



Annual mean concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of PM_{10} ; the limit value is given by $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Data has been extracted from AIRBASE (<http://airbase.eionet.europa.eu>). The map includes **all** stations, being rural background, urban and suburban background and hot-spot (traffic) stations. Only stations with a data coverage of more than 75% (more than 274 valid daily values in one year period) have been included.

Comparison between countries is hampered because monitoring strategy differs widely among the countries: difference in monitoring method (gravimetry, TEOM or β -absorption) and large differences in the fractions of rural/(sub)urban/traffic stations. Information on correction factors applied in the various monitoring networks can be found at the ETC/ACC Website:
http://air-climate.eionet.europa.eu/reports/ETCACC_TechnPaper_2005_6_PM10_CorrFactors2004