



Follow up on Batumi core themes

together with the Aarhus Centres

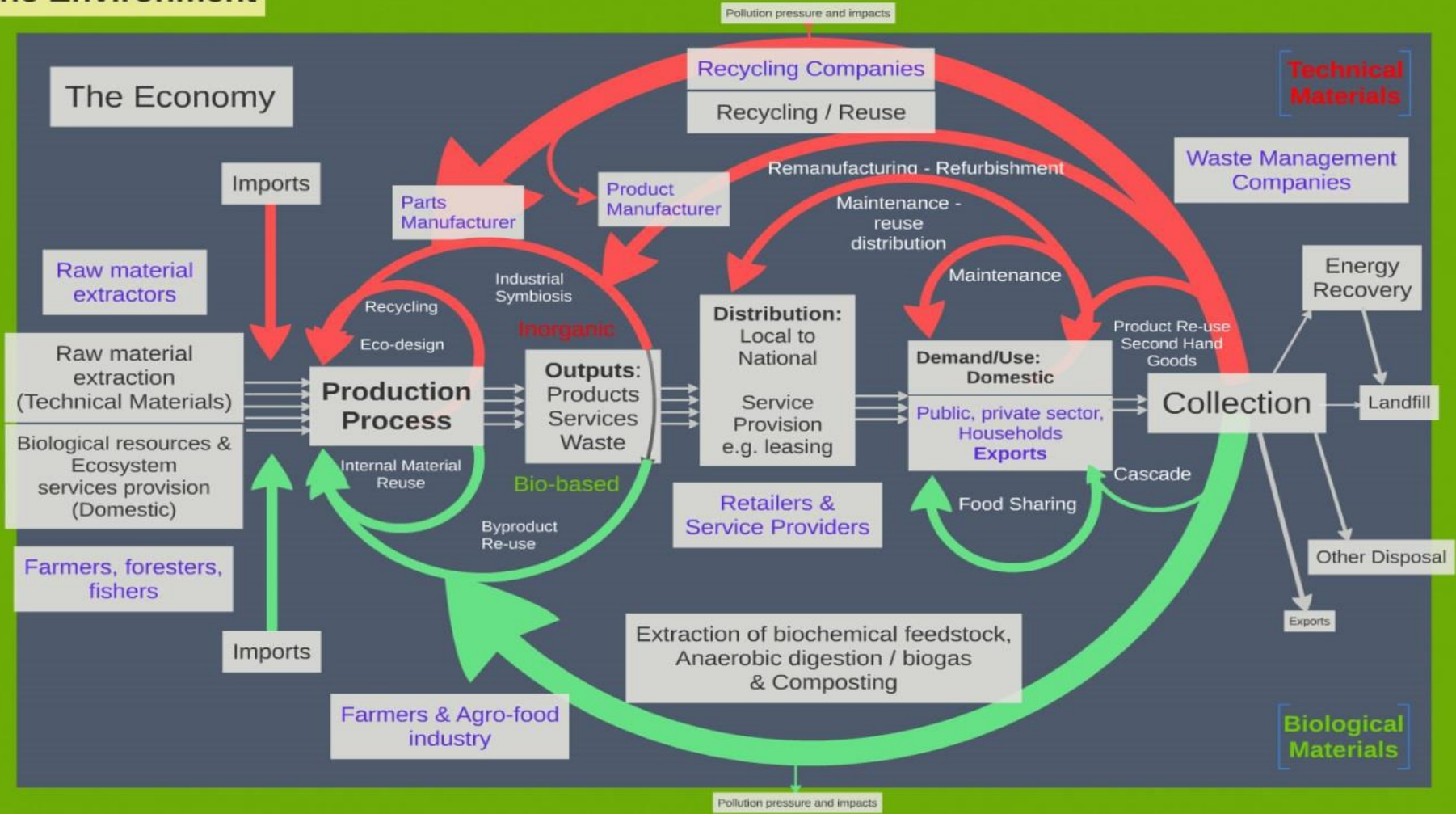
- 2016 “Environment for Europe” Conference in Batumi with two major focuses:
 - green economy
 - air quality (“Batumi air action”)
- International Community to follow-up until next EfE Conference 2020/2021 (CZ ?)
- Aarhus Centres have important role for assuring public information/participation, at the interface between civil society and governments/businesses
- Following some related considerations regarding:
 - Circular economy and waste management
 - Biosafety and control of GMOs
 - Air quality data/information

'In 2050, we live well, within the planet's ecological limits.

Our prosperity and healthy environment stem from an innovative, **circular economy** where nothing is wasted and where natural resources are managed sustainably, and **biodiversity** is protected, valued and restored in ways that enhance our society's **resilience**. Our **low-carbon** growth has long been decoupled from resource use, setting the pace for a global safe and sustainable society.'

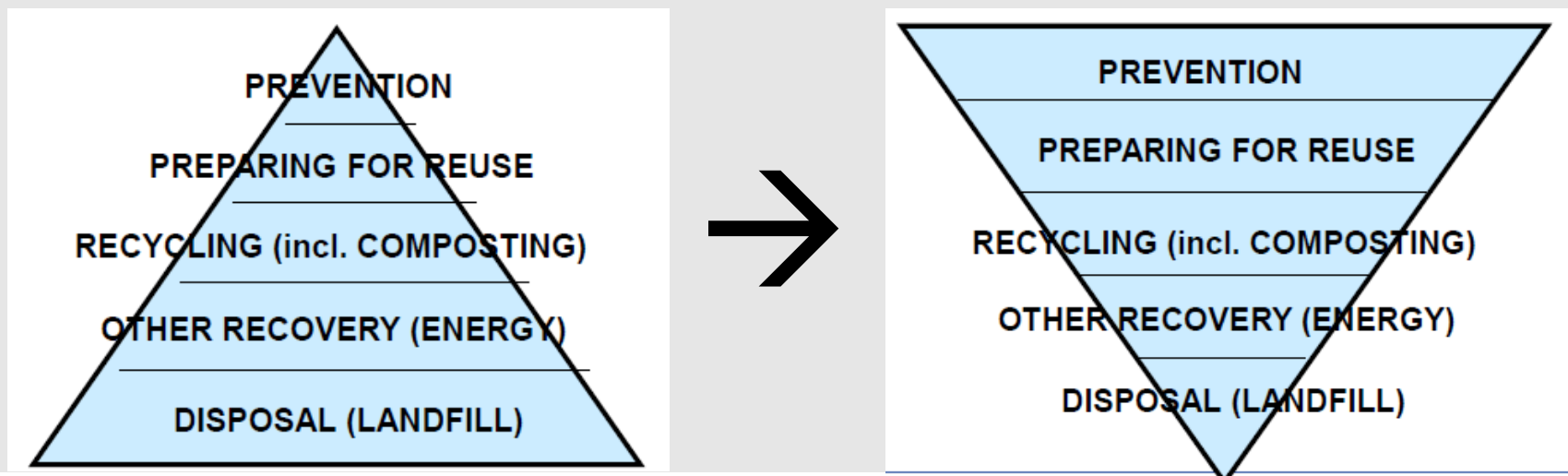
Source: 7th EU Environment Action Programme

The Environment



Source: IEEP for EC, Circular Economy Scoping Study (2014)

- can be dangerous (hazardous) for health and environment
→ safe storage, transport and treatment
- can be precious secondary raw material in a circular economy [and also an energy source]
→ Waste Management Hierarchy



Waste Management in Vienna

- Since 1990 separate collection of recyclables from or near households – paper, glass, plastic bottles, metals (all districts), bio-waste (“greener” districts)
- Civic amenity sites (“Mistplätze”) for re-usable second-hand items, bulky and hazardous wastes (incl. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment)
- Mobile collection services for small hazardous household waste
- Incineration of residual wastes with energy recovery
- households pay waste fee for residual containers needed
→ may reduce through better recycling
- Since 2006, Vienna Waste Management Plans undergo Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment with public participation

Discussing waste incineration in Vienna

- Used in Vienna since 1961
→ increasing Public resistance due to insufficient flue gas cleaning
- Plant Spittelau re-built 1988-1989 according to then newest technologies
→ demonstrated compliance with strong emission limits, and intensive public dialogue assured acceptance for waste incineration among experts and citizens
- Today 4 incinerators in operation (3 for municipal residual waste with energy recovery, one for hazardous wastes), policy re-confirmed by Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment



- Modern waste management is an important „green“ business

Key indicators on turnover and number employees in the Austrian waste management industry

	Private waste management, including spun-off municipal enterprises	Municipal enterprises (including associations) and public administration	General waste management
Turnover	approx. € 4,000 m/a	approx. € 1,000 m/a	approx. € 5,000 m/a
Number of employees	approx. 25,000	approx. 6,000	approx. 31,000

- Necessary stages in waste management development, from
→ assuring collection and safe landfilling, to
→ phasing out landfilling of untreated wastes
- High levels of effective material recycling are possible only with separation at source (collection from households)
→ sorting of mixed municipal waste is much less efficient
- State-of-the-art incineration of residual wastes with energy use can be environmentally friendly and efficient
- Public/Civil society interest/participation is important

Public Participation and Transparency in Biosafety

- Biotechnology may be part of Green Economy
- However: Risks of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) have to be taken into account
- Important instruments in this context:
 - Almaty Amendment of the UN-ECE Aarhus Convention focusing on GMOs
 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety under the CBD
- Almaty Amendment of the Aarhus Convention is not yet into force, at least 3 ratifications still missing
- Existing legislation is sometimes poorly enforced

Important steps in the GMO area

- Austria leads the GMO activities under the UN-ECE Aarhus Convention
- Second Round table on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding LMOs/GMOs chaired by Austria (Helmut Gaugitsch)
- Last week in Geneva, 15-17 November 2016
- Joint activity by Aarhus Convention/Cartagena Protocol
- More than 45 participants from various stakeholders, including the very active Aarhus Centres

The way forward – Chair`s summary at the Geneva Roundtable

- Includes recommendations addressing the national and the multilateral level
- Possible key role of Aarhus Centres
- Examples:
 - Capacity Building is necessary for ratification and implementation
 - Key role for Aarhus Centres by collaboration with other stakeholders (government, NGOs, other centres, academia, industry, etc.)
 - Elaborating and presenting clear benefits for all stakeholders when instruments of public information and effective public participation are ratified and implemented
 - Contributing towards development of laws and ensuring compliance
 - Financial support necessary

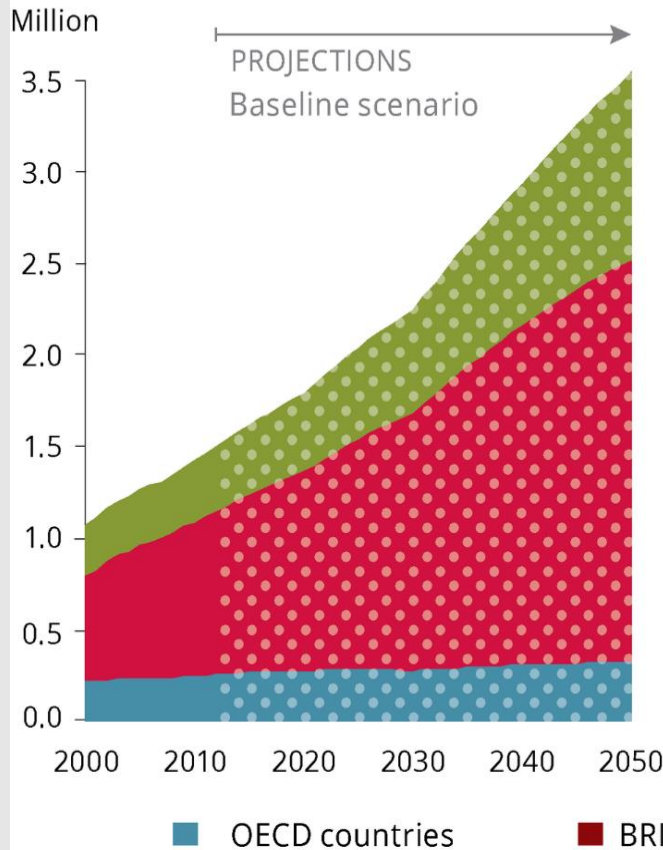
Air pollution

Is expected to be the main environmental cause of premature mortality worldwide by 2050

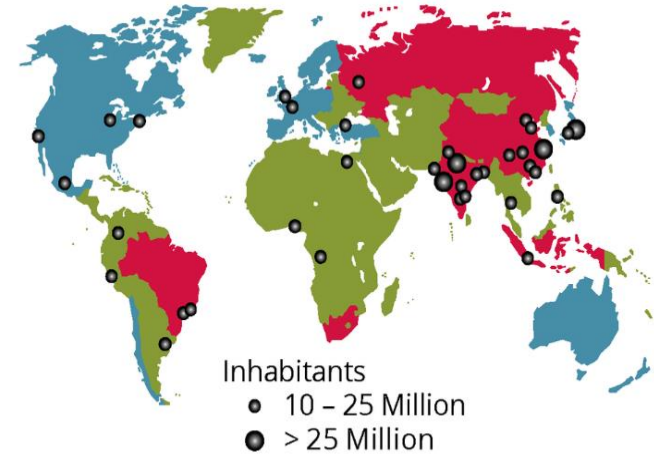
Key issue :
Fine
Particulate
Matter

“Batumi Air Action” has committed a policy focus on air quality

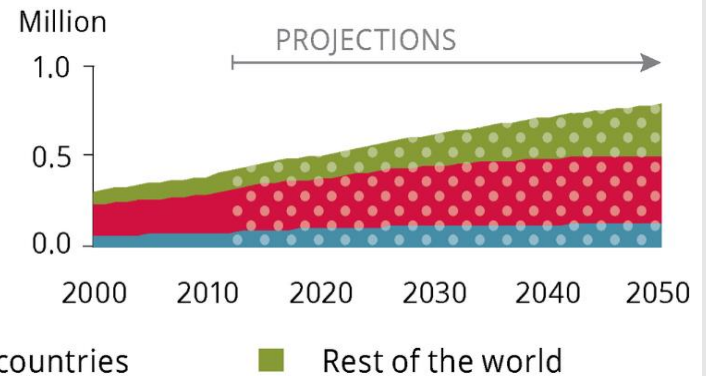
World premature deaths from exposure to particulate matter



Megacities of 2025

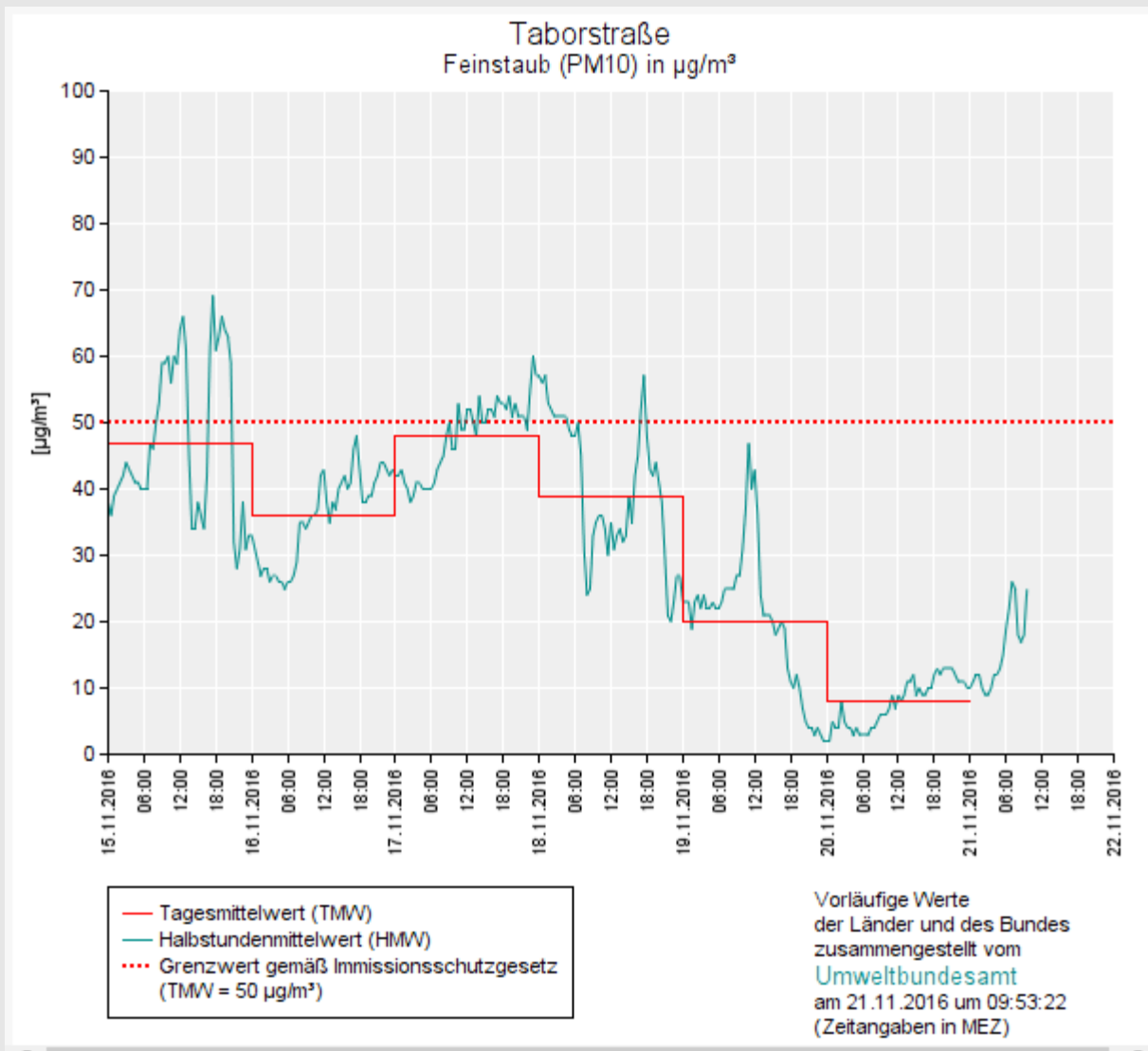


World premature deaths due to ozone pollution



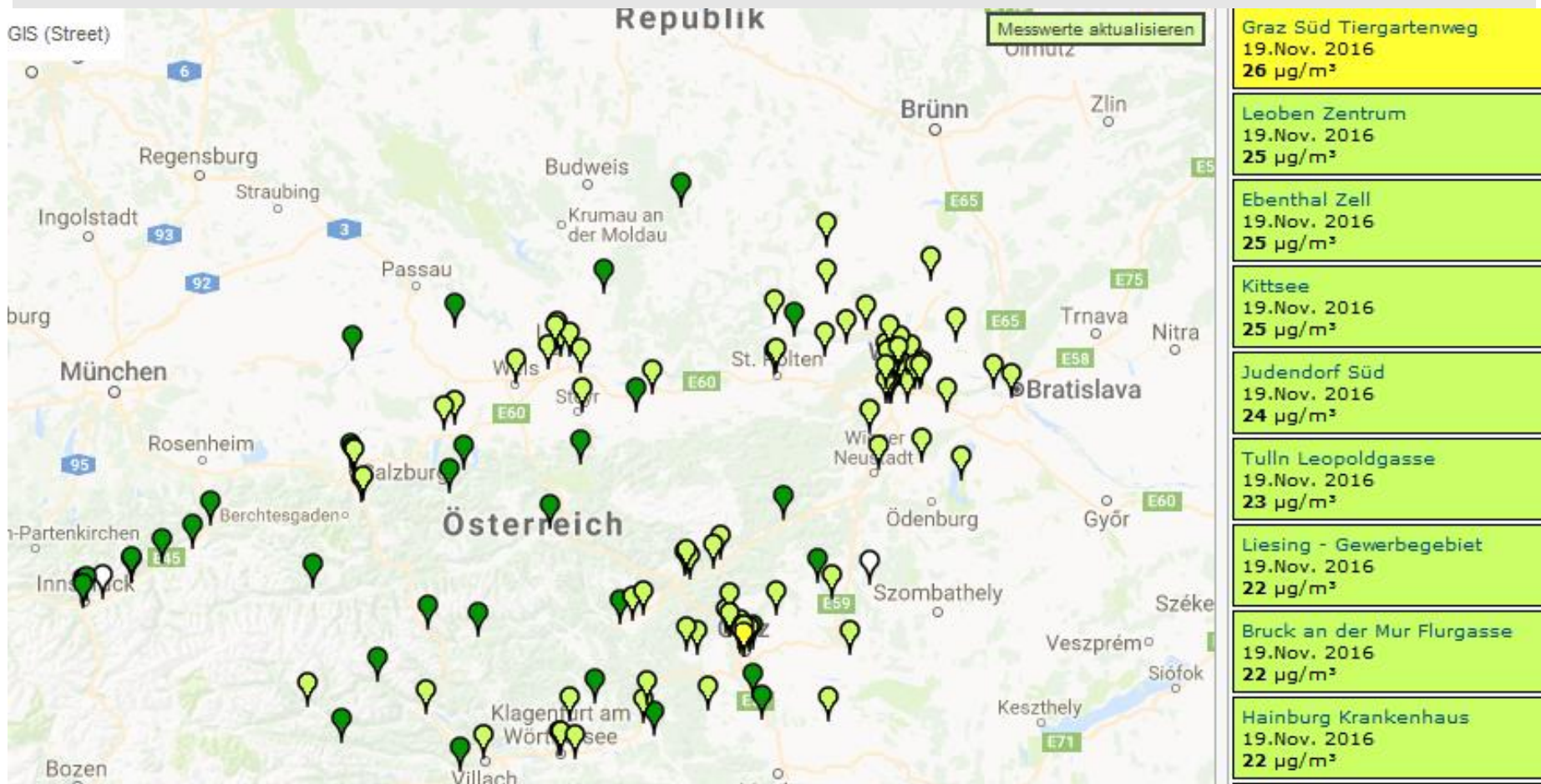
- Austrian air quality data on www.umweltbundesamt.at
- up-to-date for experts and the public
- Near to real time access since 1996 (core element of first Umweltbundesamt website)
- Web interface from Austrian Air Quality Database which continuously receives data [half hourly mean values] from 10 networks (9 regions & Umweltbundesamt background monitoring) and > 200 Monitoring stations
- Data maintenance/validation/update at network level automatically relayed to national database
- Austrian Air Quality Database provides all national and EU level reporting

PM10 - today



PM10 - Saturday

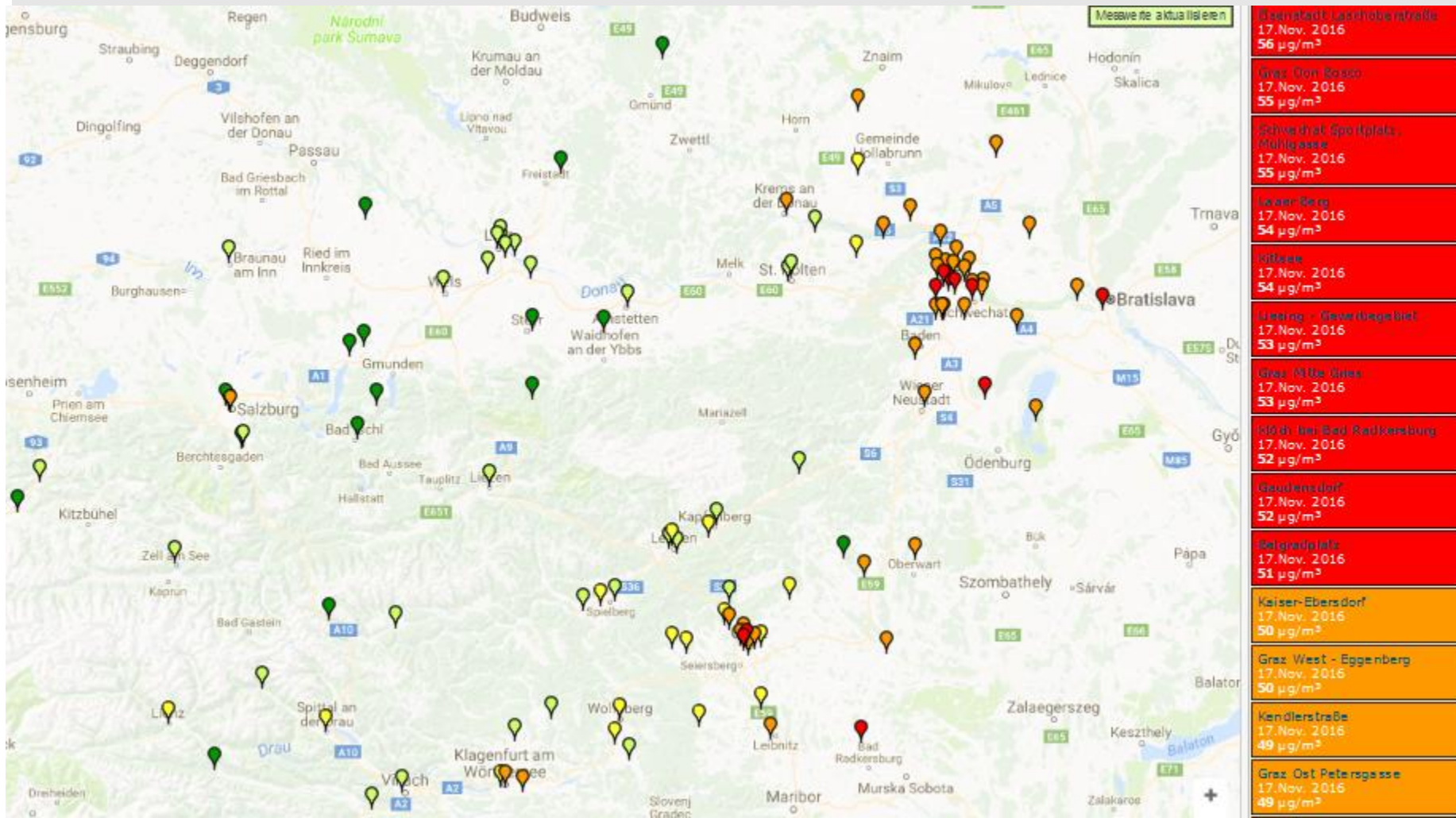
24 h mean values – 19 Nov 2016



<http://luft.umweltbundesamt.at/pub/gmap/start.html>

PM10 – Thursday

24 h mean values – 19 Nov 2016



Messstelle: Eisenstadt Laschoberstraße

Seehöhe: 160m

> Stationsinfo anzeigen

Feinstaub (PM10)-24h-Mittelwert

17. Nov. 2016

56 µg/m³

> Zeitverlauf anzeigen



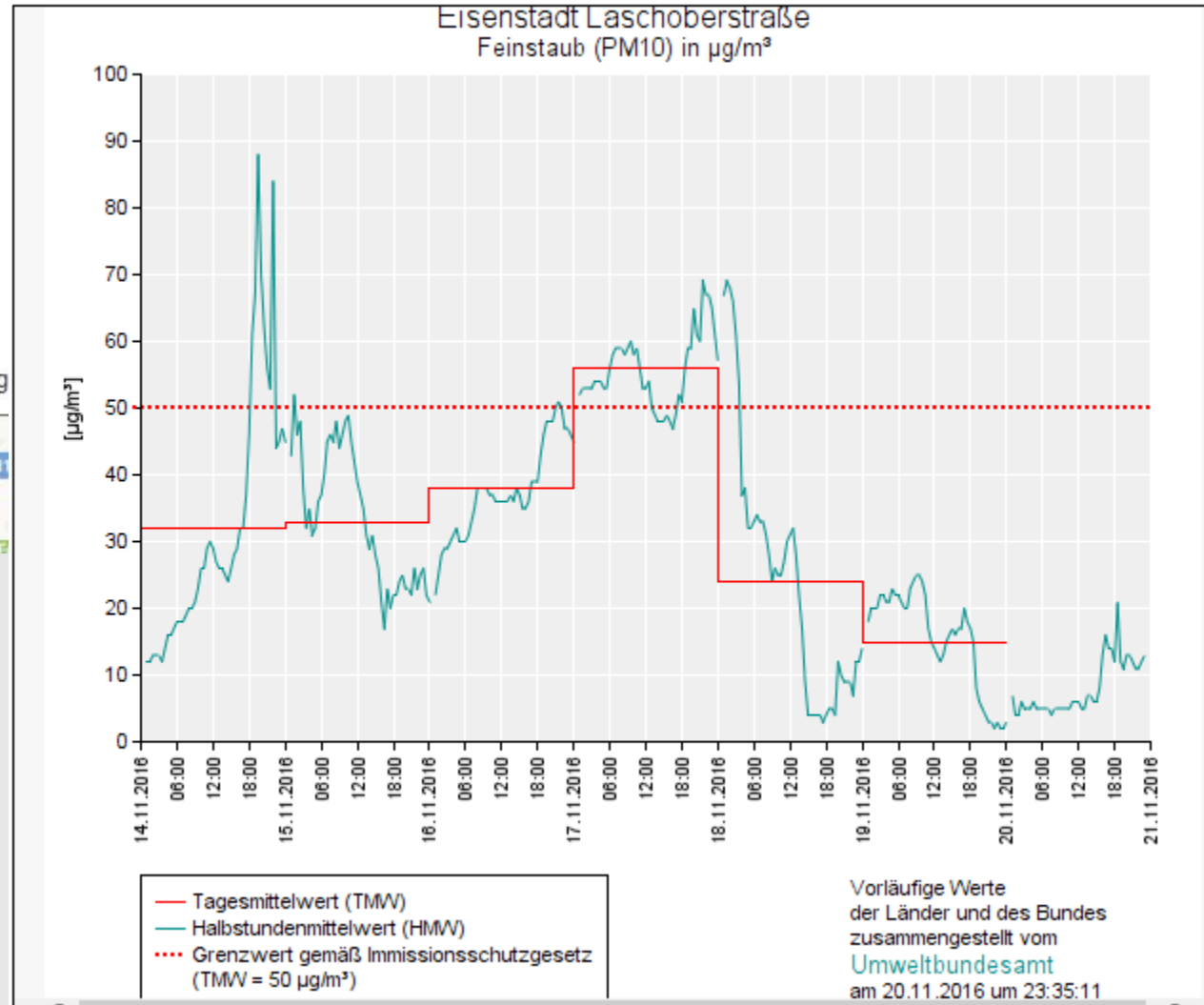
@Amt der Burgenländischen Landesregierung



PM10

½ h MW

24 h MV



Limit value Exceedances Statistics Data 1 Jan – 17 Nov 2016:

Überschreitungen Feinstaub (PM10) 1.1.2016 bis 17.11.2016

Feinstaub (PM10) Tagesmittelwert

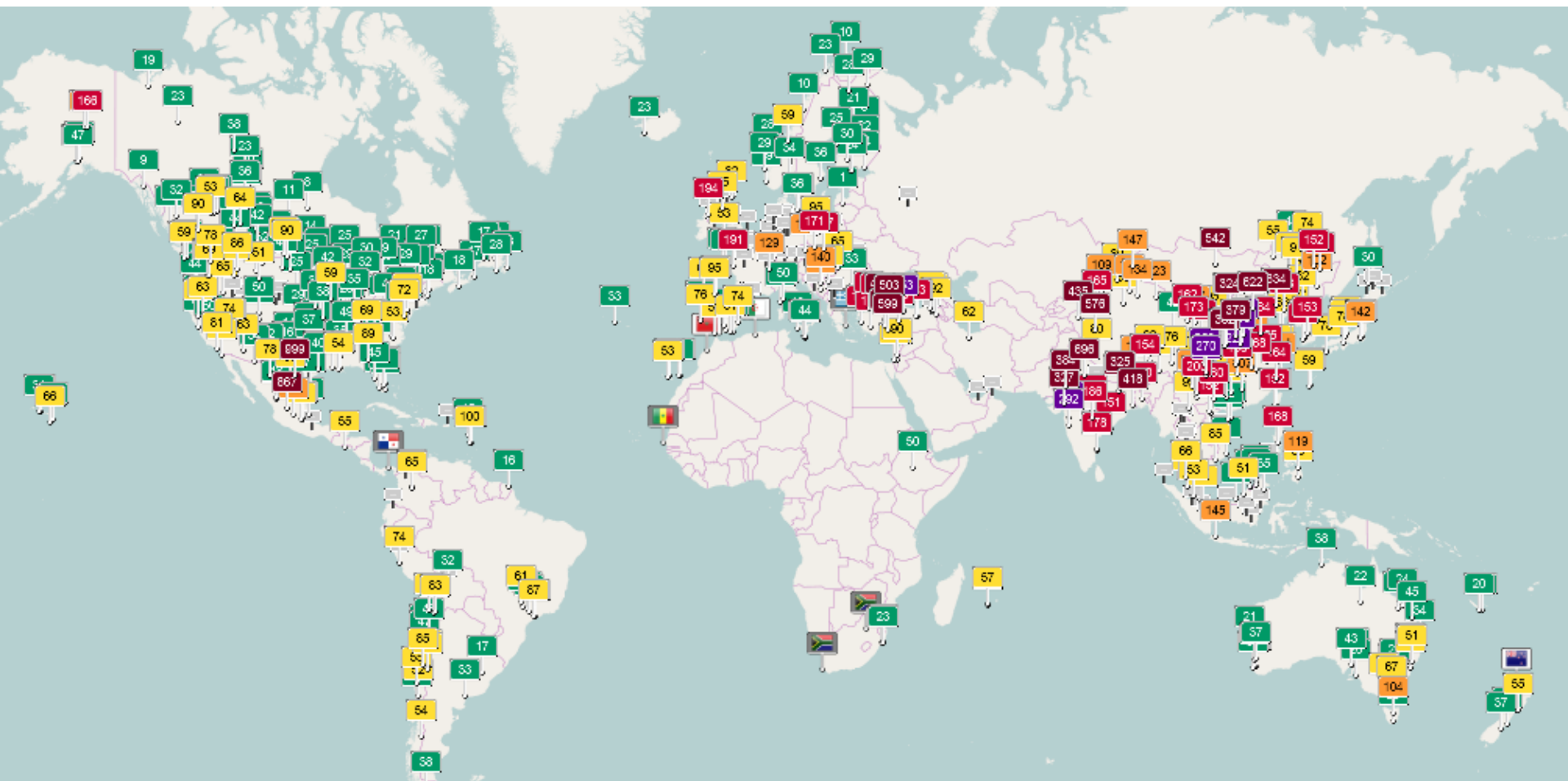
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St Graz Don Bosco	grav./kont.	<u>23</u>	2.10/17.11 (99%)
K Klagenfurt Völkermarkter Straße	kont.	<u>22</u>	17.11 (100%)
St Graz Süd Tiergartenweg	grav./kont.	<u>20</u>	2.10/17.11 (98%)
St Graz Mitte Gries	kont.	<u>18</u>	17.11 (99%)
St Graz Ost Petersgasse	grav./kont.	<u>16</u>	2.10/17.11 (99%)
St Graz West - Eggenberg	kont.	<u>15</u>	17.11 (95%)
St Köflach	kont.	<u>15</u>	17.11 (100%)
K Ebenthal Zell	kont.	<u>14</u>	17.11 (98%)
NÖ Wiener Neudorf Hauptstraße	kont.	<u>12</u>	17.11 (100%)
St Graz Nord Gösting	grav./kont.	<u>12</u>	-/17.11 (98%)
K Klagenfurt Sterneckerstraße	kont.	<u>11</u>	17.11 (99%)
W Liesing - Gewerbegebiet	grav./kont.	<u>8</u>	30.9/17.11 (99%)
B Eisenstadt Laschoberstraße	grav./kont.	<u>7</u>	-/17.11 (99%)
B Kittsee	kont.	<u>7</u>	17.11 (97%)
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Limit value Exceedances Statistics for 2015 [available from 2001]:

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St Leibnitz Lastenstraße	grav./kont.	36	-/31.12 (99%)
St Graz Süd Tiergartenweg	grav./kont.	35	31.12/- (99%)
OÖ Linz Römerberg B139	grav./kont.	23	31.12/- (100%)
B Kittsee	kont.	20	31.12 (97%)
St Fürstenfeld Schillerplatz	kont.	20	31.12 (99%)
St Köflach	kont.	20	31.12 (99%)
K St. Andrä i. L. Volksschule	kont.	19	31.12 (100%)
T Innsbruck Reichenau - Andechsstraße	grav./kont.	19	8.12/31.12 (99%)
St Graz Mitte Gries	kont.	18	31.12 (100%)
K Klagenfurt Völkermarkter Straße	kont.	17	31.12 (100%)
OÖ Linz Neue Welt	grav./kont.	17	31.12/- (99%)
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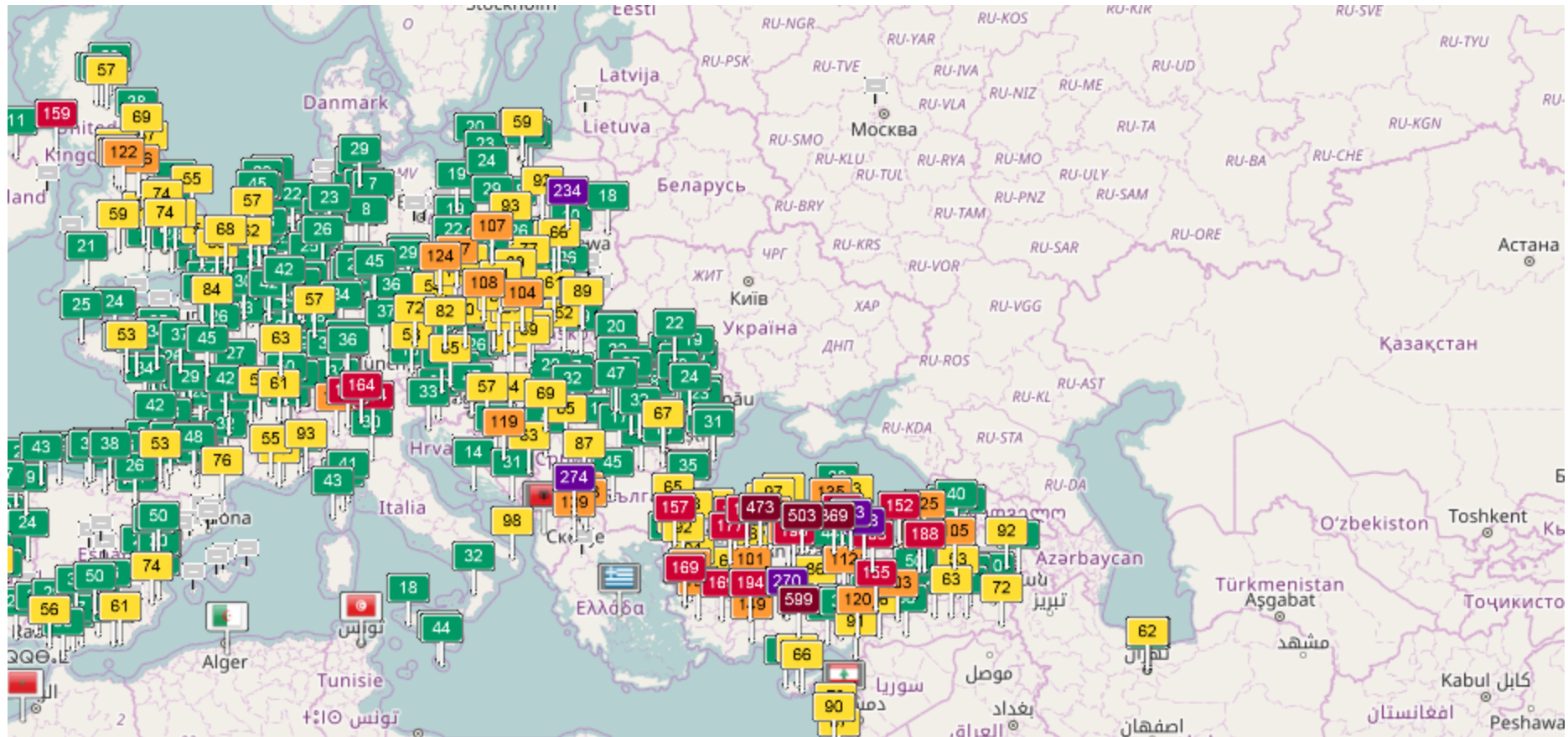


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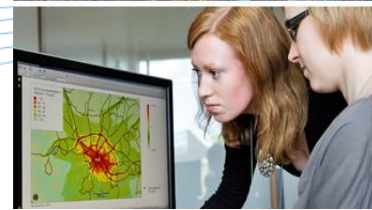
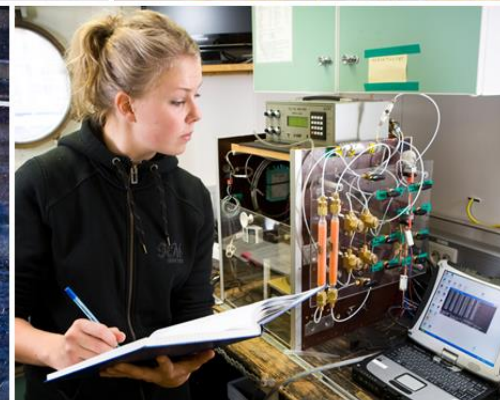
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Twinning project AZ/15/ENP/EN/43

Upgrading the National Environmental Monitoring System (NEMS) of Azerbaijan on the base of EU practices

Member State Partners
Finland (Lead), Austria and Latvia

27 months from November 2016



Thank you for your attention

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