}{P_{city}}$$

where,

- C_{city} is the city estimate;
- $C_{4 \ km \times 4 \ km}$ is the particulate matter concentration in a 4 km × 4 km cell:
- P_{GRID_j} is population density value per cell 100 m imes 100 m;
- m is the number of cells of fine-grid population map included in a cell of atmospheric pollution map $(4 \text{ km} \times 4 \text{ km})$;
- n is the number of cells of atmospheric pollution map covering Bari territory;
- P_{city} is the total population of Bari.



Long-term Exposure to PM10 e PM2.5 analysis

Mean Annual Levels						
	Stat [μg/m³]	PWELs [μg/m³]	Regulation limits in force in Italy [μg/m³]			
PM 2.5	MAX: 15.1, MEAN: 12.4 , MEDIAN: 12.7, MIN: 10.2,	13.5	25			
PM 10	MAX: 25.1, MEAN: 20.4 , MEDIAN: 20.8, MIN: 15.5,	22.1	40			

An Interim target refers to an air pollutant concentration associated with a specific decrease in health risk. An interim target classification serves as a suggestion of actions for an incremental air pollution reduction strategy toward the Air quality guideline level.

AQG level is a particular form of guideline recommendation consisting of a concentration of a pollutant linked to an averaging time. It is assumed that adverse health effects do not occur or are minimal below this concentration level.

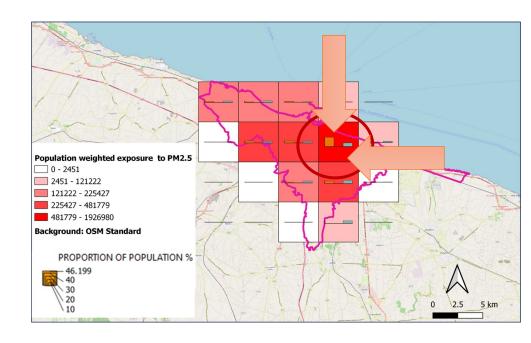
Exposure level	PM 2.5 ranges [μg/m³]	PM 10 ranges [μg/m³]	WHO Interim Target
1	PWEL < 5	PWEL < 15	Annual mean AQG level
2	5 < PWEL < 10	15 < PWEL < 20	Interim target 4
3	10 < PWEL < 15	20 < PWEL < 30	Interim target 3
4	15 < PWEL < 25	30 < PWEL < 50	Interim target 2
5	25 < PWEL < 35	50 < PWEL < 70	Interim target 1

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Conclusion

In Bari, the highest annual population exposure levels to PM2.5 and PM10 are in the central area of the city (where PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations approximate PWELs evaluated at city scale)



Future studies

- ☐ Further studies need to be conducted to improve the spatial intra-urban variability of PM concentrations
- ☐ Maps of seasonal exposure levels will soon be ready to be uploaded to the teaser platform.

Thanks for your attention!