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### **Example of a future sensor network in the Netherlands**

• Location: City of Eindhoven



• **Challenge**: to execute AQ measurements with more devices against less costs but with sufficient accuracy >> deploying sensor systems

# **AREAS** aims at:

- Protecting health of the population
- Improving communication with the public about AQ and health effects
- Better justification of (unpopular) traffic measures
- Acquiring a data set that might be useful for health research and traffic flow regulation
- Solving and preventing AQ "hot-spots"





http://www.geogids.info/thema/luchtkwaliteit/default2.asp



#### Sensor network design:

- 30 sites + 5 mobile units in Eindhoven area
- NO2 (30x) (electrochemical)
- PM10 + PM2.5 (optical)
- 03 ...
- UFP (5x): Areasense Nanotracer (Philips)
- Waspmote/GPRS Module interfacing sensor unit with the database



- Nitrogen Dioxide Sensoric NO2 3E 50 (City technology)
- Tested by EPA (2010): "highly correlated with reference NO2 levels and little O3 cross-sensitivity."

[Characterization of Low-Cost NO2 Sensors, Draft Final Report STI-910112-3958-DFR, prepared by Sonoma for EPA]

• Now testing in Amsterdam AQ site







ultralow cost dry conditions



## Some results

FSS vs TEOM





comparison

precision





- Aerasense Nanotracer (Philips)
- particle number and average diameter
- →10-300 nm size range
- Now: comparison

with SMPS



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FIGURE 8 Measurements of N<sub>app</sub> in a car cabin during driving under both busy and quiet traffic conditions.