

RI-URBANS

Research Infrastructures Services Reinforcing Air Quality Monitoring Capacities in European Urban & Industrial Areas



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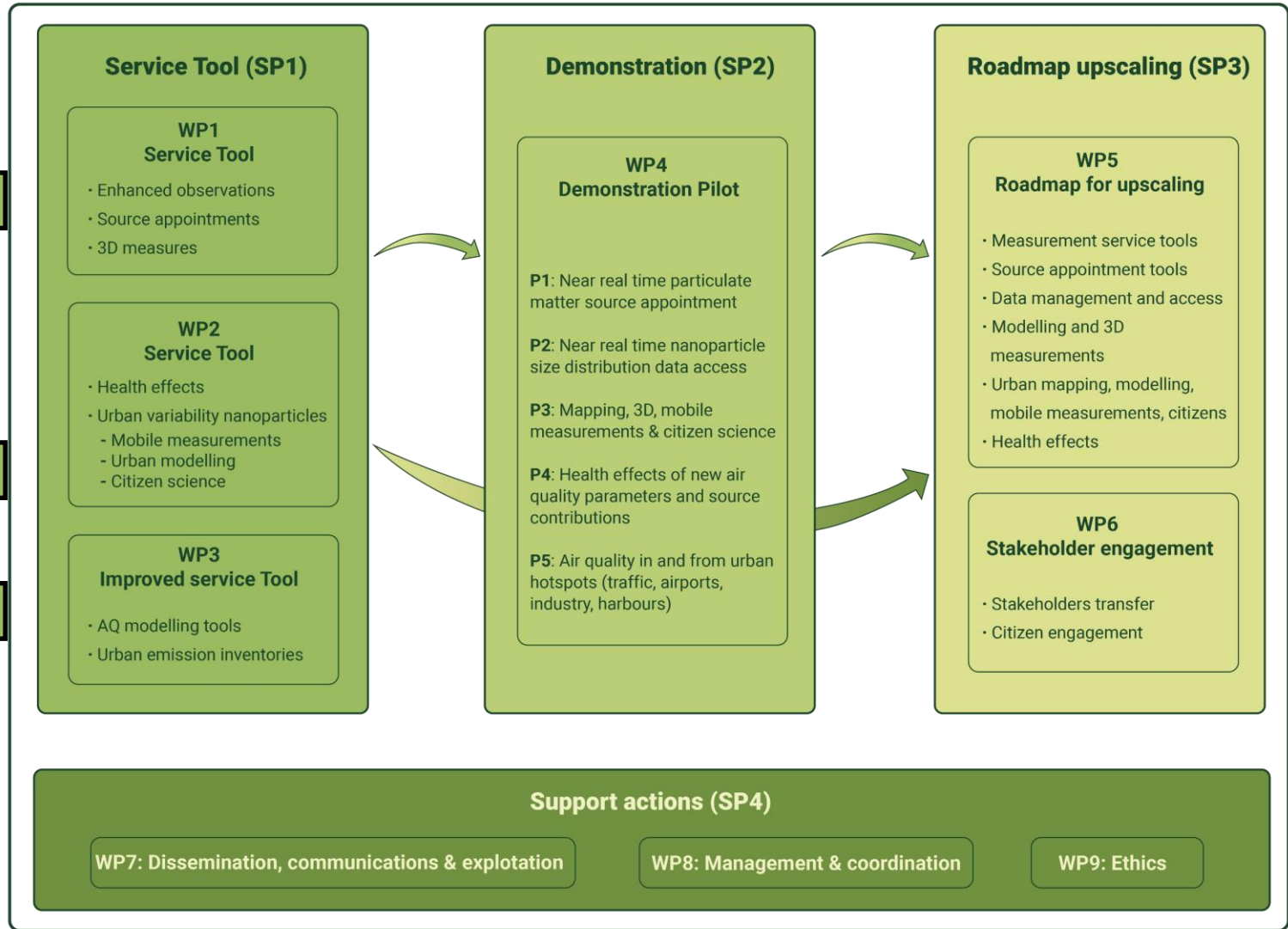
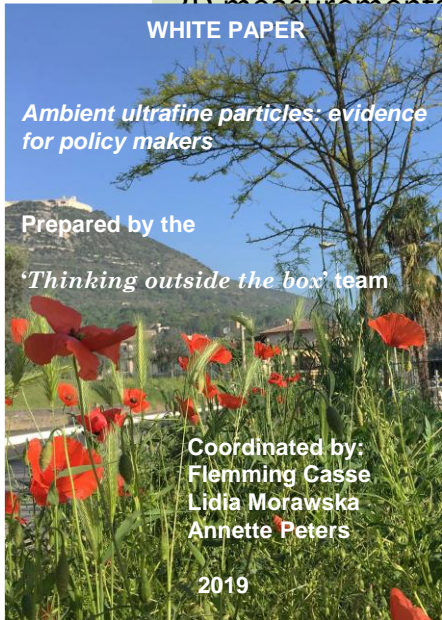


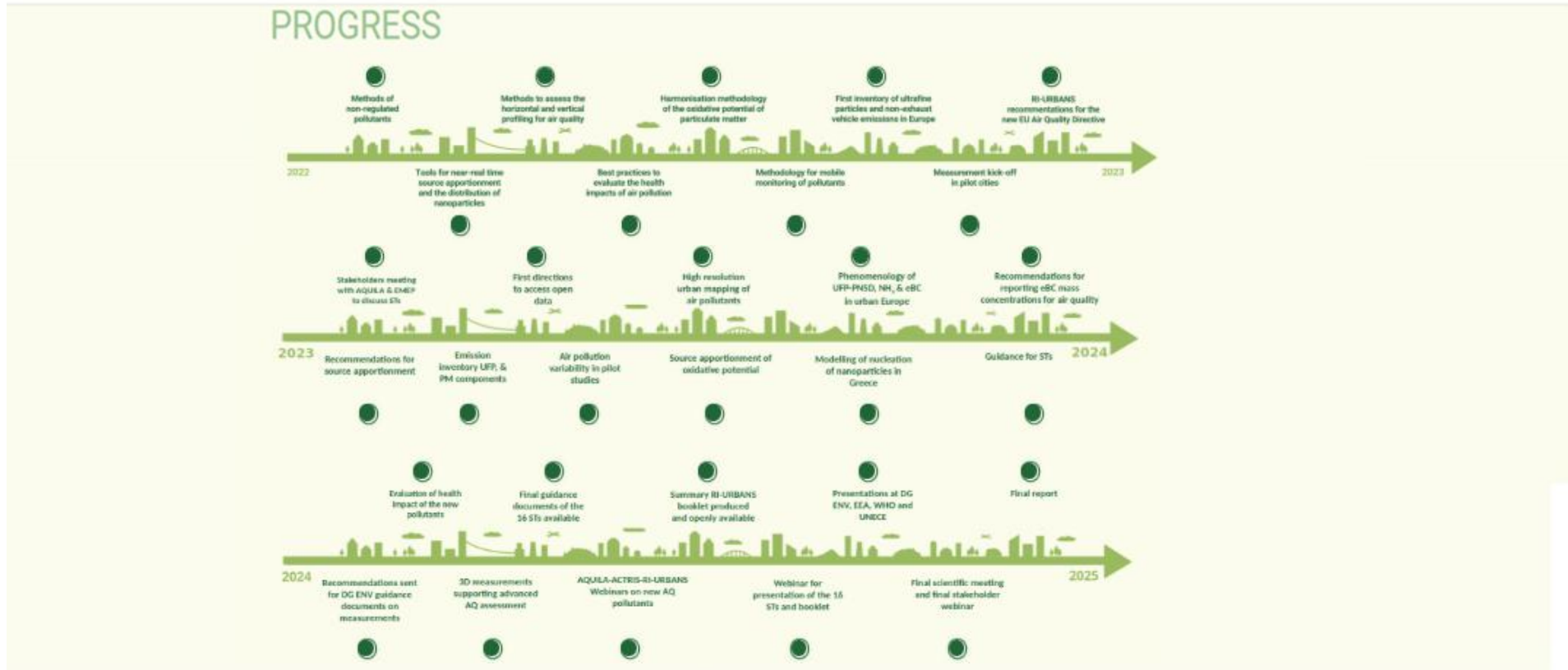
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RI-URBANS' concept and service tools

UFP-PNSD
 BC
 Offline PM speciation
 Online PM speciation
 Source apportionment
 NH₃
 VOCs
 3D measurements





UFP, BC, OP, PM chemistry, VOCs, NH₃, source apportionment mapping, 3D measurements recommended for supersites in 2021 to DG ENV

Recommendations sent to the drafts of the new AQD, with ACTRIS

Guidance documents elaborated & openly available, webinars for AQMN experts along 2024 & 2025

HIGHLY CITED IN THE REPORT ON MEASUREMENTS FROM DG-ENV

The advanced air quality variables and RI-URBANS's ST

Article 10 & Annex VII

Table 1 - Pollutants to be measured at supersites **at urban [background] locations**

Pollutant	Type of measurement
PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , UFP, BC	Fixed measurements
NO ₂ , O ₃	Fixed measurements
SO ₂ , CO	Fixed or indicative measurements
Size distribution of UFP	Fixed or indicative measurements
Benzo(a)pyrene, other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as relevant ⁽¹⁾	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total deposition ⁽²⁾ of benzo(a)pyrene, and other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as relevant	Fixed or indicative measurements
Arsenic, cadmium, lead, and nickel	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total deposition ⁽²⁾ of arsenic, cadmium, lead, nickel and mercury	Fixed or indicative measurements
Benzene	Fixed or indicative measurements
Chemical composition of PM_{2.5} in accordance with Section 1 of Annex VII	Fixed or indicative measurements

Table 2 - Pollutants to be measured at supersites **at rural background locations**

Pollutant	Type of measurement
PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , UFP, BC	Fixed measurements
NO ₂ , O ₃ and ammonia (NH₃)	Fixed measurements
SO ₂ , CO	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total deposition of benzo(a)pyrene and other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as relevant	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total deposition of arsenic, cadmium, lead, nickel and mercury	Fixed or indicative measurements
Benzo(a)pyrene, other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as relevant ⁽¹⁾	Fixed or indicative measurements
Arsenic, cadmium, lead, and nickel	Fixed or indicative measurements
Chemical composition of PM_{2.5} in accordance with Section 1 of Annex VII	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total gaseous mercury	Fixed or indicative measurements

⁽¹⁾ benzo(a)pyrene and the other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons referred to in Article 9(8)

Table 3 - Pollutants **recommended to be measured** at supersites at urban and rural locations if not covered by the requirements of Tables 1 and 2

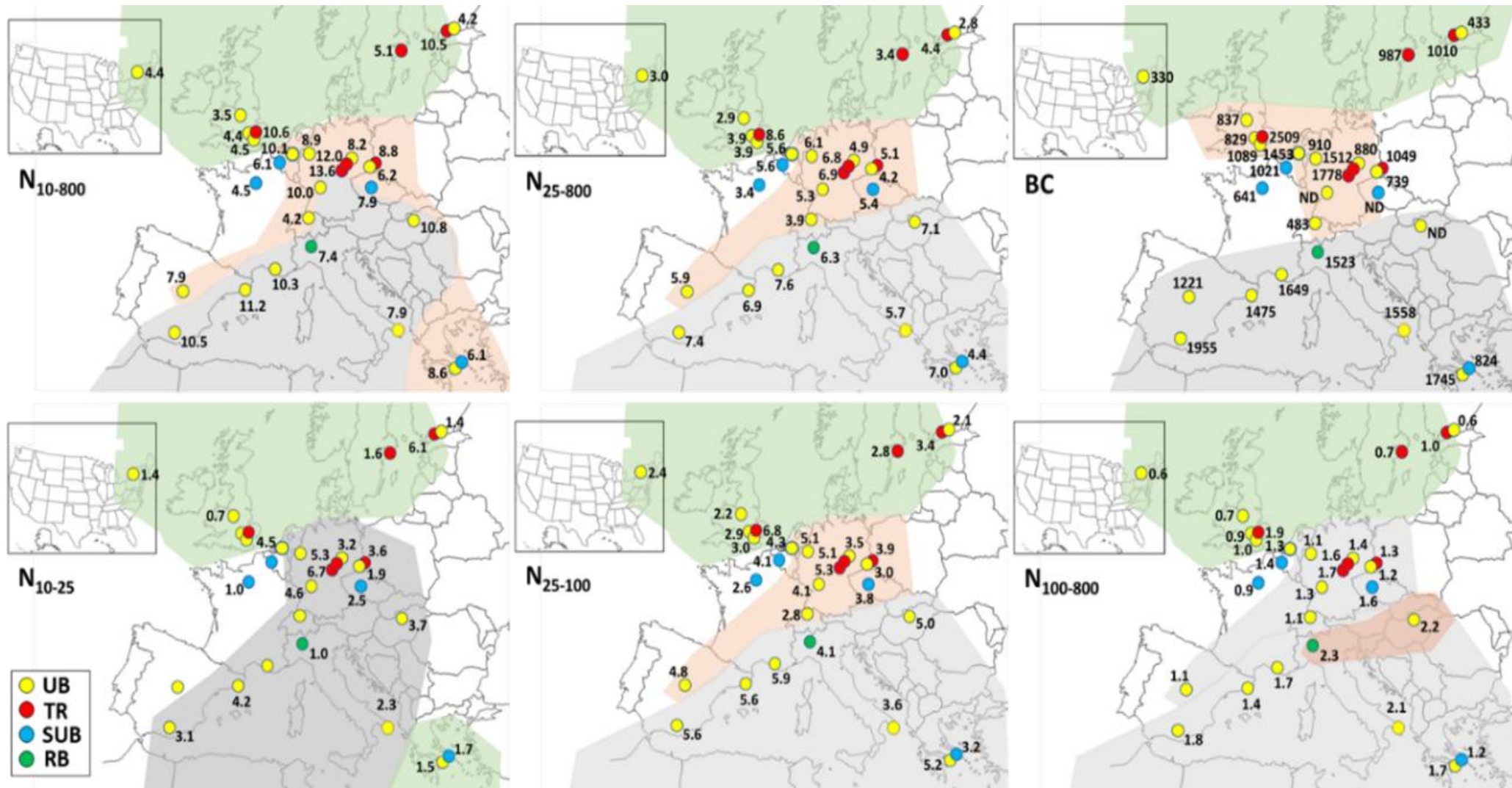
Pollutant	Type of measurement
Size distribution of UFP	Fixed or indicative measurements
Particulate matter oxidative potential	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total deposition of benzo(a)pyrene and other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) as relevant	Indicative measurements
Ammonia (NH₃)	Fixed or indicative measurements
Levoglucosan to be measured as part of the chemical composition of PM_{2.5}	Fixed or indicative measurements
Total gaseous mercury	Fixed or indicative measurements
Particulate and gaseous divalent mercury	Fixed or indicative measurements
Nitric acid	Fixed or indicative measurements

The 16 RI-URBANS' ST & the booklet

<https://riurbans.eu/project/#service-tools>



Ultrafine particles and PNSD in urban Europe ST1

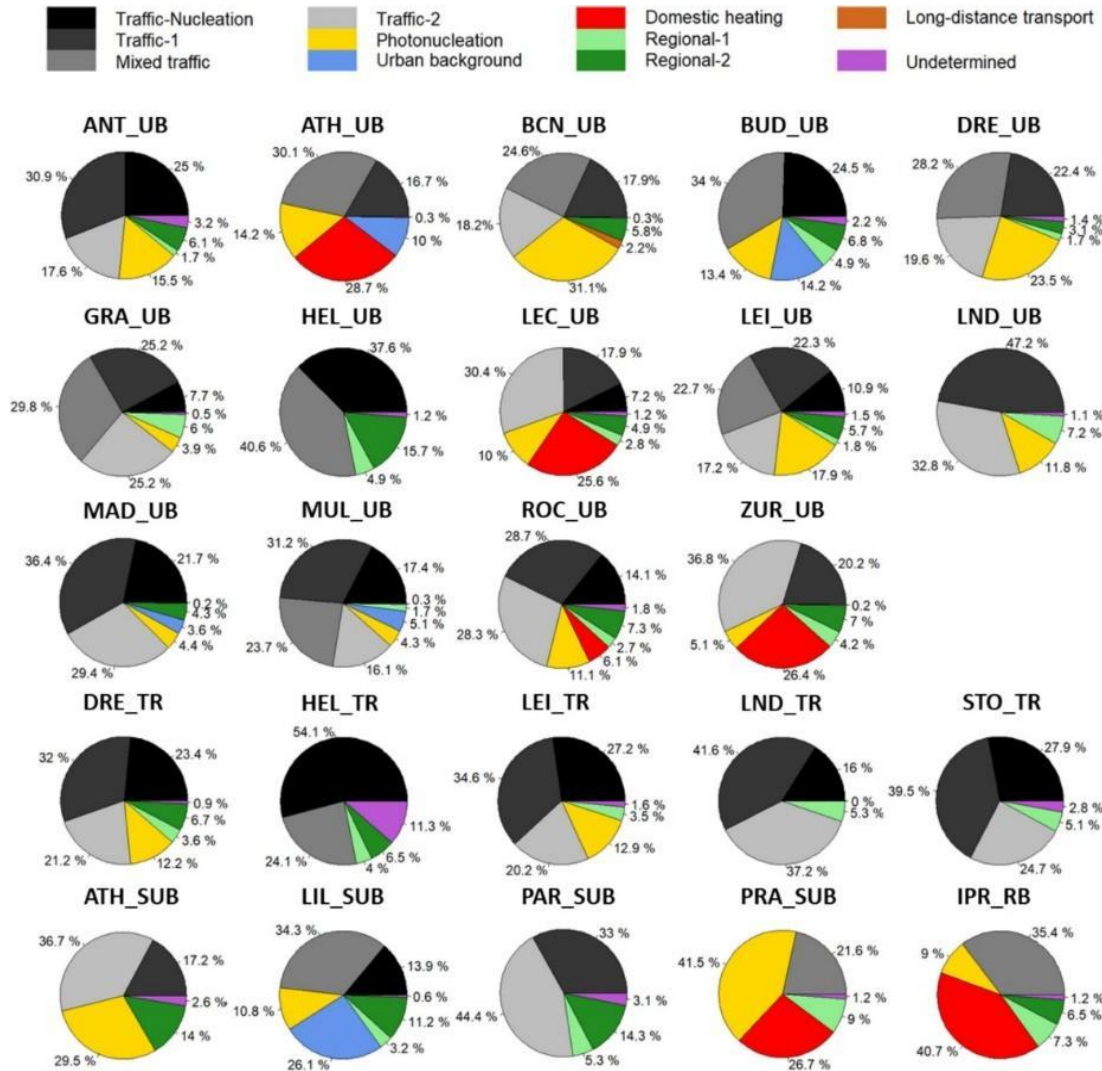


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Source apportionment of ultrafine particles and PNSD

ST11

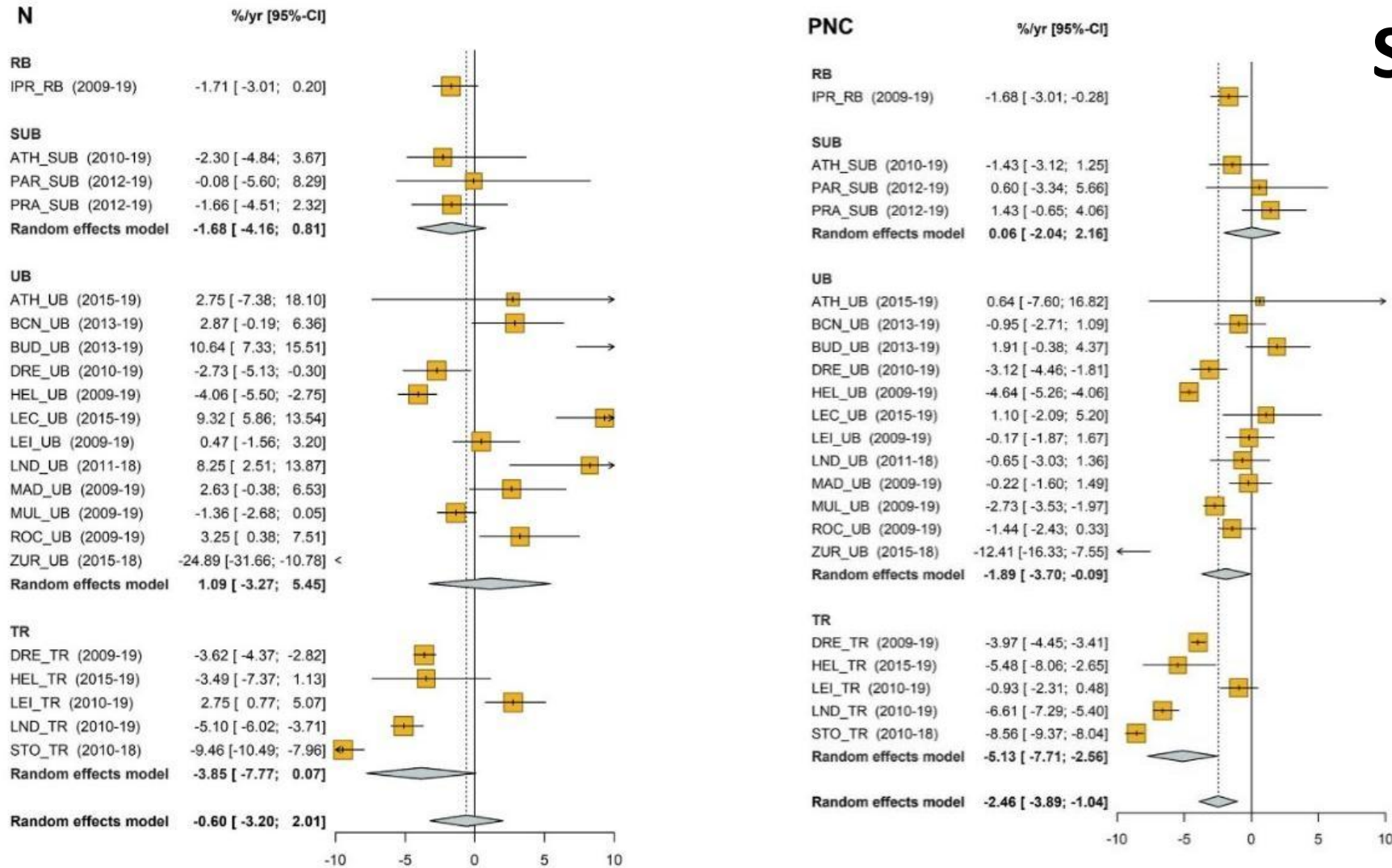


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The trends of ultrafine particles and PNSD in urban Europe

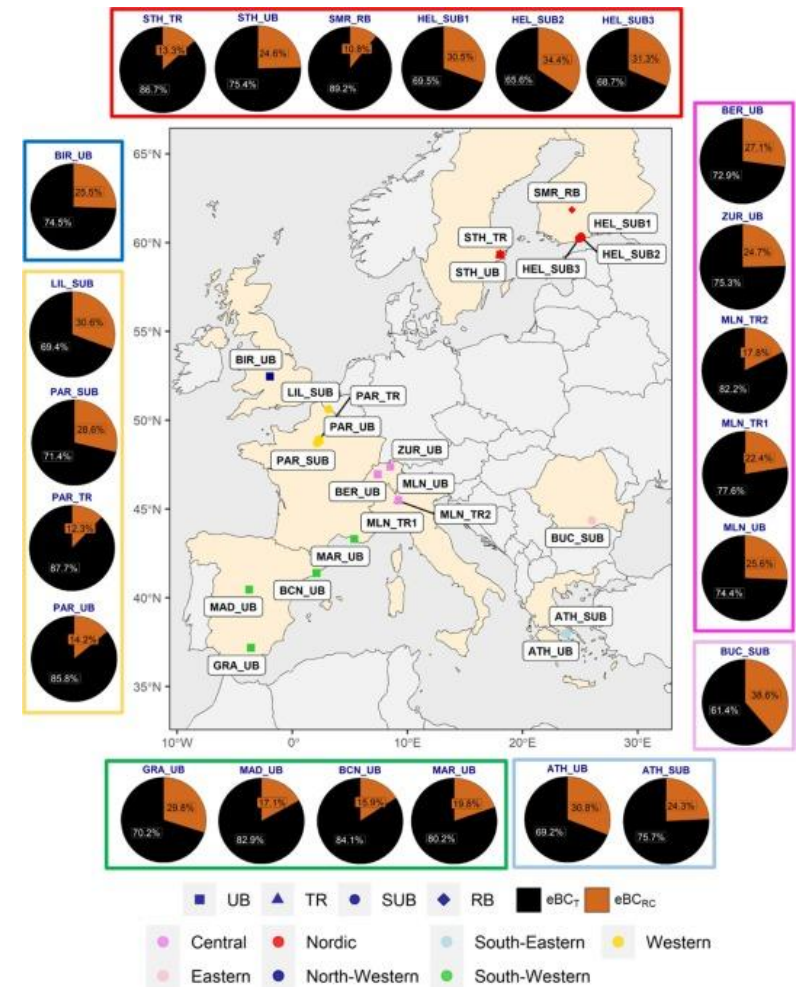
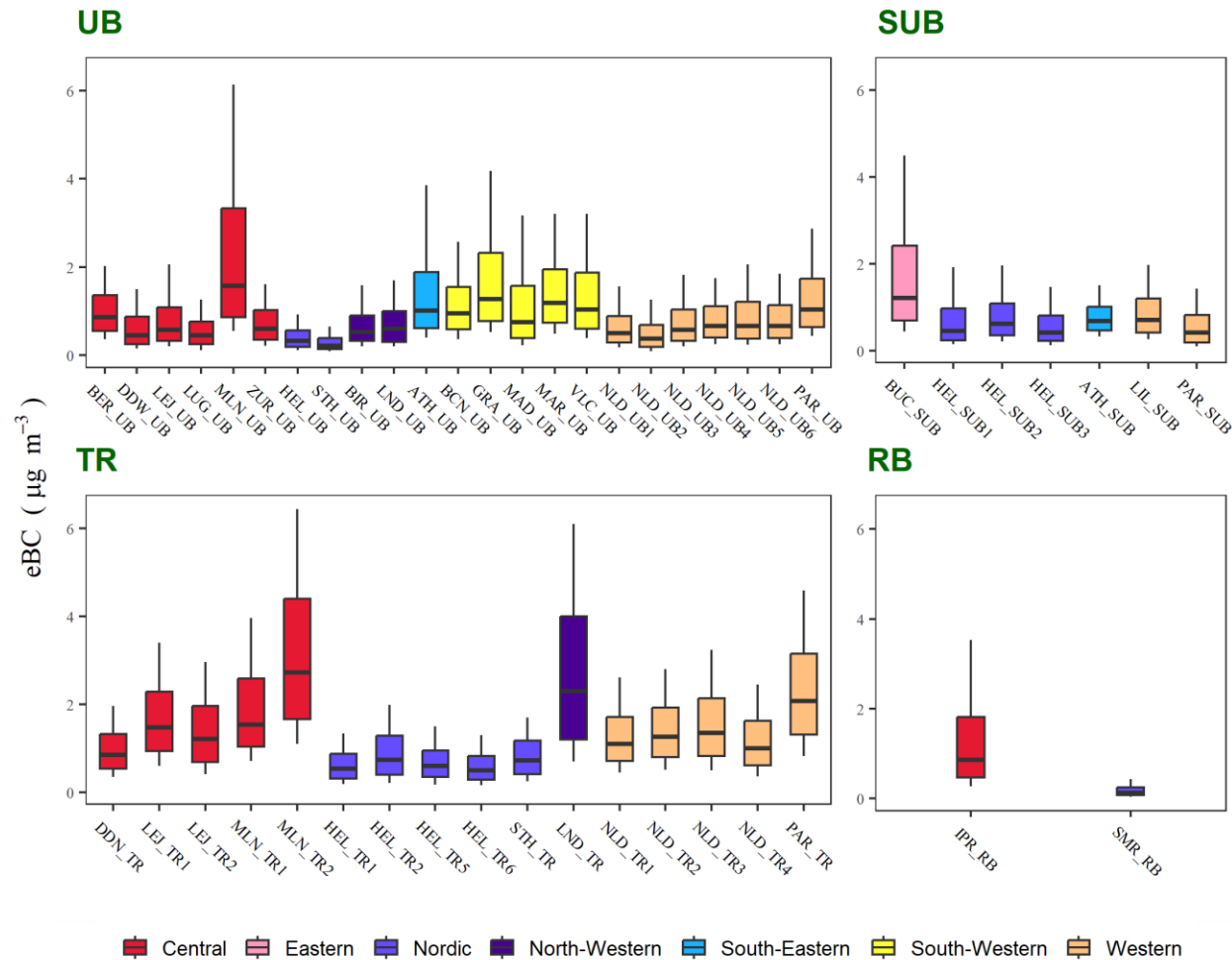
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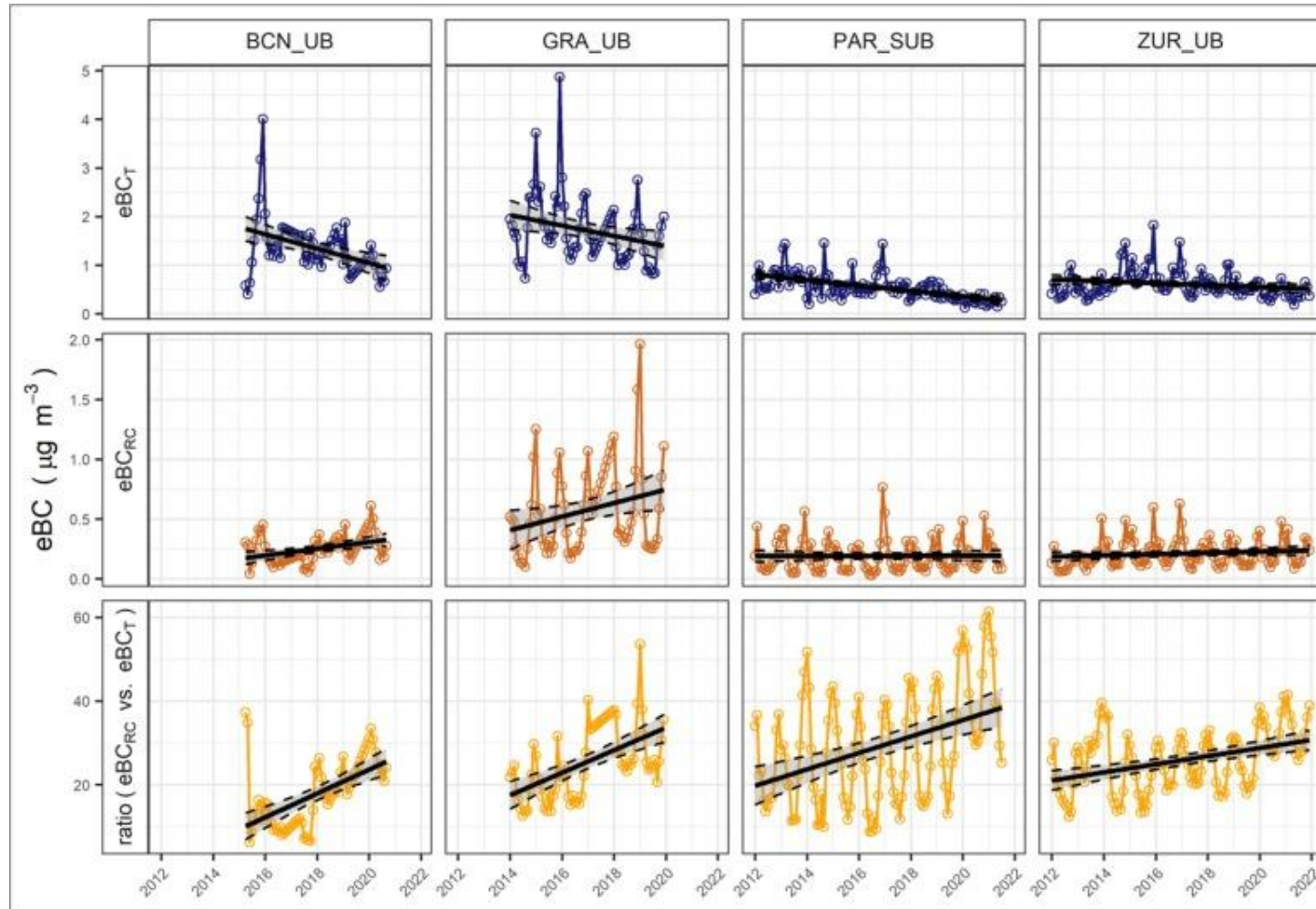
Black carbon in Urban Europe

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Trends and source contributions of black carbon in Europe

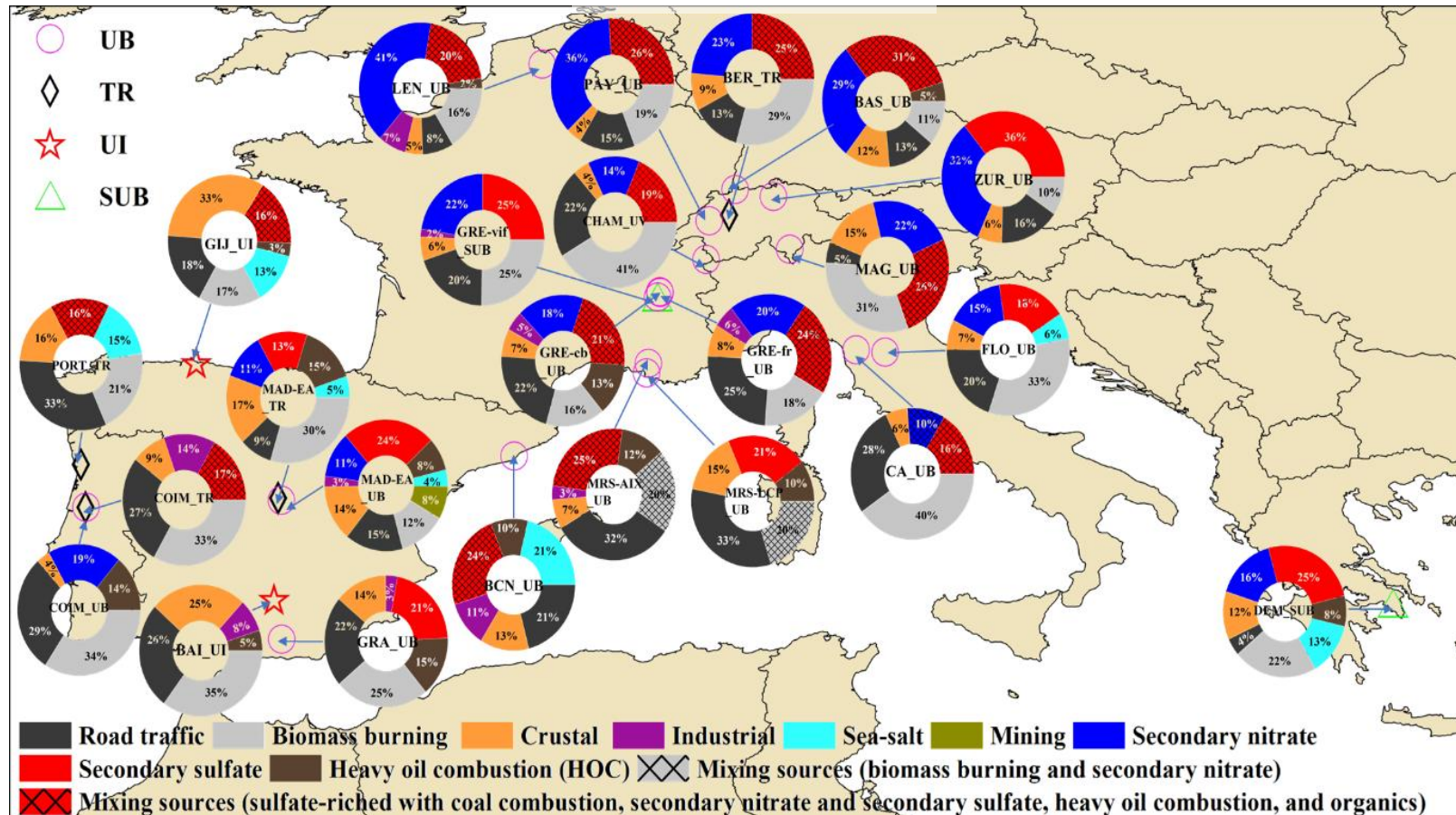


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PM speciation and source contributions in urban Europe

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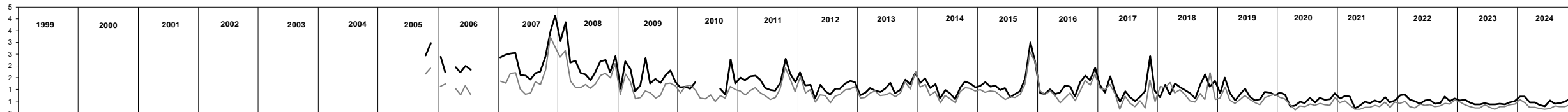


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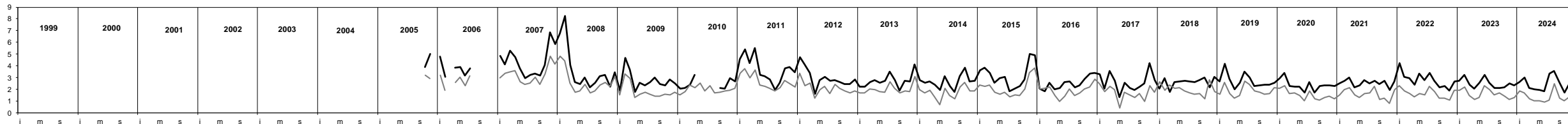
PM speciation and source contributions in urban Europe

BARCELONA PM & PM COMPONENTS 1999-2024

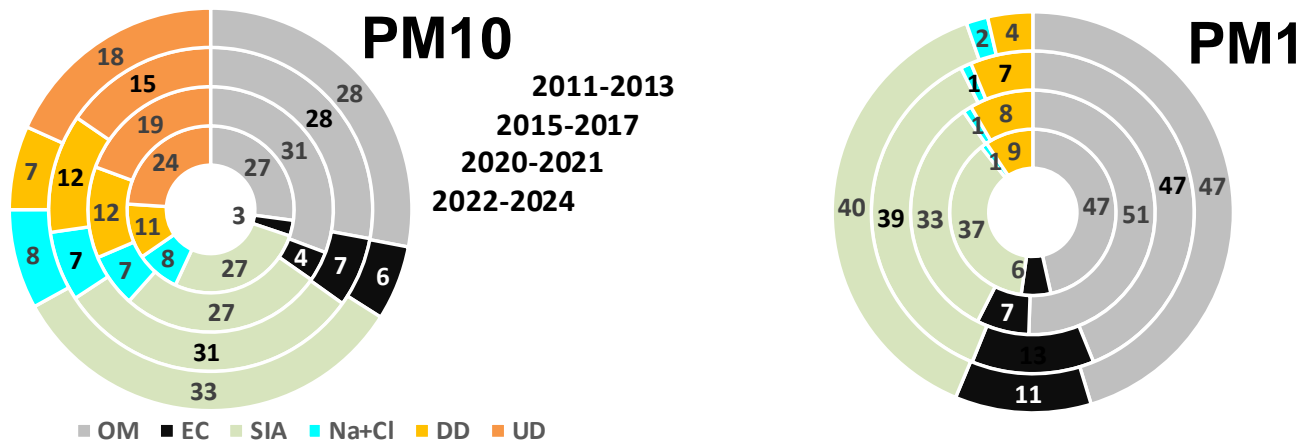
EC ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) PM10 & PM1



OC ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) PM10 & PM1



ORGANIC PM POLLUTANTS SHOULD GUIDE ON HOW REDUCE SOA & PM2.5

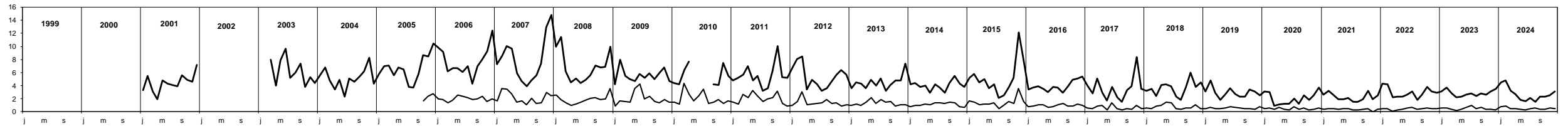


PM speciation and source contributions in urban Europe

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Brake and tyre wear and road dust

Sn (ng m⁻³) PM10 & PM1



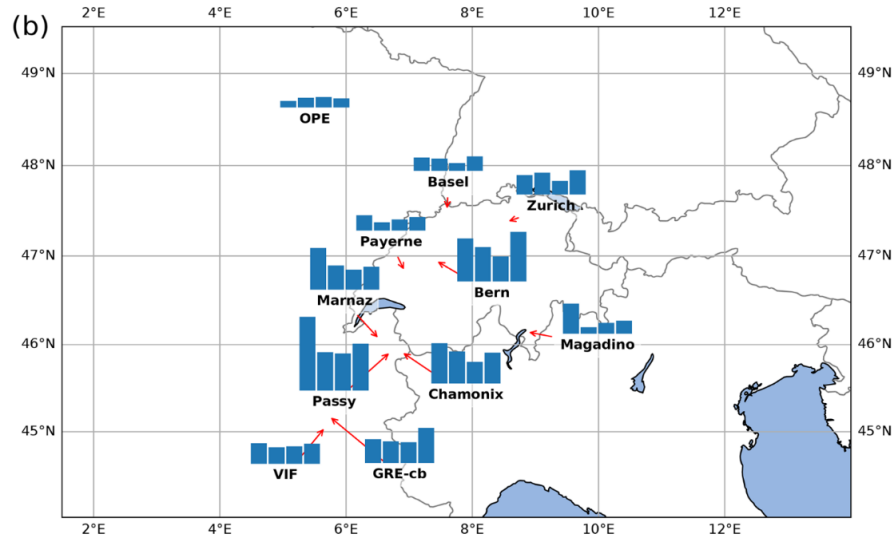
PM speciation and source contributions in urban Europe

Common strategies to abate PM in urban environments

- Prevalence of secondary PM (SIA & SOA)
 - Measures at regional and local scales to abate PM precursors (SO₂, NO_x, NH₃ & VOCs)
 - Abating O₃ since high O₃ favours SIA & SOA formation
- High mineral matter contribution

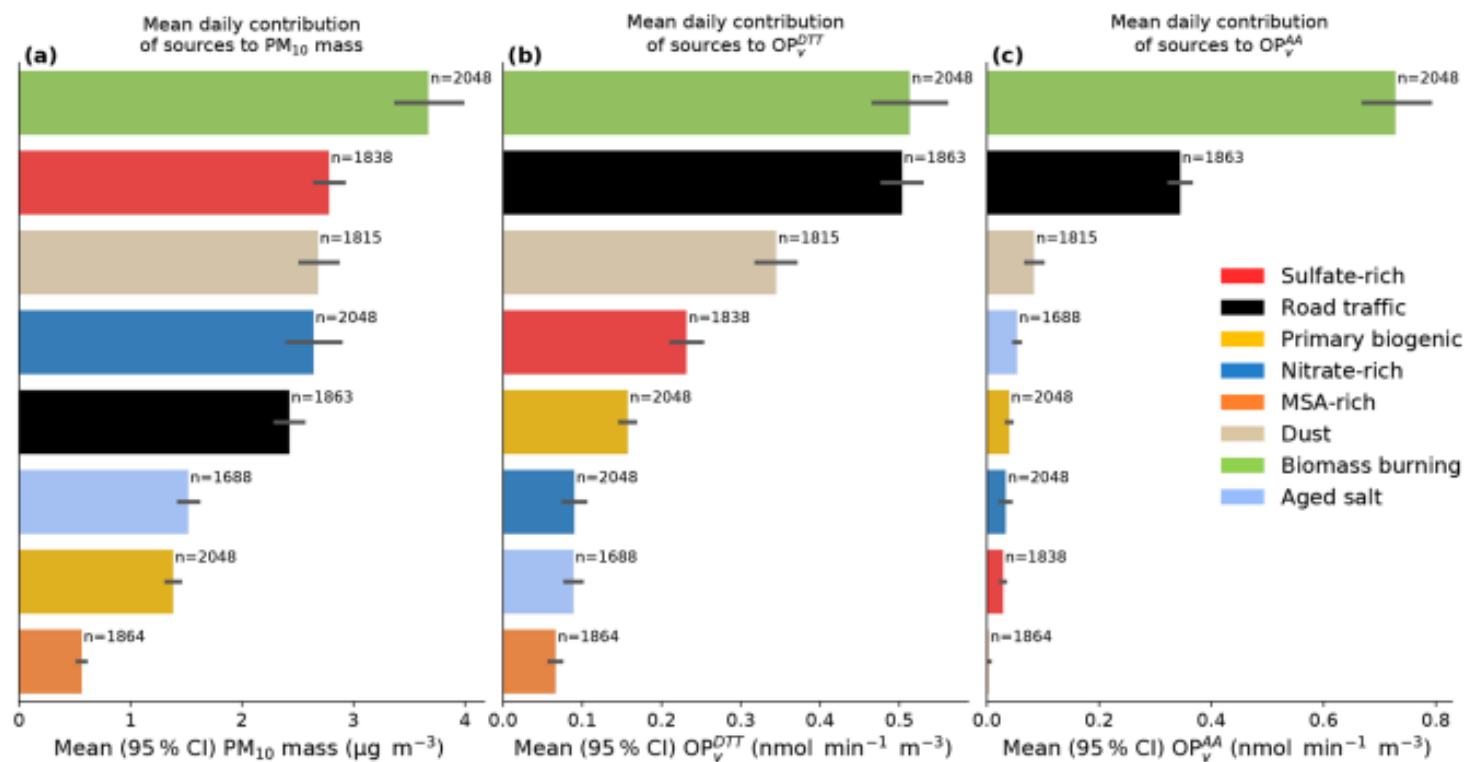
Construction, road and industrial dust should be abated

Oxidative potential

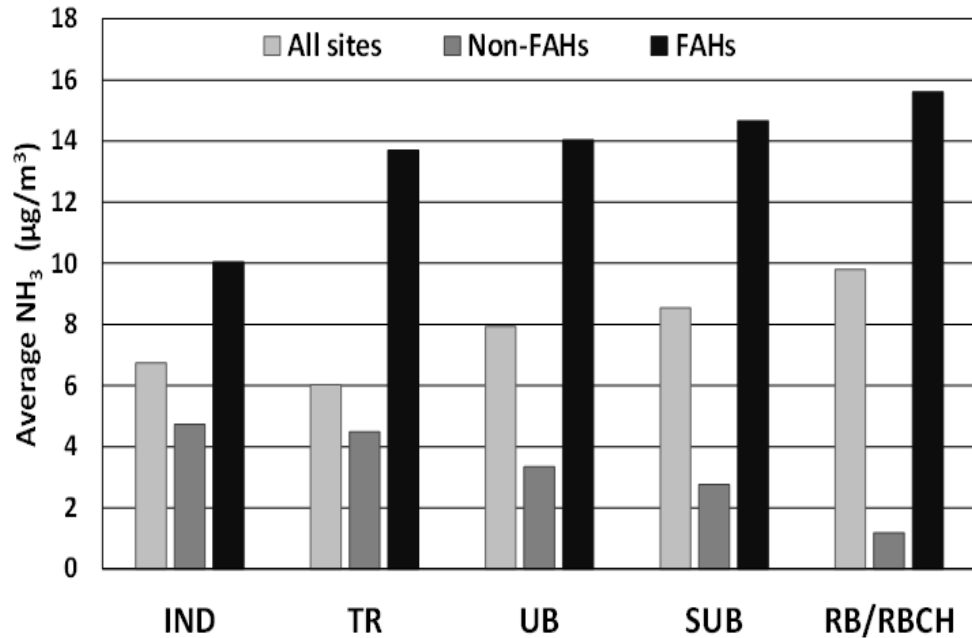


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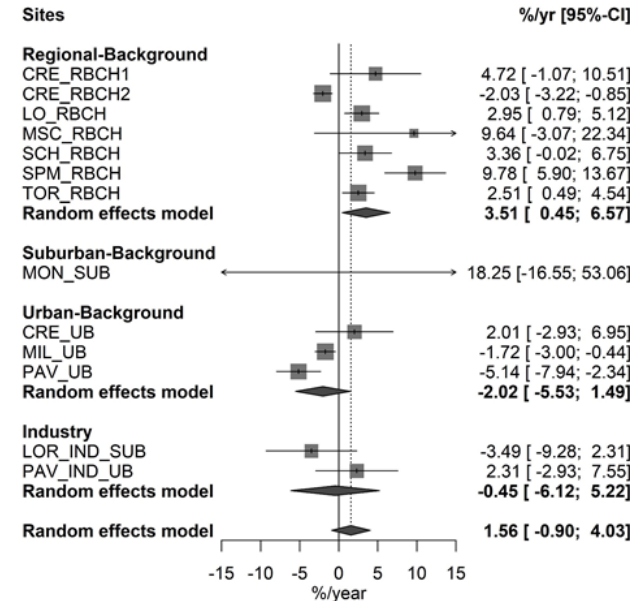
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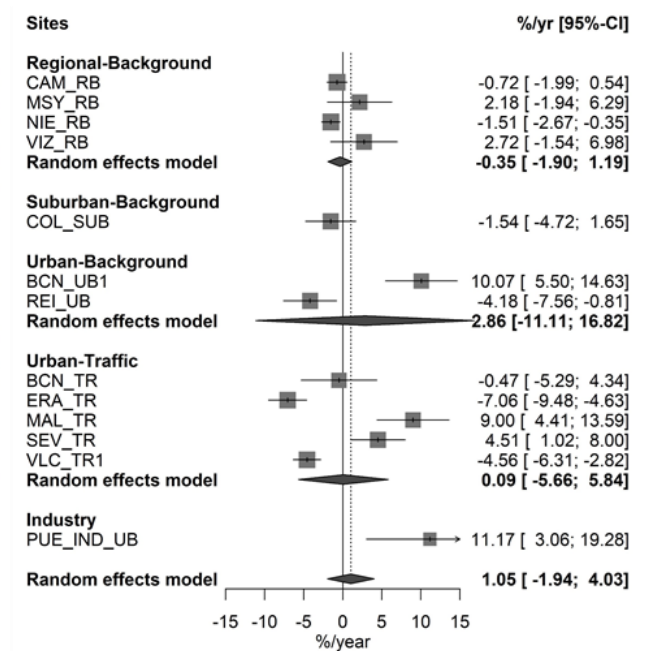
Concentrations and trends of NH₃ in Europe



a) FAHs



b) non-FAHs



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Access to RI-URBANS Progress, open data, STs

<https://riurbans.eu/#progress>

<https://riurbans.eu/results/#open-data>

<https://riurbans.eu/project/#service-tools>

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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