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Outdoor air pollution (from PM) is risk factor #8 in the Global Burden of Disease (Lim et al., 2013)





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Also in Europe, PM causes significant health impacts, and PM10 AQ limit values are widely exceeded



Loss of statistical life expectancy from PM2.5 (GAINS estimate for 2010)

Exceedances of PM10 limit values in 2010





PM precursor emissions will change in future due to existing legislation and climate policies



However, these changes will not be sufficient to resolve the PM problems in Europe

Life expectancy Compliance PM10





With further measures in 2030

- Baseline implies ~5 months shortening of statistical life expectancy after 2020
- Additional MTFR measures could save ~55 million years of life of European population



Compliance problems with PM10
will remain in some New Member
States due to space heating with
solid fuels (coal, wood).
Restructuring of household
heating would be required.

Solid fuel combustion in the domestic sector is the largest source of primary PM2.5 emissions in the EU



There are strong indications that PM emissions from solid fuels in households have been seriously underestimated in central Europe

Annual mean PM2.5 in 2009 (µg/m³)



Modelled PM10 for Krakow (2009)



- With official emission inventories, all models underpredict observed PM10 levels by up to a factor of 10 in central and eastern Europe, especially in winter
- However, the same models perform well for other parts of Europe, and for the summer in central and eastern Europe



Countries have recently updated statistics for non-commercial solid fuels

Differences in energy use statistics for solid fuels in households



- Overall, +20 mio tons wood and 6 mio tons coal in 2010
- Increase in, e.g., HU, SL, IT are consistent with recent emission reporting to EMEP
 - SK reported higher emissions, but lower fuel consumption to EUROSTAT (ratio off by factor 10-15)
- New estimates will be incorporated into TSAP analyses



Conclusions

- Solid fuels in the domestic sector remain a key target for clean air in central Europe
- Data have been improved recently and confirm earlier suspicions about underestimated emissions; however, there remain questions for some countries

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- For the future:
 - Important that the eco-design directive includes more stringent standards for solid fuel installations
 - Enforcement?
 - How to accelerate replacement of old boilers and stoves
 - Structural funds of EU?