



The implementation of regional air quality plans: nitrogen oxides and PM assessment through RAINS-Italy and local models

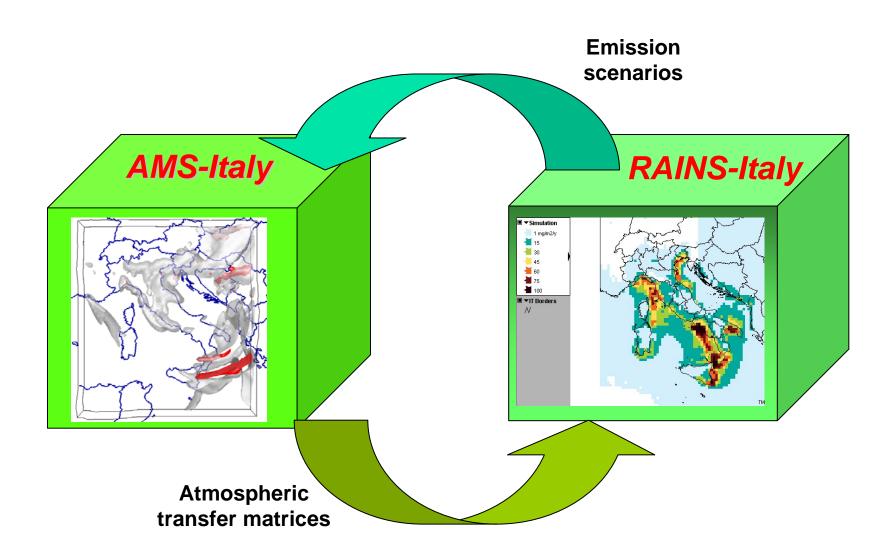
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Regional air quality assessment: context



EU "Framework" Directive on ambient air quality assessment and management and Daughter Directives

- Air quality standards LV and MOT
- Current status + policy scenarios

Italy: regional plans

Regional decision maker: ... LV will be respected?

... role of local measures?

Develop coherent evaluations, taking into account:

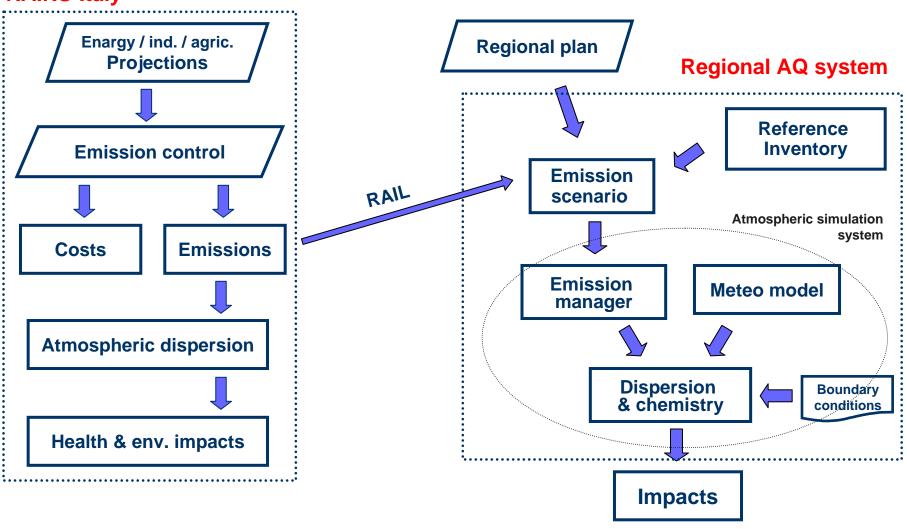
- local features (sources, topography & land-use, meteorology...)
- broader context



RAINS-Italy & Regional Air Quality Systems









Methodology



- 1. Inventories harmonization: REI (Regional Emission Inventory) vs. RAINS-Italy, for baseline year
- 2. Projected emission scenario: RAINS-Italy CLE, downscaled at municipality level using REI
- 3. Regional Plan emission scenarios: translation (at municipality level) of local measures
- 4. Impacts on concentrations: simulation through regional 3D atmospheric modelling system

Ongoing process, promoted by the Ministry of the Environment, with the progressive involvement of regional governments







Piemonte case





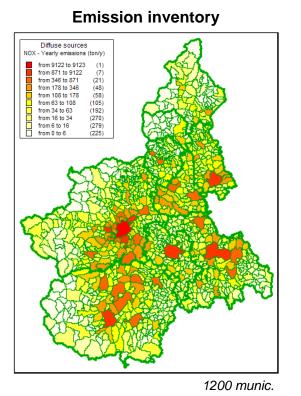
Piemonte case

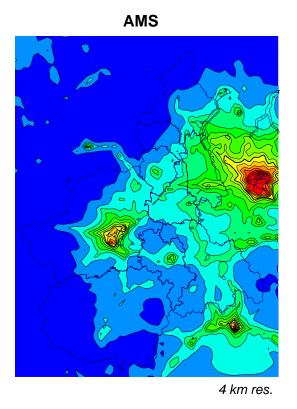


Regional Air Quality System



Major issues: NO₂, PM₁₀, O₃





Routinely used:

- yearly air quality evaluation (since 2004)
- regional & urban air quality forecast (4 & 1 km, since 2005)





Piemonte AQ Plan: measures at 2010



Heating

- energy efficiency (new & renovated)
- boilers: efficiency & emission limits
- ban of dirtier fuels (coal and distillate oil)
- incentives for solar heating for sanitary water
- district heating expansion

Transport

- whole region: progressive ban of the most polluting vehicles
- "Plan Zones": restricted traffic zones in municipalities > 10000 inh.
- adoption of DPF (diesel particles filters)

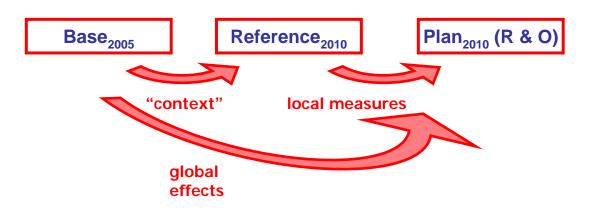








Piemonte case Effects on emissions

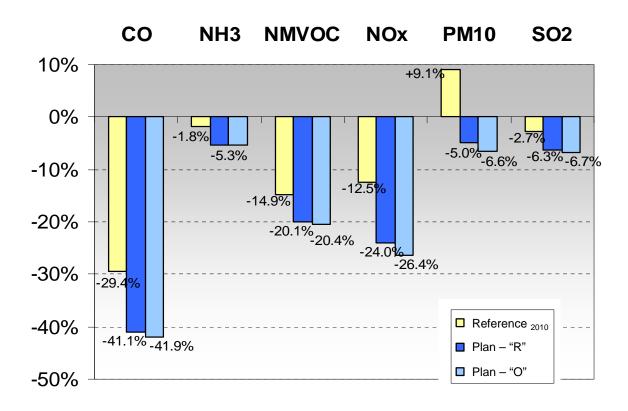






Regional level

Variations for "Plan 2010" scenarios respect to "Base 2005" (all categories)



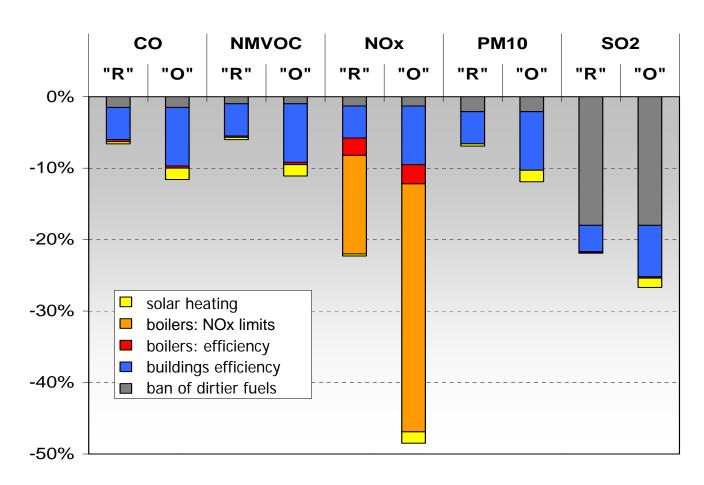
(CLE + local measures)





Detail on individual measures - Heating

"Plan 2010" vs. "Reference 2010" variations, by measure



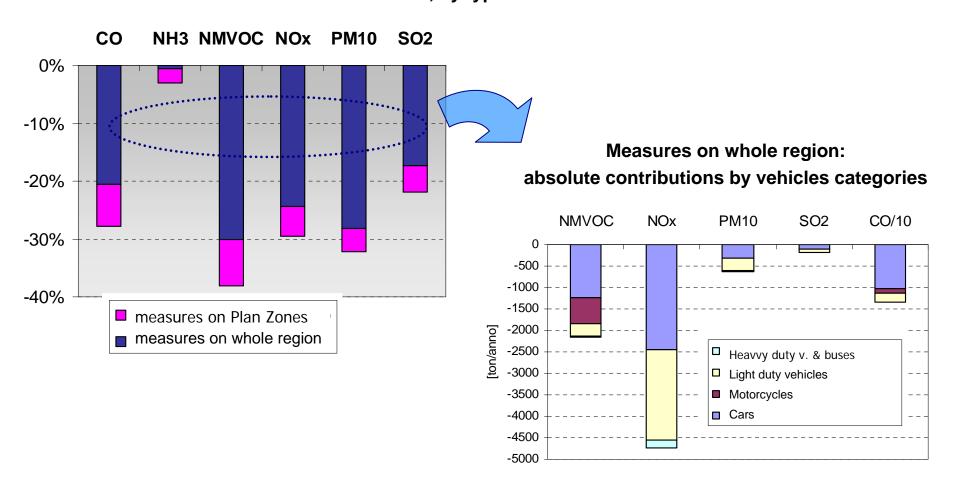
(local measures)





Detail on individual measures - Mobility (examples)

"Plan 2010" vs. "Reference 2010" variations, by type



(local measures)

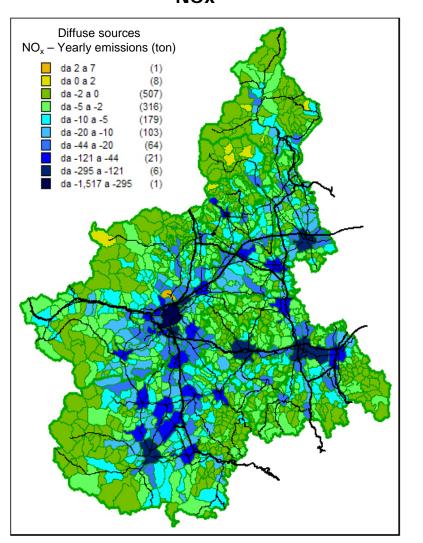




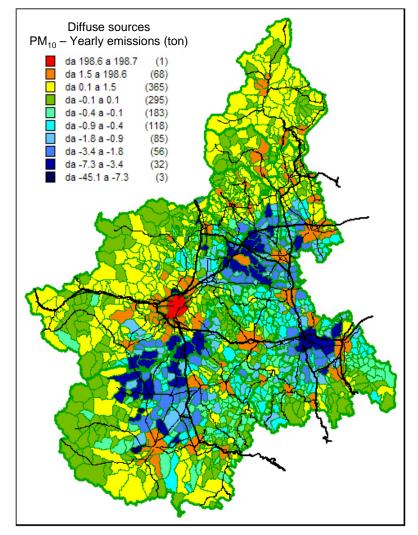
Details on municipalities (examples)

Variations "Base 2005" ⇒ "Reference 2010"

NOx



Primary PM₁₀

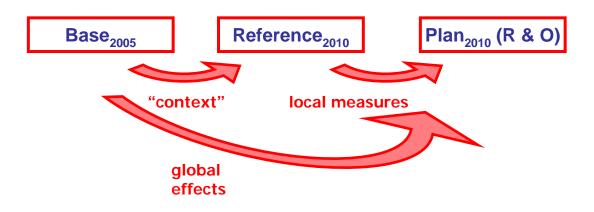








Piemonte case Effects on concentrations



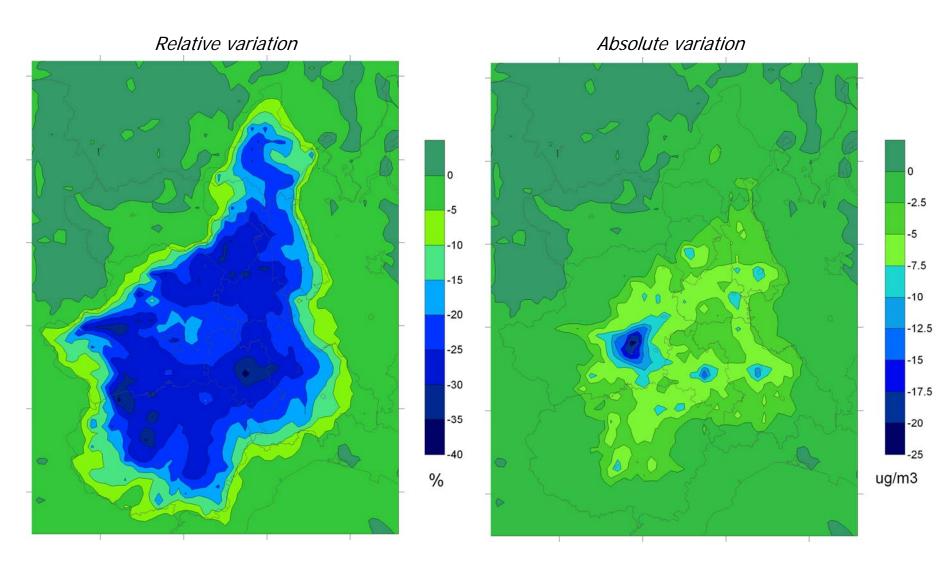




NO₂ concentrations, yearly averages



"Plan-R 2010" vs. "Baseline 2005" (CLE + local measures)



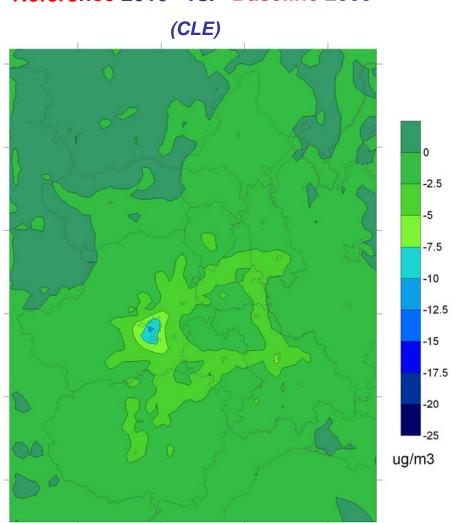




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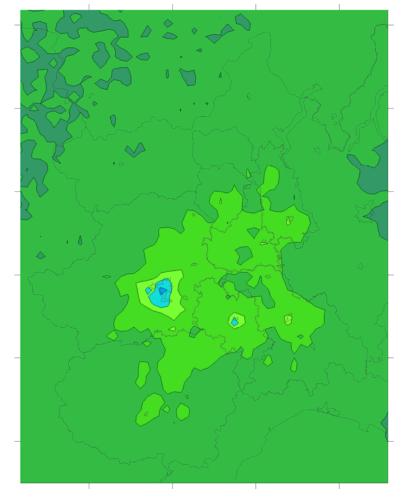


"Reference 2010" vs. "Baseline 2005"



"Plan-R 2010" vs. "Reference 2010"

(local measures only)



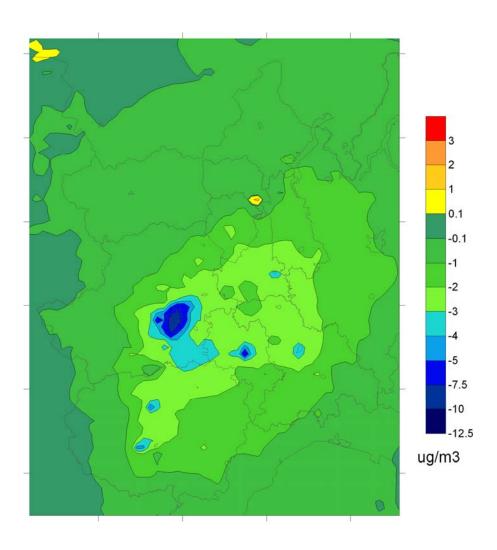




PM₁₀ concentrations, yearly averages



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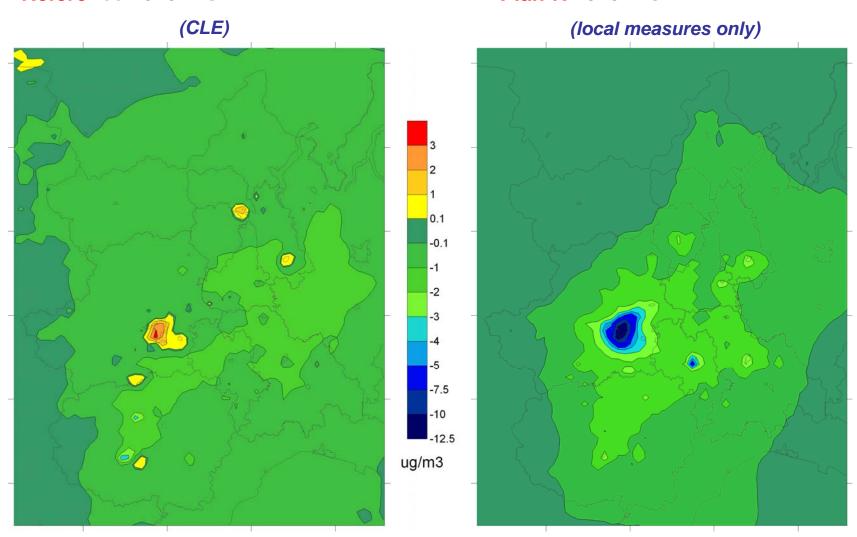


PM₁₀ concentrations, yearly averages



"Reference 2010" vs. "Baseline 2005"

"Plan-R 2010" vs. "Reference 2010"

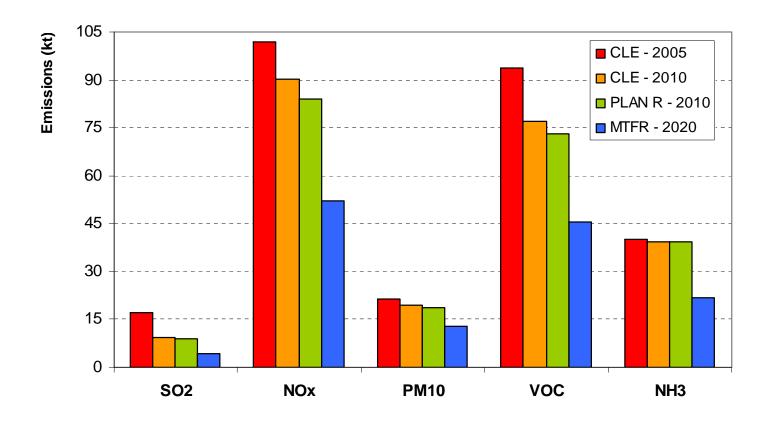






Room for improvement?





(RAINS – technical measures)



Campania case



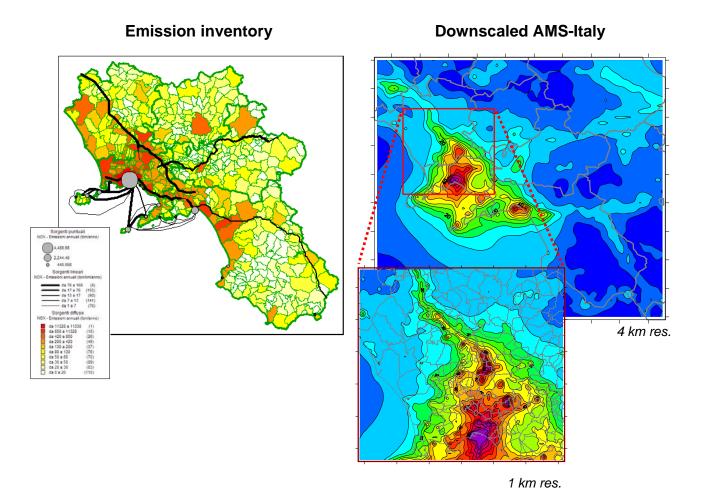
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Regional Modelling System



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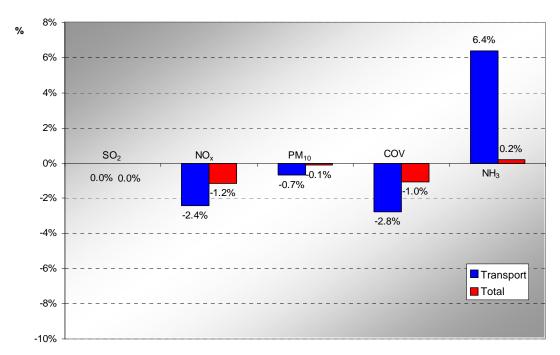
Campania AQ Plan



Measures at 2010

- renovation of public buses fleet
- enhancement of regional railway system
- "sea metro"
- traffic bans on selected days (Naples & surroundings)
- restricted traffic zone in Salerno

Effects on emissions: "Plan 2010" vs. "Reference 2010" variations

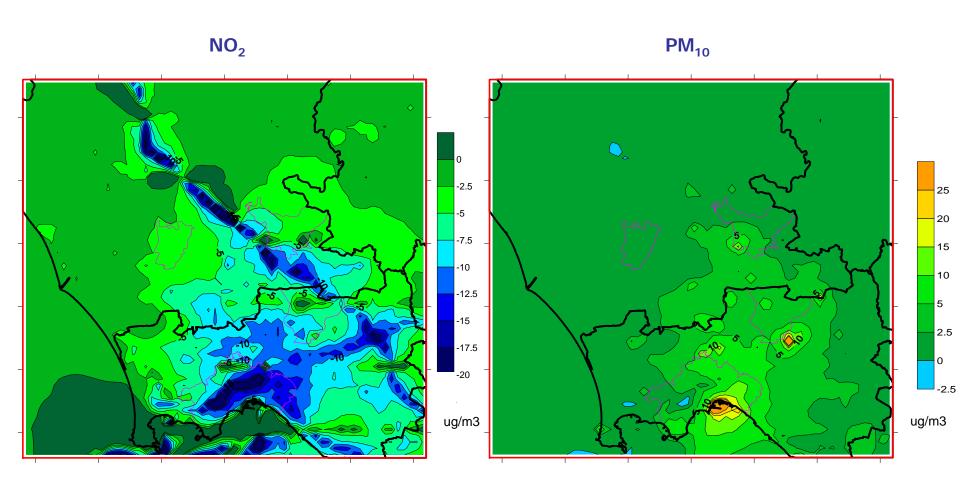




"Plan 2010" vs. "Baseline 2002"



Yearly averages (absolute variations)





Lessons learned



"... implementing integrated N policies: difficulties & suggestions"

- There is room for local, coordinated policies
- ... supported by regional- and urban-scale analyses (spatial details, hotspots)
- ... linked to broader context
- ... multiple models: need of consistent tools & data harmonization

- Long-term perspective (4/5 years...)
- Lack of multidisciplinary connections (e.g. mobility, agriculture) especially on "quantitative approaches"
 - ... Italian peculiarity?

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