

International Conference on Problem-solving Approaches to Ensure Schoolchildren's health

Citizen Led Air pollution Reduction in Cities

**Peter Szuppinger** 

representing the Clair City Consortium

Regional Environmental Center Budapest, 24 May 2019

> \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 689289.

## **ClairCity Consortium**



- 1. Trinomics B.V. (Project Coordinator Netherlands)
- 2. University of the West of England, Bristol (Technical Lead UK)
- 3. PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (NL)
- 4. Statistics Netherlands CBS (Netherlands)
- 5. Technical University of Denmark (Denmark)
- 6. Norwegian Institute for Air Research (Norway)
- 7. REC Regional Environmental Centre (Hungary)
- 8. TECHNE Consulting (Italy)
- 9. Transport & Mobility Leuven (Belgium)
- 10. University of Aveiro (Portugal)
- 11. Municipality of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- 12. Bristol City Council (UK)
- 13. Intermunicipal Community of Aveiro Region (Portugal)
- 14. Liguria Region (Italy)
- 15. Municipality of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 16. Sosnowiec City Council (Poland)



## ClairCity – Our future with clean air

ClairCity is aiming at creating a major shift in public understanding towards the causes of poor air quality, inviting citizens to give their opinions on air pollution and carbon reduction to shape the cities of the future.





## Air pollution and health



## HEART ATTACKS & Strokes

BREATHING POLLUTED AIR INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, AND LUNG CANCER. IT MAKES CONDITIONS SUCH AS ASTHMA OR BRONCHITIS WORSE.<sup>1</sup>

# $\begin{pmatrix} 00\\ unv \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0$

AIR POLLUTION IS LINKED TO ONE IN EVERY EIGHT PREMATURE DEATHS WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING 7,700 DEATHS ACROSS EUROPE EVERY WEEK. <sup>3 4</sup>

1 IN 8 DEATHS

## NEW EVIDENCE ON HEALTH

THERE IS NEW EVIDENCE LINKING AIR POLLUTION TO DEMENTIA, TYPE 2 DIABETES AND AUTISM. RESEARCH IS STILL CONTINUING ON THESE AND OTHER CONDITIONS. <sup>5 6 7</sup>

## BREAKING THE RULES

21 OF THE 28 EU MEMBER STATES FAILED THE STANDARDS FOR ONE TYPE OF AIR POLLUTION -CONCENTRATIONS OF PARTICULATE MATTER (PM10).<sup>9</sup>









### 2/3 Europeans are Worried

67% OF PEOPLE IN EUROPE THINK THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS A "VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM". <sup>10</sup>



DIESEL CARS CAUSE MORE AIR POLLUTION THAN PETROL CARS, BUT HAVE LOWER CARBON EMISSIONS.









## **ClairCity Concept.... challenging the debate**

Where & What? >>>> Who & Why? >>>> ClairCity





## **ClairCity Objectives**

ClairCity integrates and quantify citizens' behaviour and activities to enrich city, national and EU level policy-making, resulting in improved air quality, reduced carbon emissions, improved public health outcomes and greater citizen awareness.

- 1. Putting citizens behaviour and practices at the heart of the debate.
- 2. Develop a suite of innovative toolkits for enhanced quantification, engagement and impact evaluation.
- 3. Integrate citizens behaviours in city policies now and in the future.
- 4. Raise awareness of environment changes and their solutions.





## **ClairCity Scope – What do we include?**

### Short Term <2025 → Medium Term <2035 → Long Term <2050

#### **Pollutants**

- <u>'Priority 1 Air Pollutant'</u> those within existing legislation and are most relevant re citizens health as result of citizens action (i.e. NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>).
- <u>'Priority 2 Air Pollutants</u>' those within existing legislation and less prominent as result of citizens action (i.e. Ozone, Sulphur Dioxide, VOCs, Ammonia, Benzene, Carbon Monoxide, Lead, Methane)
- <u>'Climate Pollutants'</u> both  $CO_2$  and  $CO_2e$ .
- *Future & Rare Pollutants* future pollutants which may be relevant by 2050 and rare pollutant which are not commonly problematic now and in the future. We do not aim to quantify these but we provide a ClairCity framework and policies which aim, where practical, to be safe by design.

#### **Boundaries**

- <u>'TIER 1 within city/region boundaries':</u> detailed assessment of emission sources and air quality (fine resolution)
- <u>'TIER 2: immediate vicinity of the city'</u>: Some of the activities within the city impact the emissions in the immediate surroundings of the city. Trans-boundary effects also (i.e. emission for surrounding affecting the city air quality).
- <u>'TIER 3: rest of the world'</u>: not relevant for an air pollution perspective, only relevant for carbon footprint (displacing/"exporting" carbon emissions from cities to rest of world).



## **ClairCity Project Overview**





### **ClairCity Approach**



Phase 2: Citizen and stakeholder engagement

### Flexibility is key....our six pilot cities / regions





#### **Our Game**

ClairCity Skylines puts the players in charge.

ClairCity Skylines has arrived!

Download for **iOS devices here.** 

Download for Android devices here.









Czy podoba Ci się jak podjęte przez Ciebie decyzje zmieniły Twoje miasto?

#### 14. Reduce car size (and the corresponding fuel consumption) by law.



#### 15. Provide tax benefits for employers who encourage their employees to commute by public transport, bicycle or on foot.



#### 16. Require schools to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the journey to school of teachers and pupils.



Read more









## Thank you

Peter Szuppinger pszuppinger@rec.org

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe www.rec.org

www.claircity.eu



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 689289.