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Role of Regional Public Health Authority (RPHA) in the air protection

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Air protection activities

- History (Project Silesia, monitoring, ...)
- Sources emission, imission, pollutants
- Cross-border cooperation
- Present projects of RPHA
- Cooperation in region

History

- Project Slezsko (Silesia), Bilthoven since 1991
- Special monitoring of Ostrava-Karviná area
- Estimation of the impact concentration PM10 on mortality and morbidity in population of Ostrava
- Evaluation of PM10 pollution level in the air in relation to population of Ostrava from 2001 to 2010
- Initiation in order to deal with issue of benzene in Ostrava

Air pollution sources

- Industry
- Transport
- Local furnaces (individual housing)
- Particles from Poland
- Specific local sources
 - Old ecological burden (Ostramo lagoons)
 - Dumps, Burning tailings (heavy industry waste)

Air monitoring

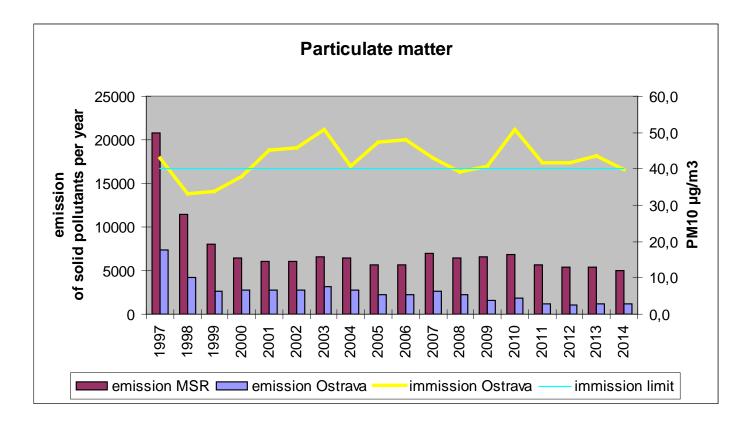
- Basic monitored pollutants:
 - dust particles (PM₁₀, PM_{2,5}, PM₁), SO₂, NO₂, CO, O₃
 - health-significant metals (As, Pb, Cr, Cd, Ni), organic substances (benzene, PAHs/BaP)
- Monitoring networks Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHMI), Public Health Institute (PHI)
 - daily limit PM_{10} 50 µg/m³
 - annual limit PM_{10} 40 µg/m³
 - concentration recommended by WHO

10-20 μg/m³

- annual limit BaP 1 ng/m³

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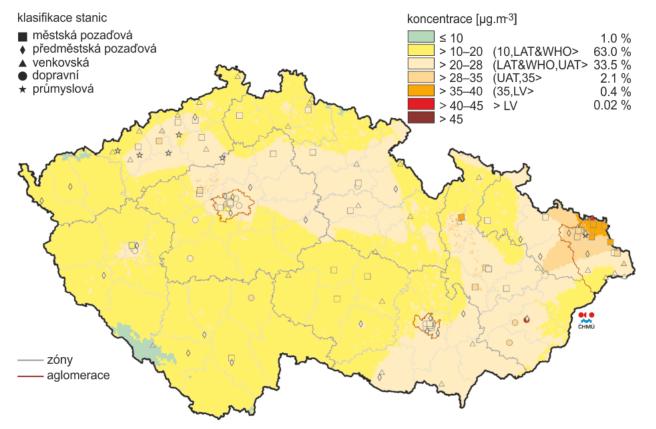
Solid pollutants emission



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Source: CHMI

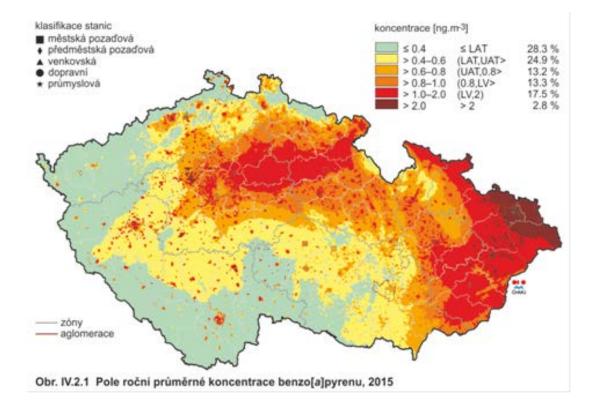
Annual average concentration PM₁₀ 2015



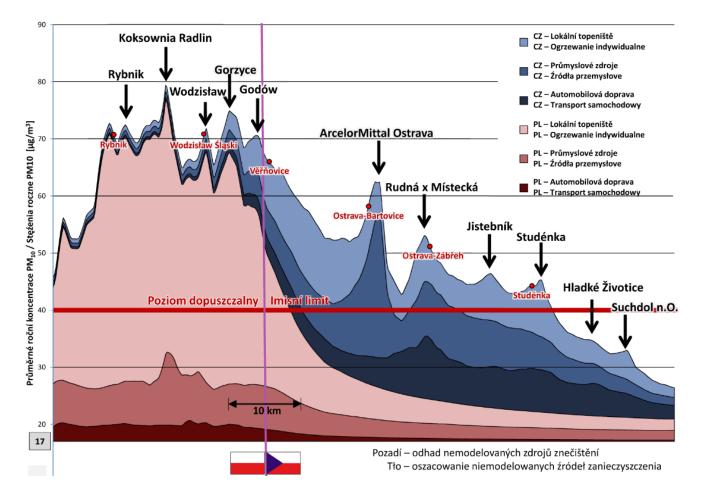
Obr. IV.1.2 Pole roční průměrné koncentrace PM₁₀, 2015



PAHs in the air



Cross-border influence



Source: www.air-silesia.eu

Currently

- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) programs for emission reducing, air quality improvement, cross-border cooperation with Poland and Slovakia
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) steelworks modernization, ecologization of the heating plant, Ostramo lagoons rehabilitation, Regional integrated waste center/incinerator
- Integrated Pollution Prevention and Controll (IPPC) possibility of supervision from the point of view of the public health protection during the service
- Assessing the projects of old ecological burden rehabilitation
- National monitoring "Health status monitoring in relation to the environment" (NIPH, PHI)

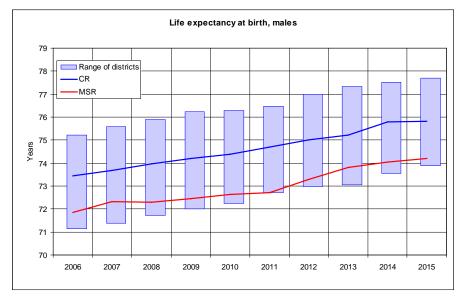
Cooperation

- Regional Authorities, City of Ostrava projects support
- Municipalities, region participation in environmental committees, regular meetings
- The Czech Environmental Inspectorate (CEI) combined supervision, information exchange
- The National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), Public Health Institute (PHI) - projects participation (Air Silesia, Air quality information system, monitoring)

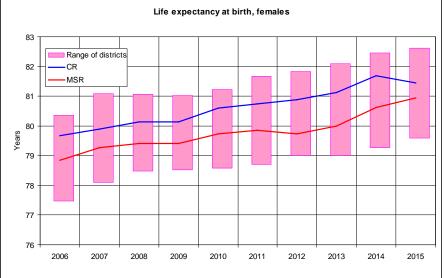
Measures

- Parking lots outside the built-up area
- Transport terminals outside the city
- Reduction of average emissions
- Gas transport
- Disposal of environmental burdens
- Technology improvement
- Accepting authorising of action plans for air protection
- Boiler subsidies

Life expectancy at birth



Female



Male

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Source: IHIS

Conclusion

- Health status of a person is affected by many factors:
- Living and working conditions (in M-S region there is high proportion of heavy industry - Coal mines, Iron works, Coking Plants)
- Social-economic factors, psycho-social stress and lifestyle
- Genetic disposition and health care

Thank you for your attention

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