

AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND INFORMING IN FEDERATION OF BIH

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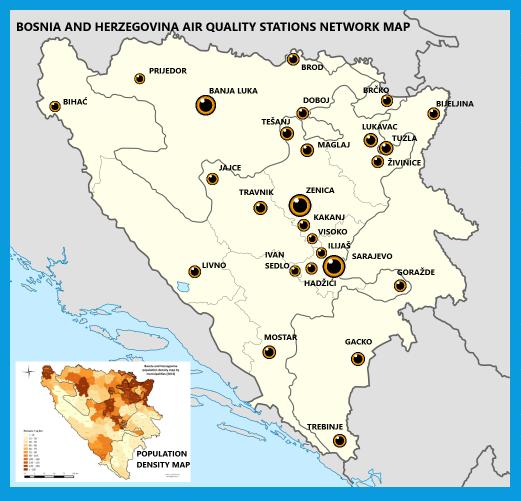
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BACKGROUND



- Cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina are among most polluted cities in Europe.
- It is no old problem result of unfavorable geographical, infrastructural and socio-economical conditions.
- Most of population live in valleys, temperature inversion occuring during the cold part of the year, industrial and heating systems are coal and wood base.
- Monitoring and informing on AQ in real-time exist and are still advancing.
- Hydro Met offices in country use weather prediction models on larger resolution than its needed for adequate AQ prediction.
- ✤ AQ modeling is non-existing.
- Neither national nor lower levels of governance do not calculate impact of future emission sources in spatial planning or permit issuing. There is need for more precise prediction of AQ and calculation of impact of planed future objects (emission sources or other buildings) on AQ.
- Short and long terms plans for AQ improvement and countermeasures are undeveloped and incomplete.

OVERVIEW OF THE AQ MONITORING NETWORK IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- First measurements since 1954 in Zenica
- More than 40 stations in 1980's
- Stopping and degradation in 1990's
- Today, Hidrometeorological Institutes in BiH run the largest networks in country.
- Both are assignated to provide official information on state of air quality.
- Some local networks and operaters (municipilaties, cantons, industries) run their own AQ stations or station networks
- Aplied methods and equipment are similar to those used in EU countries
- NGOs using low cost sensors (mostly for PM monitoring)
- Commonly measured pollutants are:
- PM10/PM2.5, O3, SO2, CO, NOx, H2S
- Other pollutans (BaP, benzene, PAHs, VOCs, metals are not measured regurarly or not measured at all

ACTIVITIES OF AIR QUALITY DIVISION OF FHMI

- Continuous air quality monitoring on 10 automatic stations
- Collecting hourly measured data from automatic stations in Federation of BIH (10 FHMI stations and 21 stations operated by other institutions)
- Preparing reports on annual basis, preparing information on daily basis and informing local, international institutions, organizations, media and public on air quality, communication with citzens and researches on request;
- Automatic transfer and yearly reporting on AQ to European Environmental Agency (EEA)
- Cooperation with state, federal and local institutions;
- Education collaborations with schools and faculties
- Analysis of air pollutant emission reports;
- Collecting samples and analysis of rainwater (conductivity, pH);
- Preparing laboratory for future sampling and analysis of PM10, PM2.5 samples chemical compound (heavy metals);
- Before: Monitoring UV radiation of Sun, calculation of traffic emission of air pollutants in Federation of BIH etc



DATA COLLECTING ISSUES

Data from 25 automatic AQ stations are directly transferred to computer in FHMI

- 6 stations are still not connected (5 local and one international)
- IT issues are constant problem (lack of staff, equipment, and finance, no possibilities to outsource)
- Currently, we are using two systems older one (HORIBA_ IDA ZRW) for everyday use and RAVEN system for EEA reporting. RAVEN shoul soon become main data collecting and dissemination system – some works are still ongoing for connecting 5 more stations from Tuzla Canton networ, and shoul provide new visual data presentation – website.
- Employment of one person with IT or similar background which should work in AQ Division is ongoing.
- RAVEN data collecting system is more relialable than existing one but demands more operational time for underemployed AQ division.

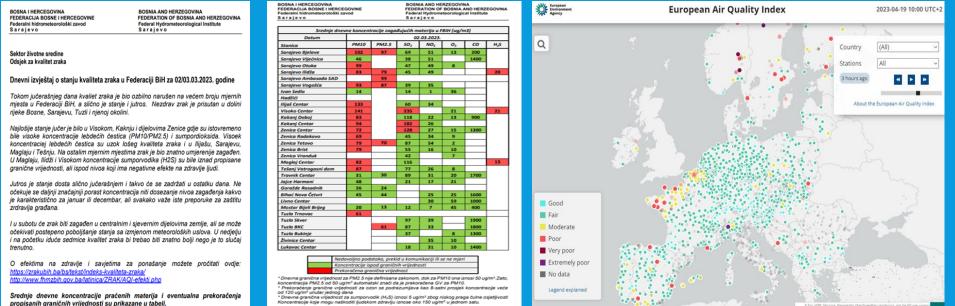
QA/QC – MAINTENANCE, CALIBRATIONS, QUALITY CHECKS

- Automatically transferred data to web sites ("near-real-time data" or hourly data) are uncontroled and unvalidated.
- Daily reports passing first level validation.
- Quality assurance procedures are adopted but just partly implemented
- Poor financing and lack of staff is common problem to all operators which afect quality of monitoring and data. In general, quality is gradually getting better – higher percentage of valid data in recent years.
- Data collecting system provide most of technical information on state measuring equipment.
- Operators mostly provides informations (on request) on service activities and calibrations, which helps to get clearer view on data due validation.
- Validation and data checks are constant day-to-day work during the year. At the end of the year second data conrol is done in combination with logical controls, technical information, interstation comparisons and consultations with local operaters. These are verified data.



DATA PUBLISHING

- Real-time data (1 hour values) are presented on FHMI website (uncontolled and invalidated) both in measured values and as a Air Qualiy Index. Independent and NGO sites use these data, often without source credits. Directly are transferred to EEA (using RAVEN)
- Daily reports are presented on web site and Facebook page, often with writen information on state of AQ for day before, recent day and with forecast for next days. First control of data passed.
- New web site visualisation is in preparation
- Mobile app is off (in reconstruction after server provider change)



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DATA REQUESTS AND SHARING

- Low number of web site visits poor design, people do not trust institutions, we do not provide sensationalistic informations and titles.
- Relatively good cooperation with media. Hostings on TV, radio, other media whenever we can (during winter these requests are more often). Media often do not recognize us as a prime data provider.
- Lot of data requests by e-mail from citizens, researchers, students, media (gradually growing number)
- School visists are common in spring and autumn.
- For now, only reports are downloadable from FHMI web site. We plan to move more data for public use on web site in future





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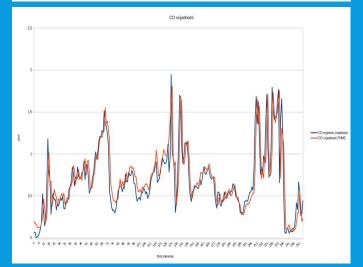


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