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#### ARAGÓN GOVERNMENT'S AIR QUALITY NETWORK

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The operation "Air Quality Network of the Government of Aragon" consists of a group of projects to improve the air quality control systems of the Aragonese territory through the treatment and management of the data obtained by the Network through six fixed stations and two mobiles located in the Autonomous Community.

In order to guarantee the quality of the data obtained, it is essential that the analyzers are subject to adequate maintenance, as they are sophisticated equipment and work continuously. Each network station has its air quality analyzer equipment, as well as the necessary computer system to capture said data and communicate it to the database.

Finally, the data that has reached the database is validated from the Control Center, managed by the Autonomous Community, guaranteeing daily the veracity of what was received.

The volume of data received and analyzed amounts to 5 million data annually..

The amount executed for this operation, to date, is 280.950 euros, with the ERDF aid of 140.475 euros, which has enabled updated data on air quality in Aragon, notably favoring both the quality of life of citizens as public decision-making regarding compliance with environmental regulations through the maintenance of the Aragón air quality control system. In this sense, 40.931 users have accessed the <u>website</u> of the Air Quality Network of the Government of Aragon, collecting, in total, 87.249 visits to the aforementioned website..



This operation is considered a Good Practice because:

1. The action has been conveniently disseminated among the beneficiaries, potential beneficiaries and the public in general.

The action has been disseminated through news related to the operation, highlighting, in particular, the contribution of the ERDF aid to obtain the envisaged environmental purposes.



It should also be highlighted the dissemination that the operation has been carried out on both fixed and mobile devices







Likewise, on the <u>website</u> of the Air Quality Network of the Government of Aragon, where the citizen can - interactively - consult the execution of the operation by territory, air quality levels or forecasts on the same.

As can be seen, the website complies with the requirements of community regulations, stating in the head of the website that the Air Quality Network of the Government of Aragon is co-financed by the FEDER Aragón 2014-2020 operational program, with the logo of the European Union and the motto "Building Europe from Aragon".



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#### 2. The action incorporates innovative elements.

The system is made up of a database, where all the data from the network stations of the Government of Aragon and the Thermal Power Plants are received. The data of the Air Quality Network of the Government of Aragon are sent with a periodicity of between 10 and 15 minutes, depending on the season.

The information from the stations used in the evaluation of air quality in Aragon is supplied to the Ministry responsible for the environment, which disseminates it through its air quality website at the state level and sends it to the body appointed by the European Commission.

In accordance with the legislation on the matter, the data is made available to the general public, in the case of Aragon through the <u>website</u> where in addition to real-time and historical information, reports and air quality indices as well as information from the different stations located in the Aragonese territory.



#### 3. Adaptation of the results obtained to the established objectives.

With the execution of this operation, a real-time analysis of air quality in Aragon has been achieved. The monitoring is carried out by verifying that the six remote stations and two mobile phones of the Government of Aragon send data to the control center as regularly as appropriate. This check is carried out through the government of Aragon's air quality data management web application. The data is reviewed every working day and the validation of the data received is carried out weekly...



## 4. Contribution to the resolution of a problem or weakness detected in the territorial scope of execution.

Pollution is a problem that is inherent to the most developed areas of the planet and therefore to almost all of Europe, which means that Aragon does not escape this global problem.

This fact has been highlighted by different media that have echoed the environmental problems derived from air pollution..

Let's see some examples.

Heraldo de Aragón



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#### 5. High degree of coverage over the population to which it is addressed.

The operation is aimed at the population of the Autonomous Community and, in particular, the six fixed stations spread throughout the Aragonese geography that make up the Network are located in the following municipal terms: Huesca; Monzón (Huesca); Torrelisa (Huesca); Alagón (Zaragoza); Bujaraloz (Zaragoza) y Teruel.

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### 6. Consideration of the horizontal criteria of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, as well as social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

The operation has a general scope with positive effects for the entire population regardless of age, sex, place of residence, etc. On the other hand, the operation contributes to raising awareness among the general public and to the economic sectors of the Autonomous Community most involved, in order to achieve environmental sustainability based on an improvement in air quality.

#### 7. Synergies with other policies or instruments of public intervention

The operation is consistent with the actions for lindane decontamination in Sabiñánigo (Huesca), co-financed by the 2014-2020 ERDF Operational Program.

Likewise, it is aligned with other environmental strategies such as: the Aragonese Strategy of Climate Change and Clean Energies and the Action Plan against Climate Change and Clean Energies responds to the commitment of the Government of Aragon with the objectives set out in the Aragonese Strategy of Climate Change and Clean Energies. Its content, the result of coordinated work between the different departments, constitutes a set of specific programs and actions in terms of containing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change.



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