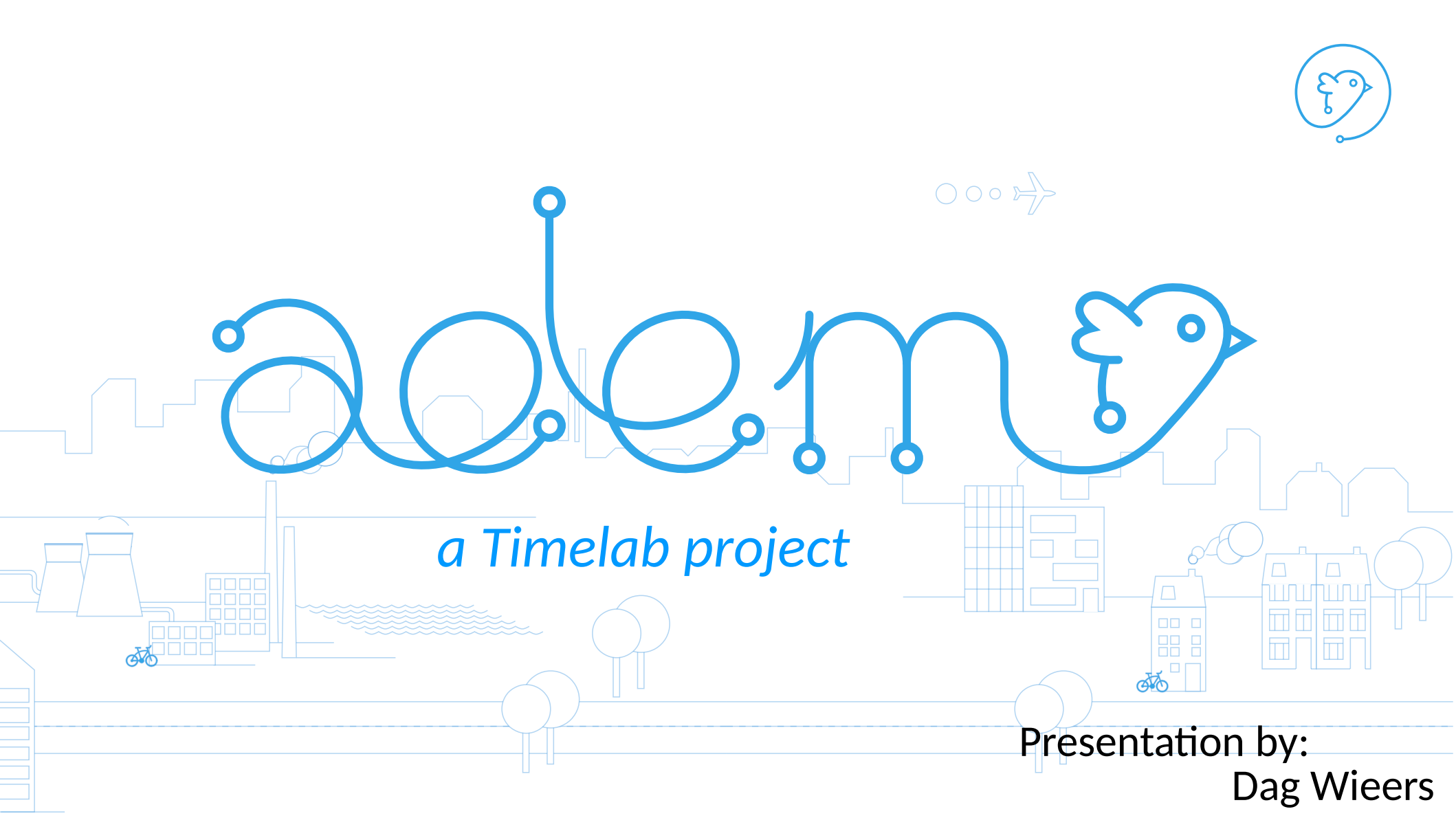

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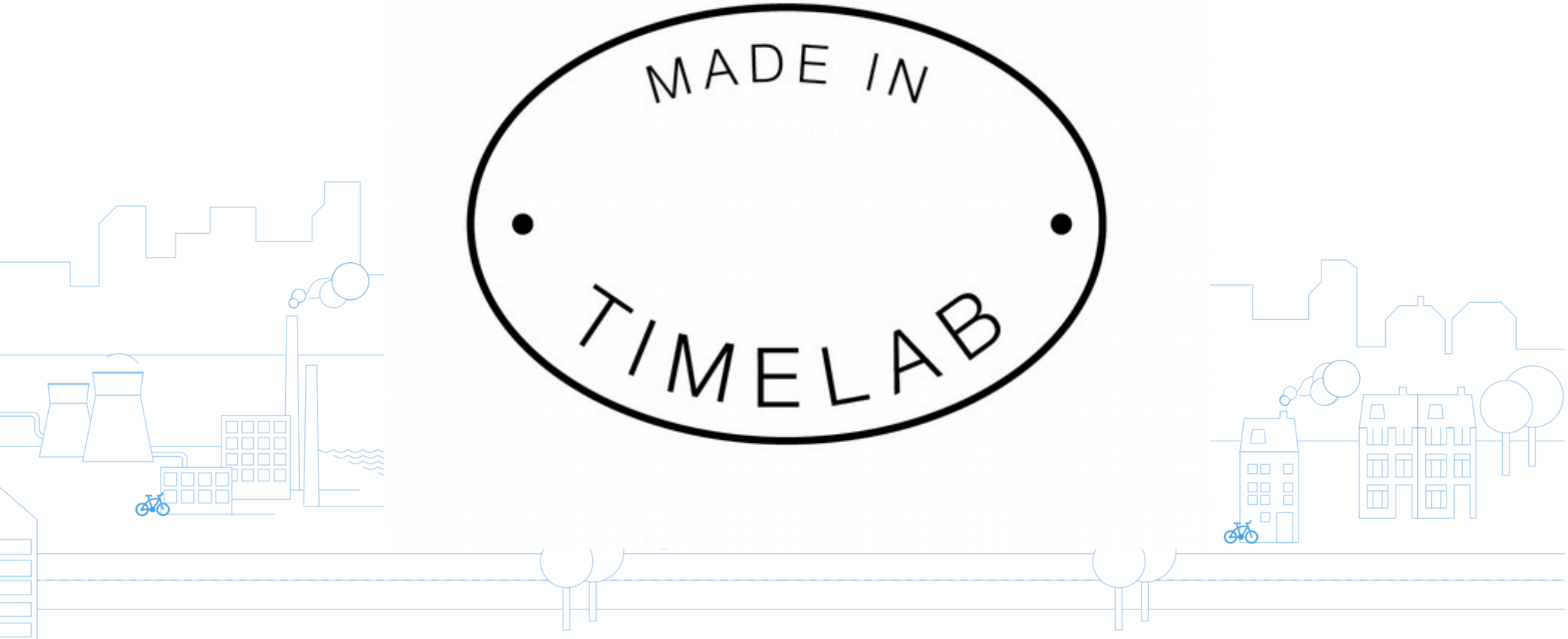
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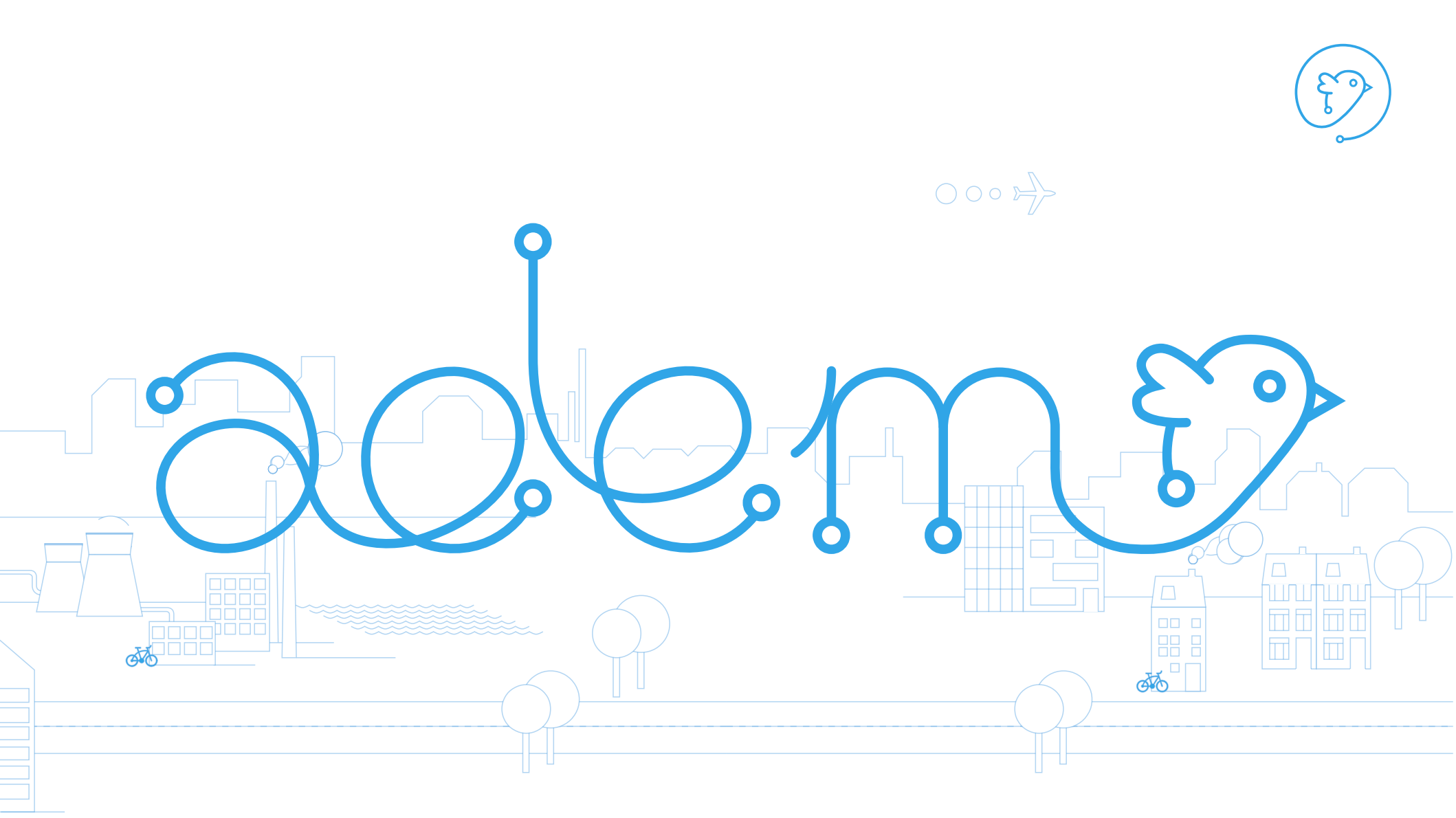
TIMELAB

Before you leave,
please clean up!

What is Timelab ?

- A non-profit organization founded in 2010
- Located in the beautiful city of Ghent, Flanders
- A facilitator for “makers” to collaborate and share knowledge
- Offers:
  - CityLab; *incl. 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC wood router…*
  - Creation-projects; *incl. this ADEM project*
  - Workshops, boot-camps and (art) residencies
  - Co-working café and Friday lunches
- Supported by the city of Ghent *and* the Flemish government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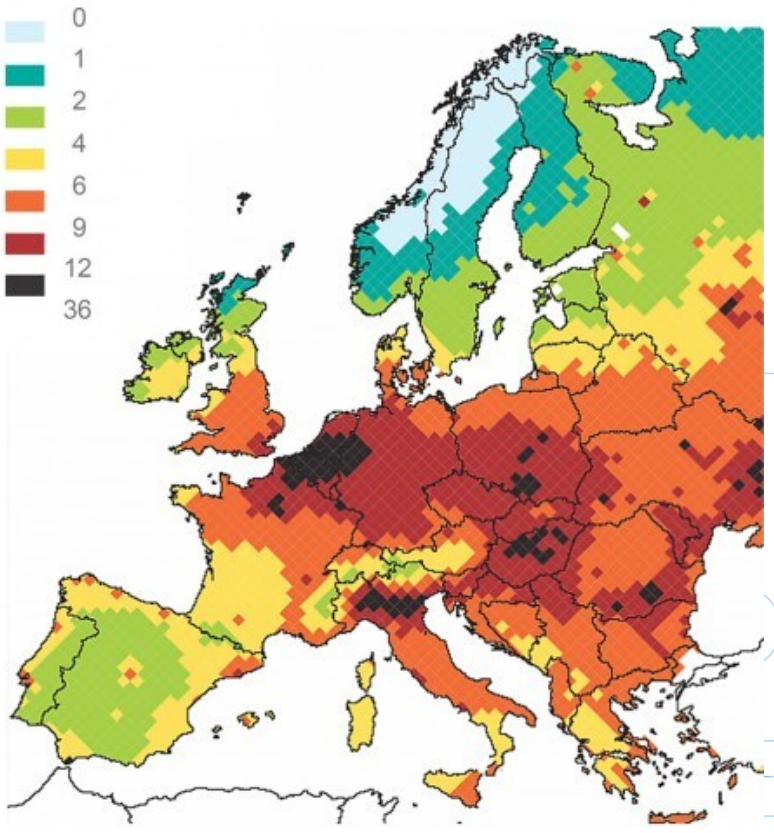
What is the ADEM project ?

- **Collect and share real-time air quality information**
- Technology
  - Create a device to collect particulate matter (fine dust) data
  - Create a web service to collect data and publish information
- Community
  - Community-driven project development
  - Public awareness of air pollution and risks (survey, campaign)
  - Open hardware, open software, open data
  - Fostering community around the project

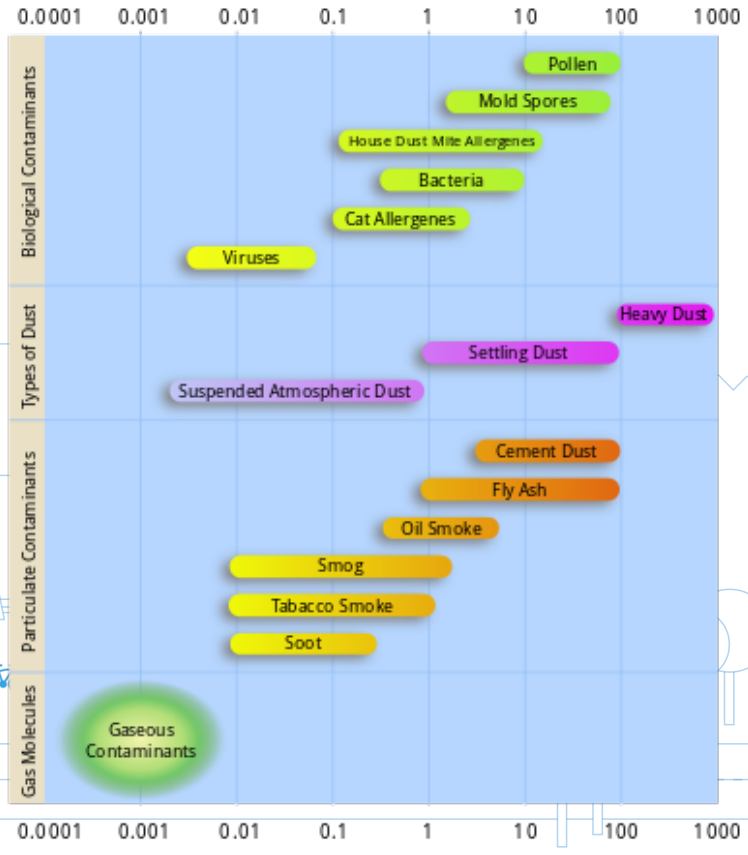
Loss of life expectancy



- Average loss of life expectancy in months
  - due to PM_{10} air pollution
  - $PM_{2.5}$ is more dangerous
- Belgium right in the center
  - detailed maps indicate East/West Flanders and Antwerp to be even worse
- Based on data from 2000

https://ec.europa.eu/research/quality-of-life/ka4/pdf/report_airnet_en.pdf

Type of pollutants



- Everything larger than PM_{10} gets trapped by the body early *(hurray for nasal hairs!)*
- **PM_{10} – Inhalable particles**
  - between 10µm and 2.5µm
  - settles in bronchi and lungs
  - airborne for hours
- **$PM_{2.5}$ – Respirable particles**
  - 2.5µm and smaller
  - settles in alveoli *(gas exchange)*
- **Ultrafine particles**
  - 0.1µm and smaller
  - can find its way to your blood stream
  - airborne for weeks *(hurray for rain!)*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Particulates

Zone
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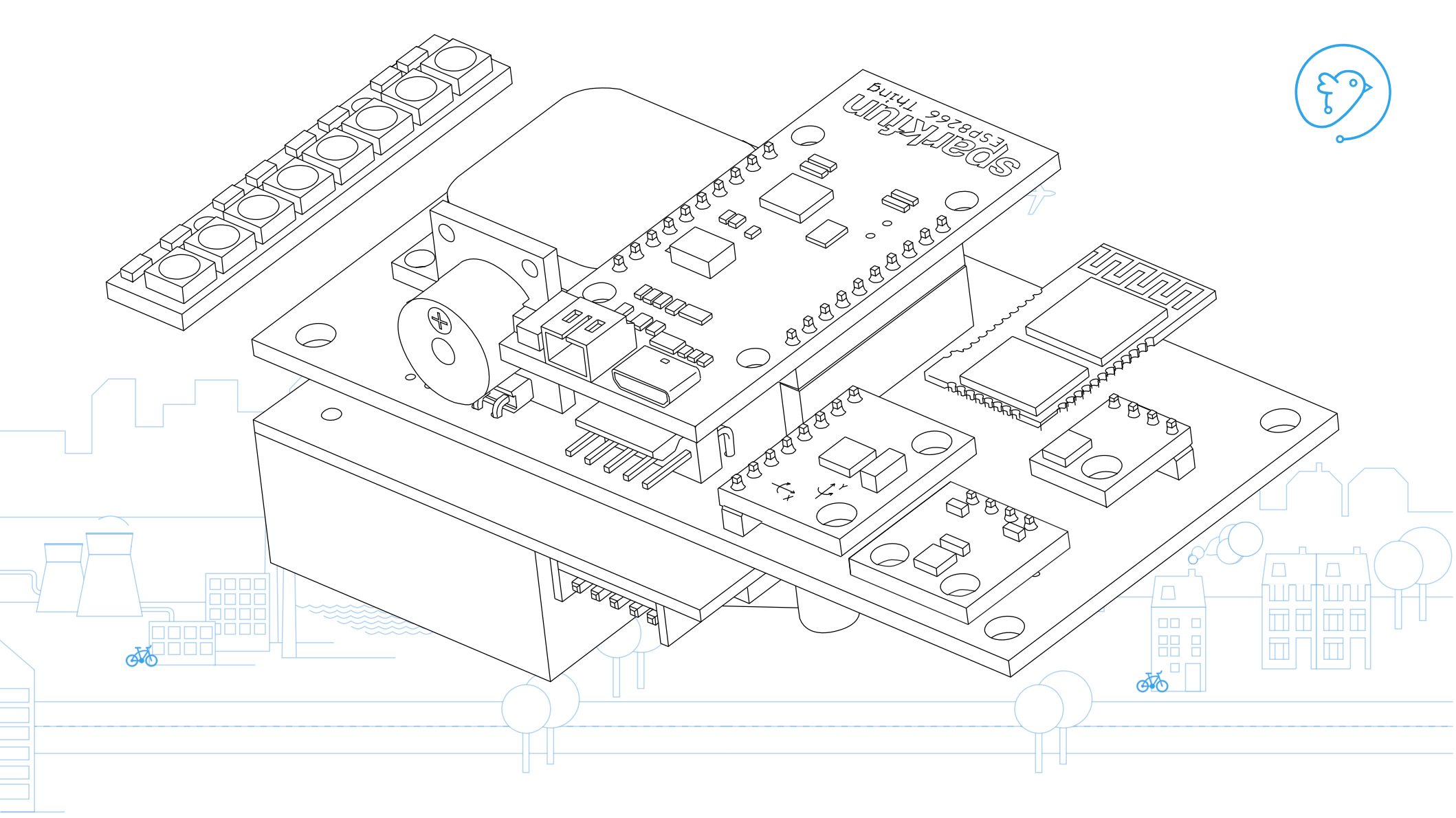
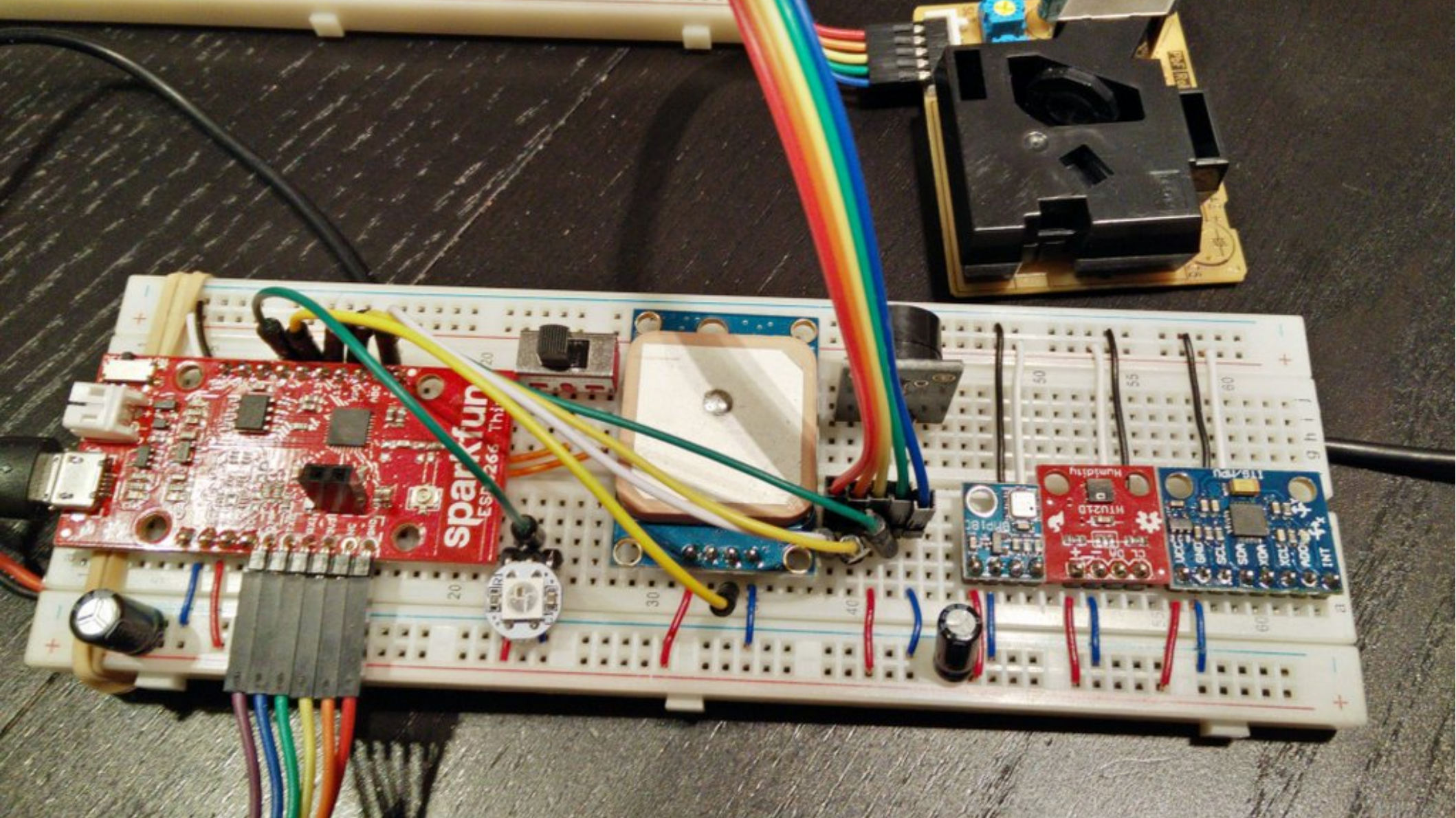
Air quality in Ghent

- Ghent is second largest city in Flanders
  - University city with population of 260.000 *and* 65.000 students
  - Lots of people use bicycles throughout the day
  - Port of Ghent and industry known source of air pollution
  - 2 highways close to city center (one stretching into center)
- Only 2 official air pollution stations with fine dust meters
  - Strategically placed to meet European levels
  - Yearly averages are useless, micro-measurement is key !
  - Air quality is not just PM, but PM is the least known variable today
- City council (incl. green party) is taking environment seriously !


SparkFun
ESP8266 Thing

Design goals

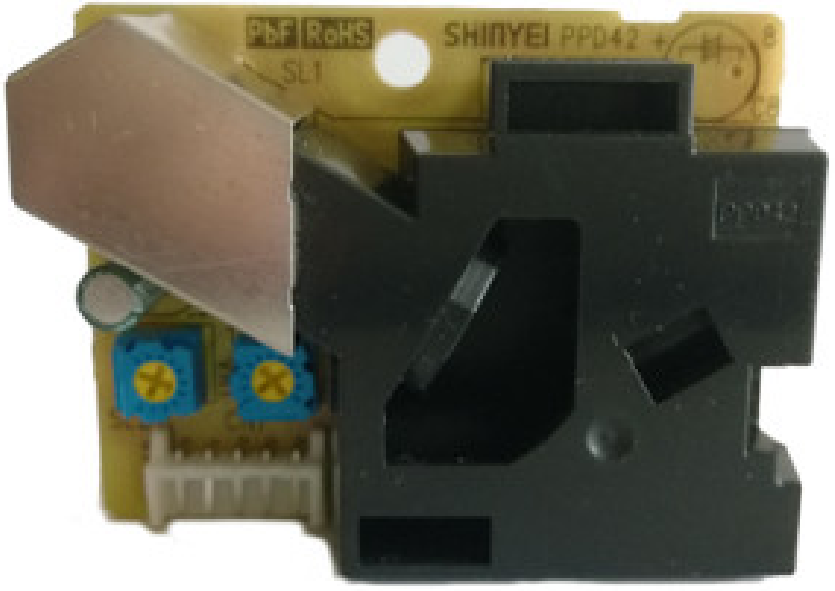
- Goal ?
  - Create an open device that can be locally built and repaired
- How ?
  - Affordable general purpose hardware components
  - Open hardware, open software and open data
  - Modular design that is easy to customize (sensors, drivers)
  - Reuse of existing Open Source libraries

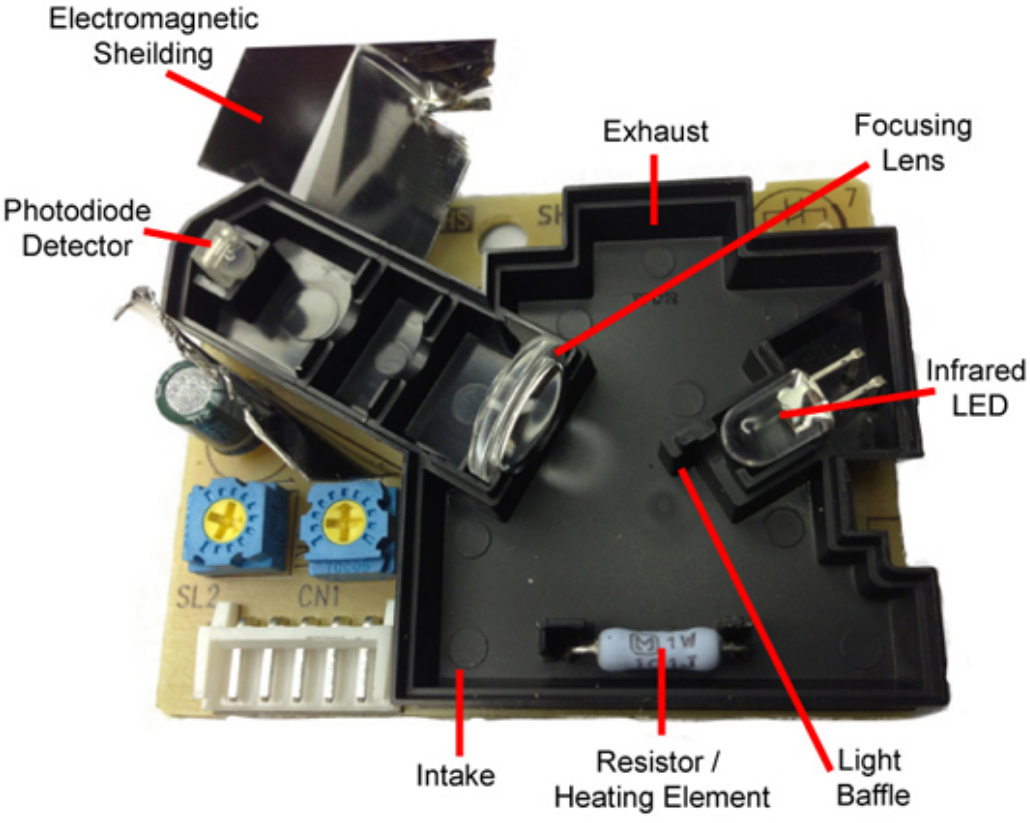


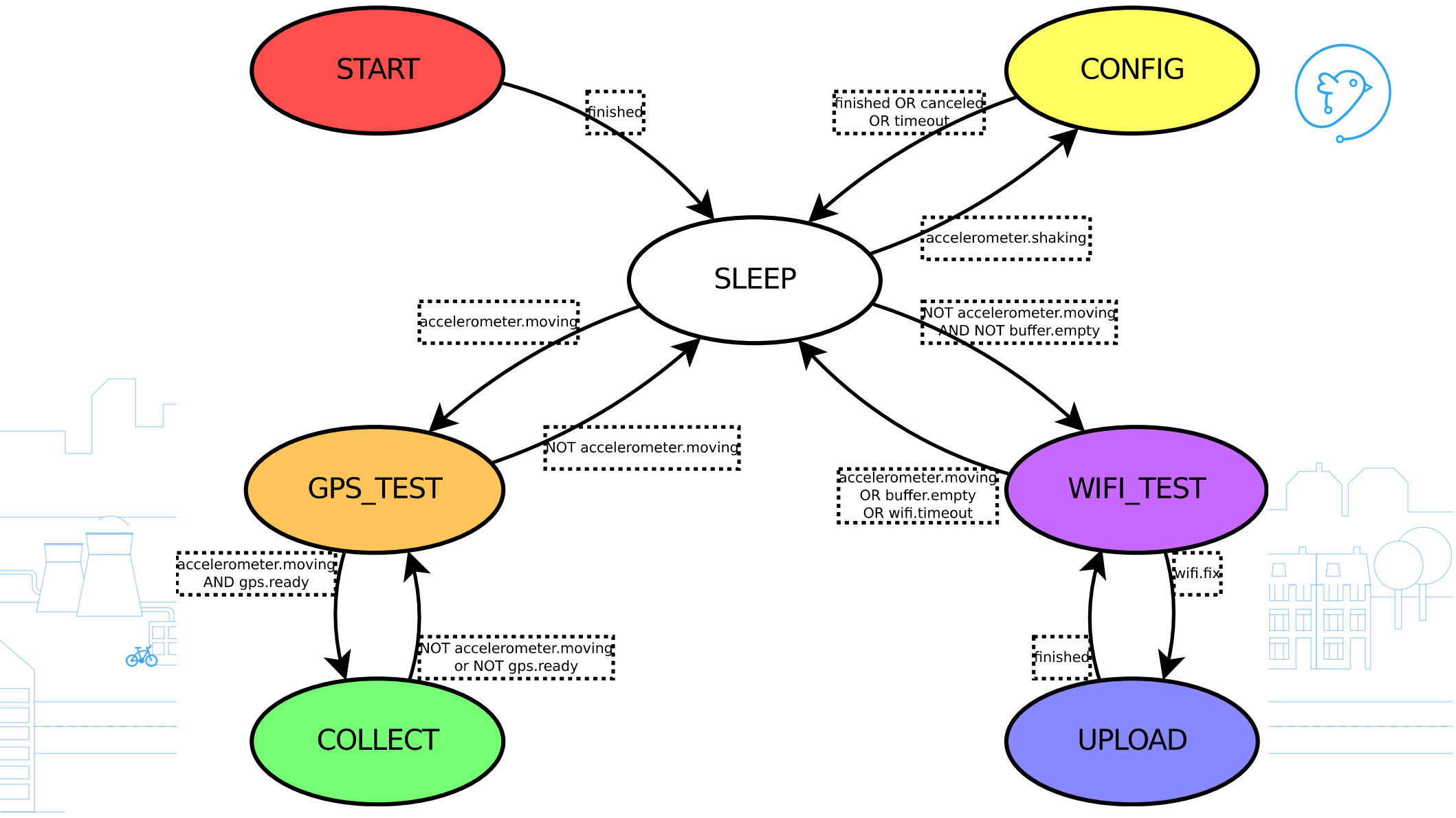
Hardware design

- Micro-controller / WIFI – *Sparkfun ESP8266 Thing*
- I²C Sensors
  - Fine dust meter – *PPD42NS*
  - Accelerometer – *MPU6050*
  - Humidity sensor – *HTU21D*
  - Air pressure sensor – *BMP180*
  - GPS – *GY-NEO6MV2**
    - UART to I²C conversion – *Arduino Pro Mini (ATMEGA328P)*
- RGB Led / Buzzer / LiPo Battery

Shinyei PPD42NS



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Firmware design

- Arduino-based framework
- Code-readability is key !
  - Abstraction through device drivers and wrappers
  - Simple state-machine with state-transitions
- Components can be swapped/added by alternatives
  - Possibly using I²C id bus scanning / driver selection
  - Accepting contributions through GitHub
- Small test-examples for individual drivers/libraries

Possible future functionality

- Collection of bicycle road quality information (i.e. bumps)
- Include more air quality sensors (incl. NO_x, SO_2, CO, O_3, …)
- Support (outside and in-house) stationary devices
- Auto-calibration of devices when they pass each other
- Mobile app to guide runners/bikers to most healthy routes
- Correlate air quality to sources *and* weather conditions
- Billboards showing real-time air quality at “hot” spots

How can you help ?

If you are interested to…

- develop on embedded platforms (Arduino/C++)
- visualize real-time sensor data
- help install the device and train users
- create awareness by helping with campaigns

You are welcome

- no prior knowledge required
- device team meets every wednesday-evening
- ADEM progress meetings every month
- just come by at Timelab and shape the future !

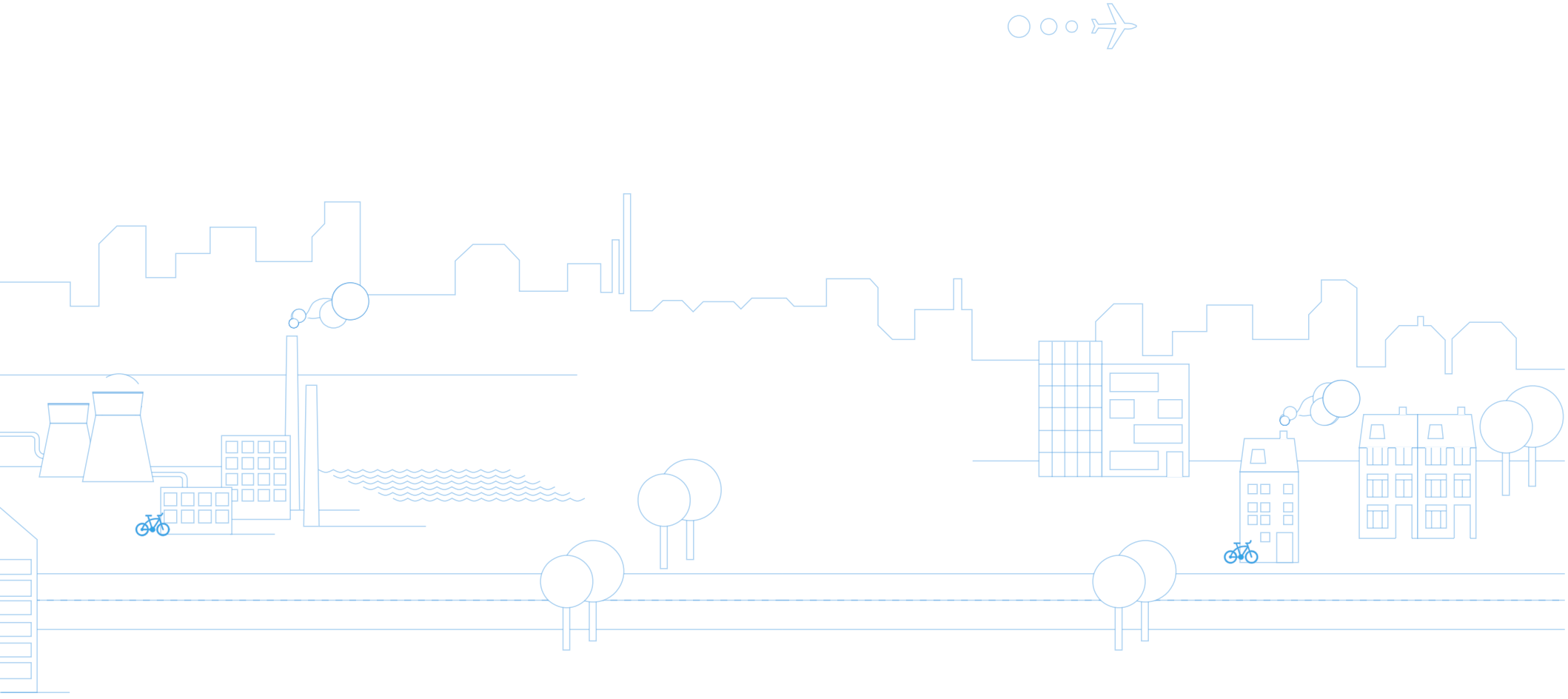
More information

- **ADEM project**
  - GitHub – http://github.com/timelab/ADEM/
  - Website – http://ik-adem.be/ (dutch)
  - Email – ja@ik-adem.be
  - Twitter - @ik_adem
- **Timelab vzw**
  - Website – http://timelab.org/ (mostly dutch)
  - Email – hello@timelab.org

Interesting links

- Real-time Air Quality Index maps
  - http://aqicn.org/map/europe/
- ETH Zurich OpenSense project
  - http://www.opensense.ethz.ch/trac/
- Ultrafijnstof en rochelroutes
  - http://www.rochelroutes.nl/
- MEP, it's time for cleaner air!
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmdPbXW-BTw
- Wikipedia information
  - Particulate matter: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Particulates
  - Ultrafine particles: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultrafine_particle
  - Diesel exhaust: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diesel_exhaust

Questions ?

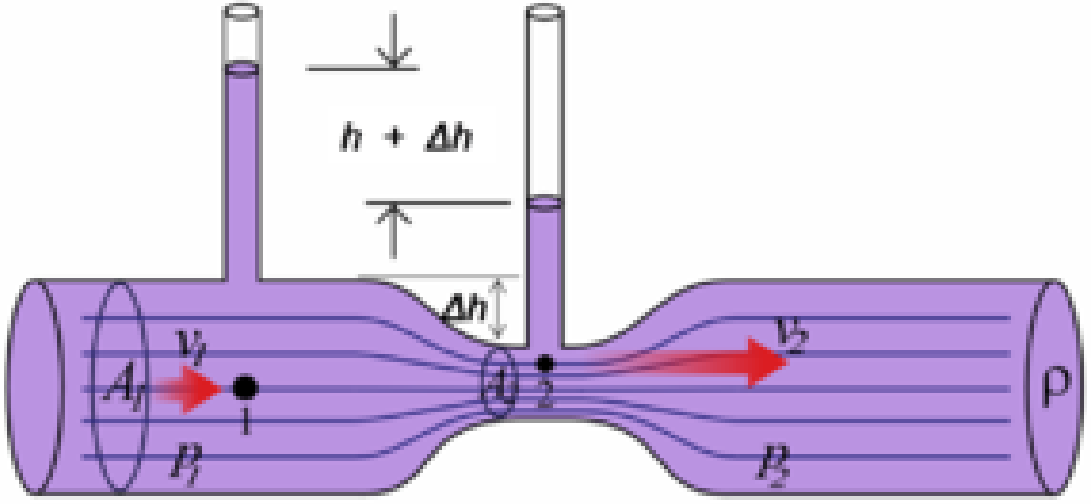


Bill of Materials

Component	Type	Non-bulk price
Microcontroller	Sparkfun ESP8266 Thing	€ 15,95
Accelerometer	MPU6050	€ 2,83
Barometer	BMP180	€ 2,04
Battery	LiPo 3,7V 500mAh	€ 2,00
Buzzer	KY-006	€ 1,44
Fine dust meter	PPD42NS	€ 15,90
GPS	GY-NEO6MV2	€ 11,66
Humidity sensor	HTU21D	€ 3,24
RGB Led	NeoPixel WS2812	€ 2,40
UART-to-I²C convertor	ATmega328P Pro Mini	€ 3,00
		€ 60,46

Venturi effect

- Ensuring airflow on moving devices
  - *so we can remove the resistor (heat pump) to save battery*
  - Large intake hole creates underpressure at bottleneck, sucking air into the device



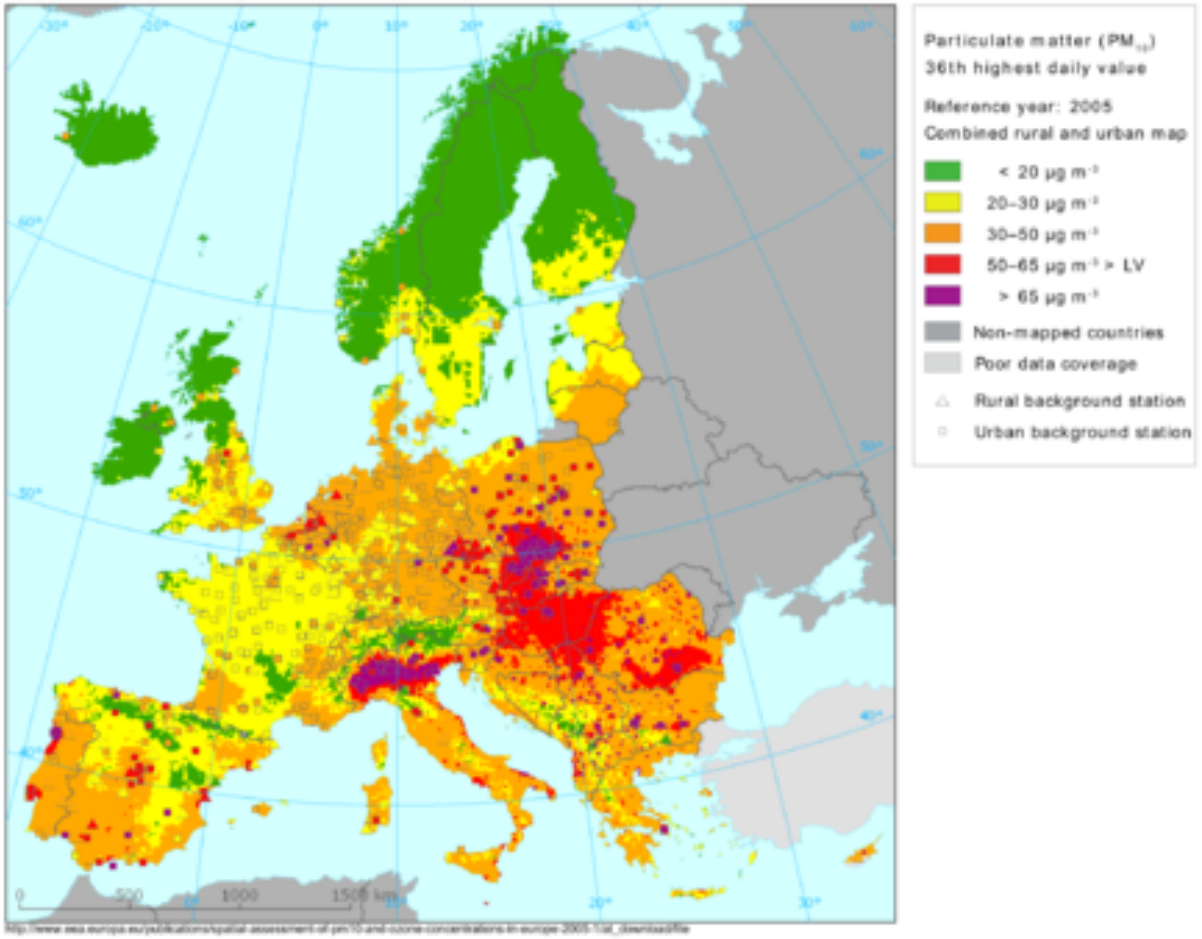
Usual suspects

- Air quality is affected by
  - Industry, power plants
  - Buses (diesel*), cars (incl. electrical cars), subway/trains, trams
  - Airplanes
  - Household heating
  - Agriculture
- But also
  - Weather conditions (wind, rain, air pressure)
  - Streets and buildings (air flow)
  - Indoor conditions (ventilation, candles, cooking*, smoking*)
  - Natural sources (wildfire, volcanoes, dust storms, …)

Air-quality awareness projects

- 2010: Air-quality monitoring on trams in Zurich (ETH Zurich)
  - Measuring O_3, CO, NO_2 and ultrafine particles
- 2014: AIRbezen in Antwerp (Universiteit Antwerpen)
  - 700 strawberry plants measuring ferromagnetic fractions
- 2015: Ivy-plants in Ghent (Universiteit Antwerpen)
  - 240 ivy-plants measuring finedust particles
- 2016: CurieuzeNeuzen in Antwerp (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
  - Measuring NO_2 using small collection-tubes

Concentration of PM_{10} in Europe



http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/spatial-assessment-of-pm10-and-ozone-concentrations-in-europe-2005-1/at_download/file

European air quality standards

Pollutant	Period	Europe AQ	Permitted exceedings
$PM_{2.5}$	1 year	25 µg/m³	
PM_{10}	24 h	200 µg/m³	35 / year
	1 year	40 µg/m³	
CO – Carbon monoxide	24h / $\overline{8h}$	10 mg/m³	
SO_2 – Sulphur dioxide	1h	350 µg/m³	24 / year
	24h / $\overline{8h}$	125 µg/m³	3 / year
NO_2 – Nitrogen dioxide	1h	200 µg/m³	18 / year
	1 year	40 µg/m³	
O_3 – Ozone	24h / $\overline{8h}$	120 µg/m³	
Benzene	1 year	5 µg/m³	
Pb – Lead	1 year	0.5 µg/m³	
As – Arsenic	1 year	6 ng/m³	
Cd – Cadmium	1 year	5 ng/m³	
Ni – Nickel	1 year	20 ng/m³	
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons	1 year	1 ng/m³	

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/quality/standards.htm

WHO air quality guidelines

Particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) 24 h mean:	<25 µg/m^3	WHO Air Quality Guideline;
Particulate matter (PM_{10}) 24 h mean:	<50 µg/m^3	WHO Air Quality Guideline;
Carbon dioxide (CO_2):	< 1000 ppm	ASHRAE 62. 1-2013;
Sulphur dioxide (SO_2) 24 h mean:	< 20 µg/m^3	WHO Air Quality Guideline;
Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) 1h mean;	< 200µg/m^3	WHO Air Quality Guideline;
Ozon (O_3) 8 h mean:	< 100 µg/m^3	WHO Air Quality Guideline;
Carbon monoxide (CO) 8 h mean:	< 75 ppm	ASHRAE 62 1-2013;
Formaldehyde:	< 0.1 mg/m^3	ASHRAE 62 1-2013;