



## MONITORING HUMAN CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

From science innovation to operational services

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# Welcome!

**CoCO2** User consultation workshop

How can atmospheric observations support city-scale GHG inventories?







#### Understanding our emissions and how they change



CO<sub>2</sub> emission estimates based on nationally reported data

Observing atmospheric composition from space is a rapidly developing field. Many exciting new instruments, large and small, are being developed and launched.

Can we use Earth observations to improve our knowledge of anthropogenic emissions?



contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data (2017), processed by KNMI/ESA NO<sub>2</sub> tropospheric columns observed by Sentinel-5p





#### The role of observations





Observations provide an increasing source of real-time information on emissions.

While indirect – satellites only measure atmospheric concentrations or properties of the land and marine surface – observations are globally consistent and can often be calibrated against internationally agreed standards.





#### Challenges of observation-based emission monitoring

- 1. Satellites do not measure emissions directly; they measure the impact of emissions on the atmosphere.
- 2. Satellites see only the total impact of anthropogenic and natural effects.

Earth System models are used to translate the observations into emission estimates.









#### Moving forward: from science to services





#### Observations – in situ





The in-situ observation component (atmosphere, land and ocean) is critical for the success of the  $CO_2$  service. Close collaboration with international frameworks to exploit ways to strengthen this part of the service.

An operational service has specific requirements in terms of timeliness and automatic quality control. This was documented by CO<sub>2</sub> Task Force Green Report



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## User engagement for co-designed user services



**Observation-based added-value information** 











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#### Web-based tools to make data accessible



#### Back to cities – what we observe from space



We observe the impact of all emissions (and uptakes) together on the atmosphere.

But we can use observations from various pollutants to tell us more...

And we can use knowledge about relations between different pollutants to tell us more...



#### Back to cities – what we want to capture

the project | the city | resources

observatórios LISBOA

http://www.observatorios-lisboa.pt/en/info\_emissoes.html

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## Aim of today



#### Is there potential to link the two communities and if so, what are the right connection points?





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