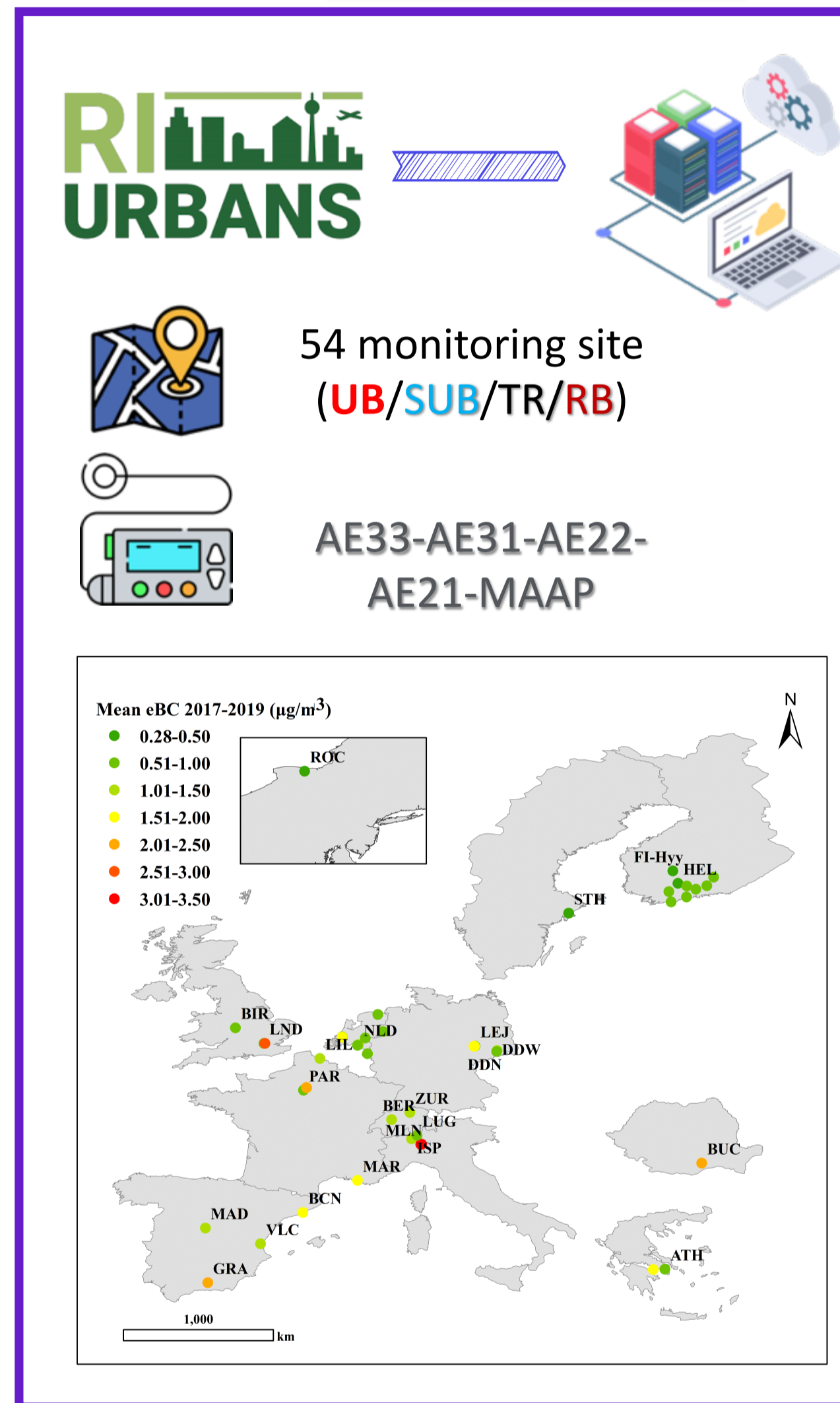
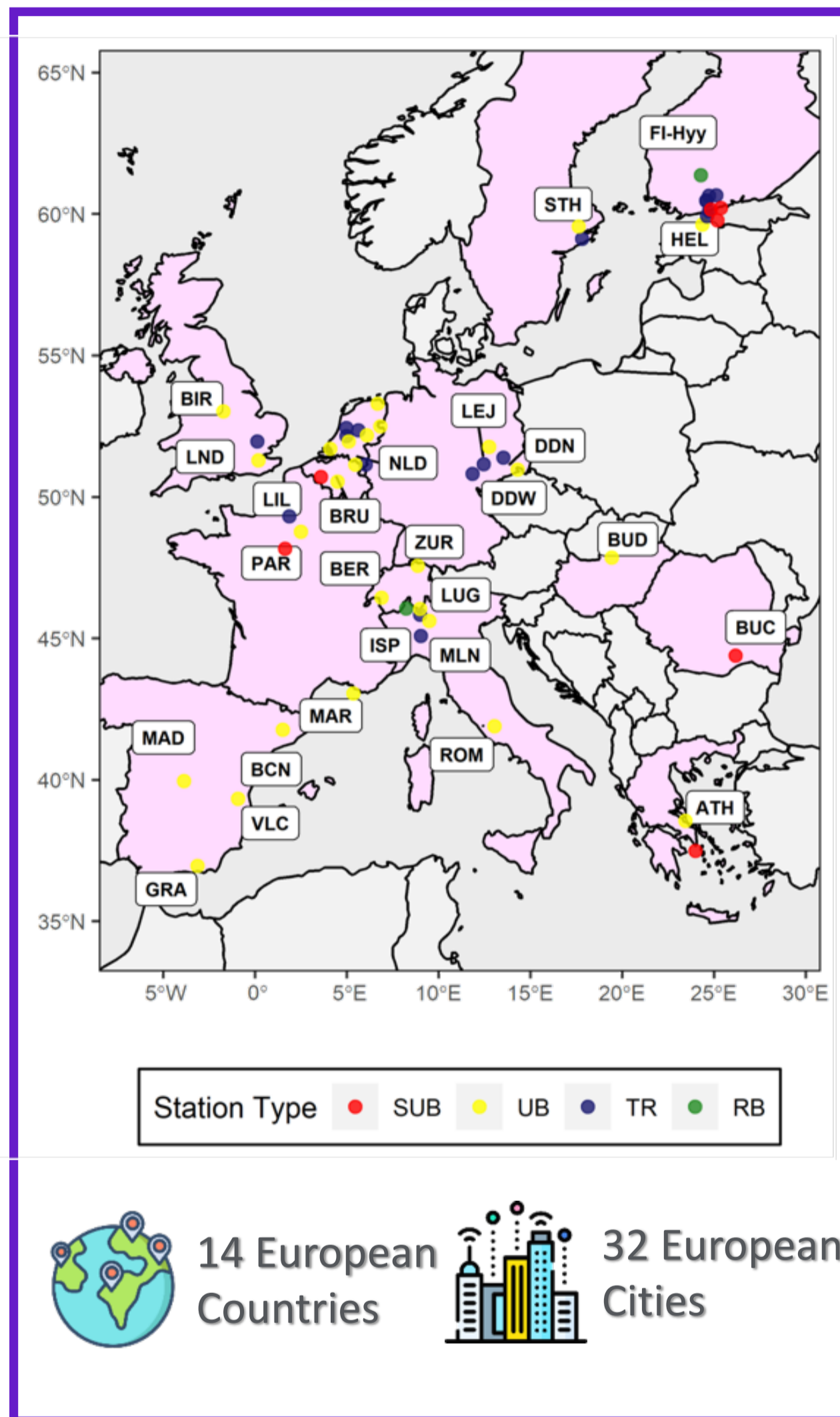


Assessing Black Carbon (BC) measurements in Europe for Air Quality



Objectives

- Analyze a new set of BC data concentrations at urban background station, using a combination of instruments for the simultaneous measurement of total carbon (TC), OC, EC, and BC
- Study variability of concentrations of eBC particles and its source attribution
- Evaluate the interest in using eBC as an advanced Air Quality parameter
- Source apportionment of the multiannual data on the chemical composition of carbonaceous aerosols in the urban background station
- Use of compiled eBC & harmonized data for epidemiological evaluations, trend analysis, model validation, improving emission inventories and AQ management

Methodology: (1) Compilation of data on carbonaceous aerosols (BC) recorded in urban air quality stations in Europe (2) Study of temporal series (3) Pre-treatment and harmonization of BC measurements (4) Performing a 'pan-European overview' on carbonaceous aerosols focused on BC (5) Contribution to the elaboration of standards for the measurement of specific variables: TC, BC (6) Continuous measurement of BC and TC at the atmospheric research stations of the EGAR group (7) Total carbon measurement (TC=OC+EC) using a TCA08 analyzer (8) Participation in Pilot 4 of the RI-URBANS project, in which the Barcelona station participates to assess the impact of the different components and sources of PM on health

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