



Common Information
to European Air



CITEAIR - 1st WORKSHOP

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Cities throughout Europe experience **environmental problems** relating to **poor air quality**. In most urban areas, **traffic** is the dominant source. Currently, local and regional governments are implementing the **Framework-** and **Daughter Directives** and take actions to comply with the **limit values** which are in force since **1st January 2005**. Many Cities developed a variety of solutions for reporting and managing air quality, which cannot be easily compared among different cities. What is now required are efficient and integrated solutions for environmental and traffic management and an exchange of knowledge among all parties involved.

The **CITEAIR** project is tackling these problems by focusing on the **development of common approaches** and **sustainable solutions** that can be applied throughout Europe:

- ❖ **Guidebook on environmental management:** Proposes solutions for efficient environmental management and a common format to inform professional users on the air quality situation and the impact of abatement measures.
- ❖ **Guidebook on a common format for public information:** An information strategy for public information on air quality building on the conversion and interpretation of existing technical into accessible, interesting and comprehensible information for the public.
- ❖ **Common Operational Website (COW):** Practical implementation of relevant elements of the guidebook for public information, to demonstrate its applicability and allow for comparability of information between cities.
- ❖ **Common Air Quality Index:** Proposal for an Air Quality Index to report on the environmental situation in urban areas in a comparable way. The index will be applied in practice on the Common Operational Website (COW). Cities outside the project are invited to join this initiative.

Aim of the 1st Workshop

The project started in March 2004 and will present the first versions of the solutions during this workshop. The aim of the workshop will be **to provide a forum for potential users** motivating participants to actively comment on the content and design of the products, thus influencing the developments and contributing to their broad applicability meeting the needs of **European Cities and Regions**. **Cities and Regions outside the project** are here invited, exploring the opportunity to join the COW.

Please find more information about the CITEAIR project and the workshop on:

<http://citeair.rec.org>

Attendance is free of charge. **Fill the attached registration form.**

A welcome cocktail will be offered on 10th March 2005, 18:00 hrs. at the conference venue

