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**Strategies and operational tools to support adaptation actions
in vulnerable population groups during the Severe Air Pollution Episodes (SAPes)**

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Environment, Obesity and Diabetes - a red thread

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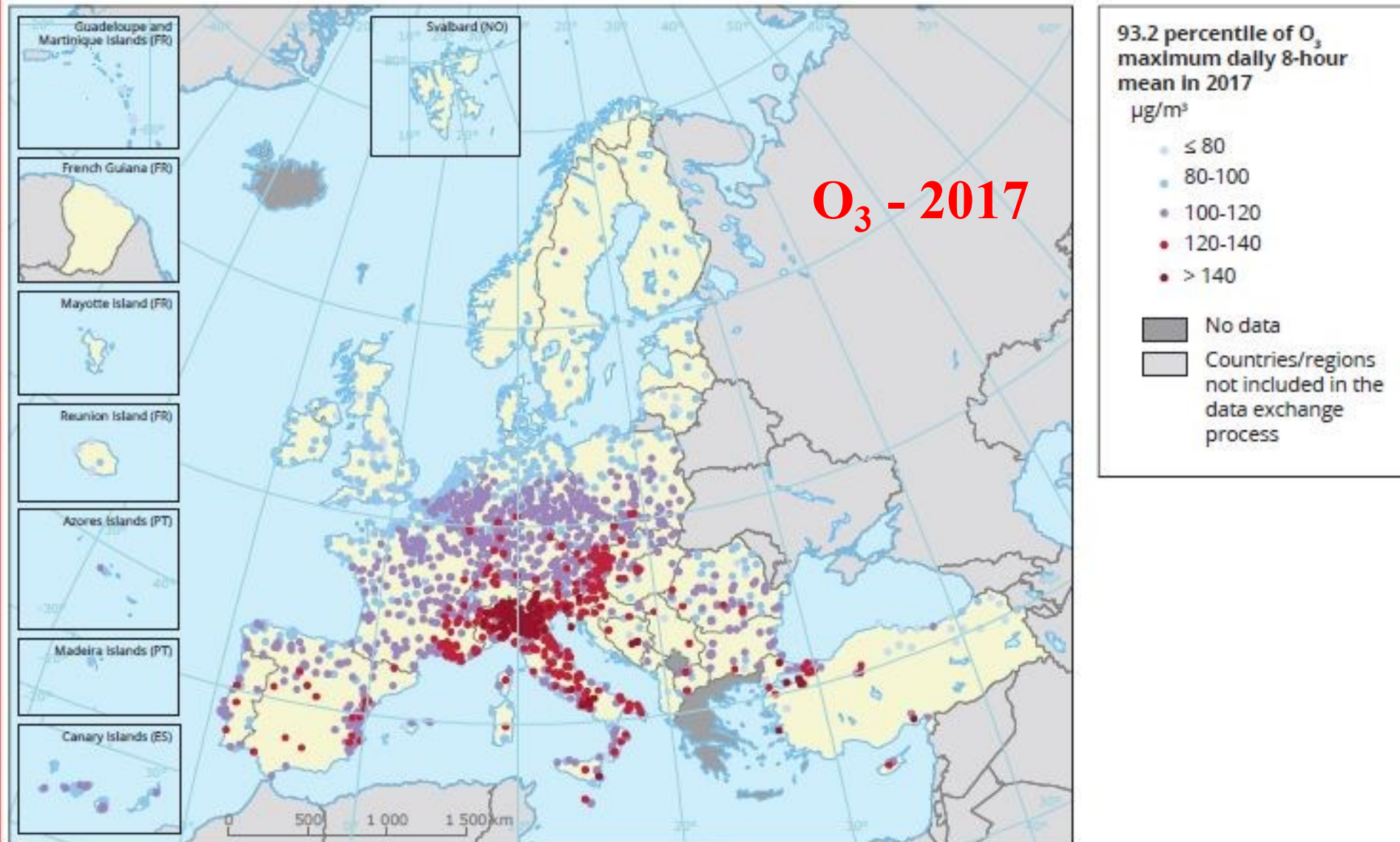
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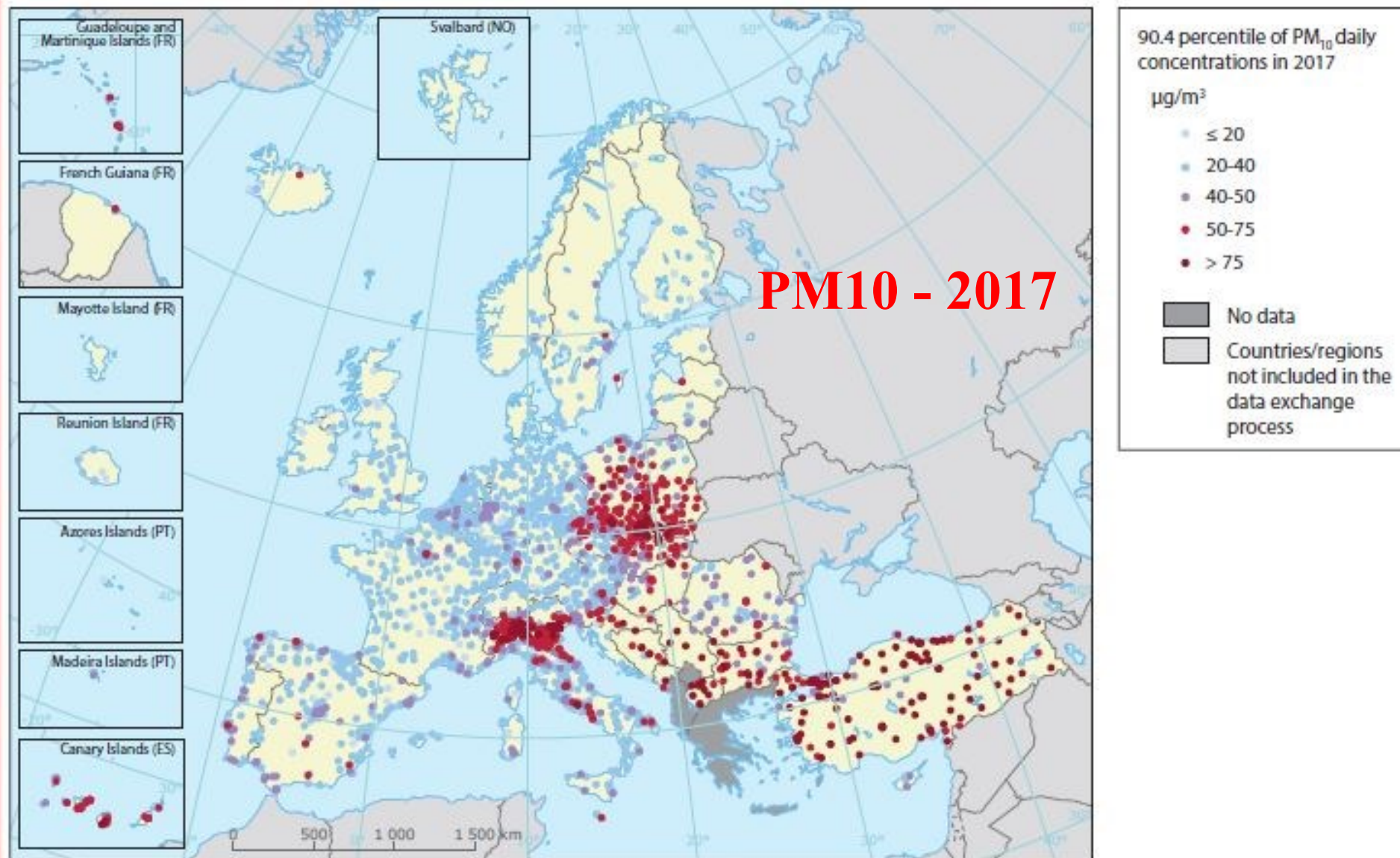
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Map 4.1 Concentrations of O₃ in 2017



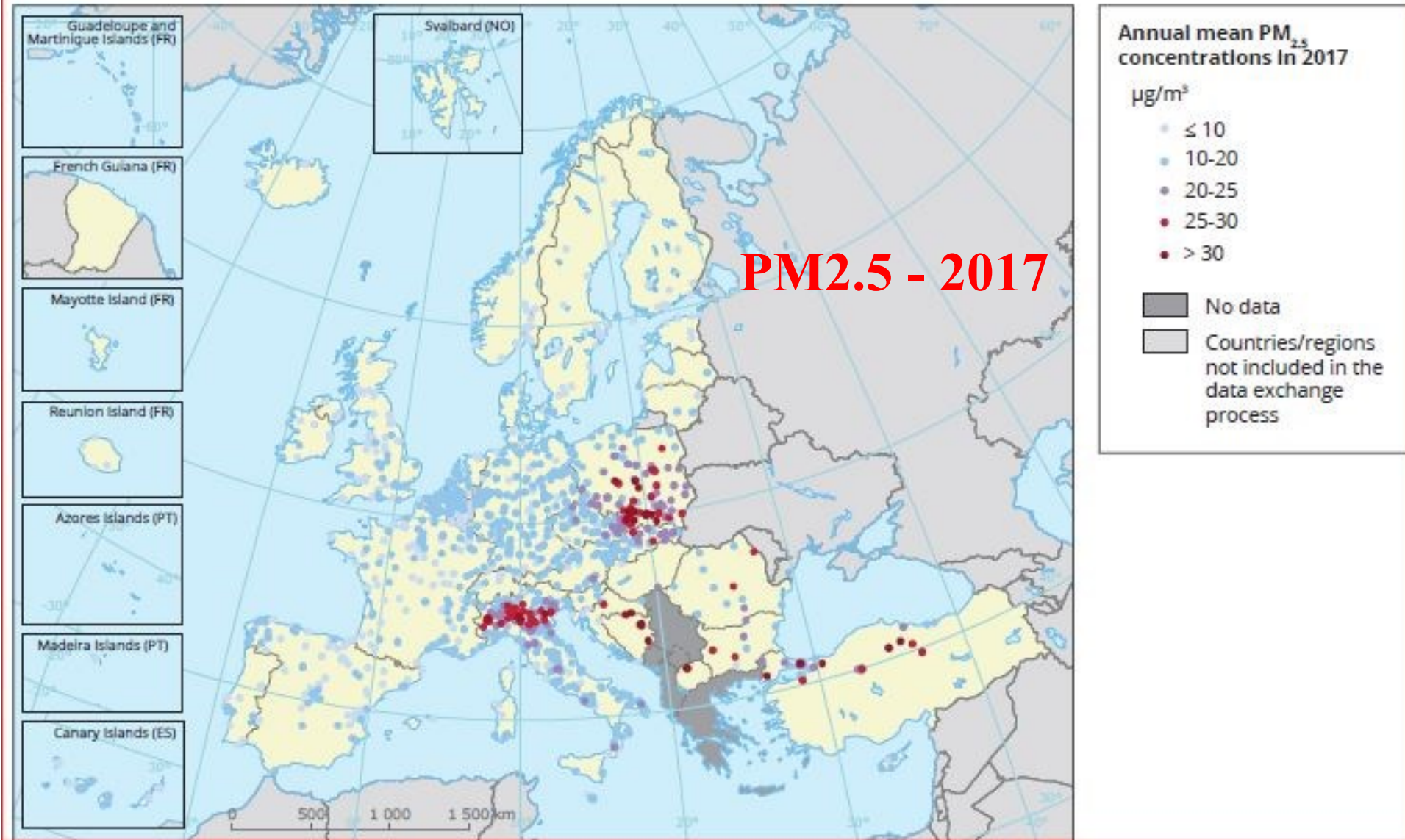
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Map 3.1 Concentrations of PM₁₀, 2017 — daily limit value



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Map 3.3 Concentrations of PM_{2.5}, 2017 — annual limit value



Pollutants, obesity, Type 2 myotonic dystrophy - 1

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**Persistent
Organic
Pollutants
&
Diabetes**

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High prevalence of prediabetes and diabetes in a population exposed to high levels of an organochlorine cocktail.

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Association of brominated flame retardants with diabetes and metabolic syndrome in the U.S. population, 2003-2004.

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Concentrations of urinary phthalate metabolites are associated with increased waist circumference and insulin resistance in adult U.S. males.

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Organochlorine
Bromide
Phthalates
&
Diabetes**

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**Obesogens
Toxins
&
Obesity**

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Chemical toxins: a hypothesis to explain the global obesity epidemic.

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Pollutants and carbohydrate metabolism

Ambient air pollutants adversely affects glucose tolerance, insulin sensitivity and blood lipid concentrations

Ambient Air Pollutants Have Adverse Effects on Insulin and Glucose Homeostasis in Mexican Americans.

**Chen Z, Salam MT, Toledo-Corral C et al.
Diabetes Care 2016;39:547-554**

Pollution and insulin resistance

The concentrations of NO₂, typically considered a marker of vehicular traffic, are independently associated with Insulin Resistance

In models combining both air pollution and urban greenness NO₂ remained significantly associated with Insulin Resistance whereas effect estimates for all other exposures (e.g. PM10) attenuated

Associations of Residential Long-Term Air Pollution Exposures and Satellite-Derived Greenness with Insulin Resistance in German Adolescents

Elisabeth Thiering, Iana Markevych, Irene Brüske et al.
Environ Health Perspect 2016, 124, 1291-1298

Pollution, obesity and DM

Exposure in infancy to perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) predicts adiposity at 15 and 21 years of age and the altered function of beta-cells at 15 years of age, respectively

Longitudinal Associations of Exposure to Perfluoroalkylated Substances in Childhood and Adolescence and Indicators of Adiposity and Glucose Metabolism 6 and 12 Years Later: The European Youth Heart Study

Domazet SL, Grøntved A, Timmermann AG, Nielsen F and Jensen TK

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Bisphenol A (BPA) and DM2

BPA affects resistin and adiponectin production in adipose tissue cultures and thus it may be responsible for the development of insulin resistance in childhood obesity

Bisphenol A is associated with insulin resistance and modulates adiponectin and resistin gene expression in obese children.

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Endocrine disruptors and DM

There is a direct relationship between the risk of diabetes, especially among women, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), organo-chlorinated pesticides (OCPs), bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates. Major serum levels are found among African Americans

The incidence of diabetes and the dose-response relationship are greater in African-Americans, Hispanics and low-income ones versus non-Hispanic whites

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Traffic noise and obesity

A statistical study of 3,796 adults who had completed at least two follow-up visits between 2001 and 2011 revealed that a rise in the average of 10 dB noise level is associated with an increased risk of obesity by 17%

Long-term exposure to transportation noise and its association with adiposity markers and development of obesity

**MariaForaster, Ikenna C.Eze, DanielleVienneau, (...),NicoleProbst-Hensch
Environment International Volume 121, Part 1, December 2018, Pages 879-889**

PM2.5 and diabetes

Nearly 150,000 adults recruited between 2001 and 2014 and subjected to at least 2 blood glucose and PM2.5 concentration measurements in their neighborhood

In participants exposed to the second, third and fourth quartile of environmental PM2.5, especially if occasional or regular drinkers, or with a low BMI, the risk of diabetes was significantly higher compared to participants exposed in the first quartile

Long-term exposure to ambient fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and incident type 2 diabetes: a longitudinal cohort study.

Lao XQ, Guo C, Chang LY, (...), Chan TC.

Diabetologia. 2019 May;62(5):759-769.

PM2.5 and diabetes

Out of a sample of 1.7 million non-diabetic American veterans, the risk of DM2 and PM 2.5 levels were compared

A 10 point increase in PM2.5 concentration was associated with an increase 15% risk of diabetes and an 8% increase in mortality risk

The risk increased when pollution levels exceeded 2.4 mcg/m³, well below the current standard set by the WHO of 10 mcg/m³

Considering the PM2.5 levels in the world, one can estimate an increase of 3.2 million new cases of diabetes, of 8.2 million years of life lost due to disability and over 200,000 deaths every year, especially in low and middle-low income countries

Air pollution and diabetes: it's time to get active!

Gary O'Donovan, Carlos Cadena-Gaitán

Lancet Planetary Health Volume 2, No. 7, e287–e288, July 2018



Air quality in Europe is poor
Improvements in member States are negligible
400,000 premature deaths registered in 2016