

Special Issue

Air Quality in Europe: Observation and Measurement of Concentration and Composition

Message from the Guest Editor

Air quality has deteriorated around the world since the onset of industrialization. Owing to a high population density with numerous large cities and several key areas of industrial activity, Europe is now considered a global air pollution hotspot. It has been estimated that exposure to air pollutants in Europe results in nearly half a million deaths across the region annually. The financial implications are equally staggering, with studies indicating that costs of air pollution related deaths and diseases are of the order of USD 1.6 trillion, roughly one tenth of the region's gross domestic product. On the back of a rapidly evolving atmosphere post-COVID-19, it is more crucial than ever that we focus our attention on measuring and characterizing the composition of Europe's airspace. In this Special Issue, we bring together work from a range of monitoring studies investigating air pollution in Europe in an effort to investigate issues ranging from chemical composition and evolution of gases and particles, to impacts of pollutants on health and the environment.

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