

CO energea FCT Project SMARTDECISION

SMARTDECISION: Intelligent Vehicle Routing System for Enhanced Air Quality in Urban Areas (2011-2014)

Some conclusions:

- The eco-route could depend on the type of vehicle used
- In the intercity OD pair, a trade-off between CO₂ vs. local pollutants minimization has been observed:

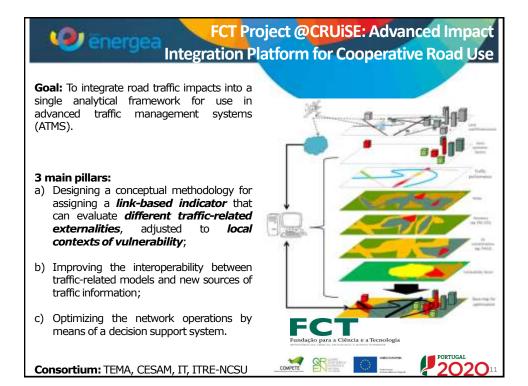
Intercity routes that yield CO_2 savings might also lead to substantial increases in other pollutants (CO and NO_X)

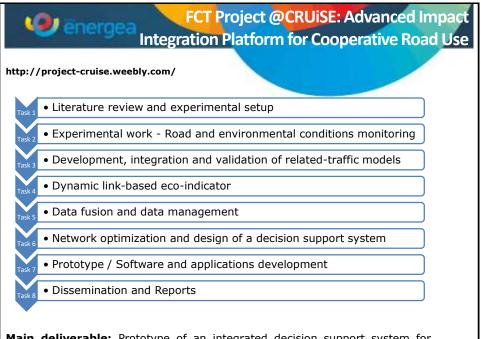
For all case studies, the routes that lead to a minimization of local pollutants are those that mainly cross urbanized areas, avoiding motorways.

 \Rightarrow Selection of the eco-friendly route is not always obvious.

 \Rightarrow Concept of "eco-friendly" should not be strictly confined to CO₂/fuel consumption.

 \Rightarrow Careful assessment of potential externalities that may arise from a purely dedicated navigation system based on emissions minimization, since higher volumes of traffic crossing urban areas may lead to urban environmental degradation and worse levels of road safety.





Main deliverable: Prototype of an integrated decision support system for selecting the appropriate traffic management measures.



