

An update on the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service

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COPERNICUS ATMOSPHERE MONITORING SERVICE

CAMS delivers consistent and quality-controlled information related to air pollution and health, solar energy, greenhouse gases and climate forcing, everywhere in the world.



Air quality



Ozone layer and UV radiation



Policy tools



Emissions and surface Fluxes



Solar energy



Climate forcing









CAMS2.0 SERVICE ARCHITECTURE

Expenditure and Technical Management

Observations acquisition & processing

Global atmospheric products

Air quality

emissions*

products

Regional

atmospheric

Supplementary

services

Data store & user support

support
National uptake scheme *

Copernicus Thematic Hubs*

User engagement and training

Communications

Management

Production

Delivery

Uptake

Advice/Evaluation

Evaluation and quality control

CO2 service element*

GHG emissions and fluxes

Expert panel & fitness for purpose

*new service components









THE PEOPLE BEHIND CAMS



The 7th CAMS General Assembly had an 'events within the event' format including the Copernicus Health Hub launch, the 1st CAMS National Collaboration Programme in-person workshop and a User Day targeting Spanish users and many side meetings on transverse aspects.

389 participants: +60% vs 2022 (180 onsite, 209 online)

Average satisfaction rating of **4.8 out of 5**.

Live streamed (and some remote participation within side sessions).

Presentations, etc... can be found here:

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/7th-cams-general-assembly-copernicus





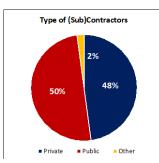


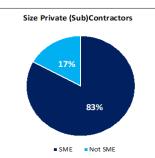


STATUS OF CAMS2.0 & CAMS/C3S JOINT CONTRACTS Q3 2023

105 (+6 since Q2)
Entities involved as contractor or subcontractor

from
21 European
countries
and 1 third country







37 Signed Contracts

Total value of signed
Framework
Agreements
~43 M €

See open ITTs here:

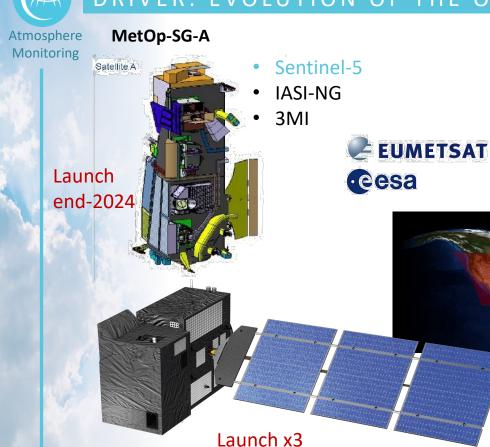
https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/suppliers/copernicus-procurement/update-itts https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/current-tenders







DRIVER: EVOLUTION OF THE OBSERVING SYSTEMS



Mid-2026 to mid-2027

CO₂M

Sentinel 4
UVN Sounder

Infra-Red
Sounder

- Sentinel-4
- IRS

Global GEO constellation

Launch mid-2025

Preparatory activities in progress Use of GEMS (Asia) & TEMPO (North America)









CAMS INFORMATION WORKFLOW

Atmosphere Monitoring







Earth Observation

from satellite (>90 instruments) and insitu (regulatory and research)



AATSR AHI	ENVISAT	ESA	FCA		
			ESA	AOD	REA(A)
	Himawari-8	JMA	JMA	FRP	GFAS(P)
GOME-2	METOP-B, -C/ METOP-B, -C/ METOP-A/ METOP- A, -B	EUMETSAT-ESA	AC-SAF	O ₃ , NO ₂ , SO ₂ / HCHO/ O ₃ , NO ₂ , SO ₂ , HCHO/ O ₃ , NO ₂	GRTF(A)/ GRTF(M)/ GRTF(M)/ REA(A)
IASI	METOP-B, -C/ METOP-A/ METOP- A, -B, -C/ METOP-A, -B/ METOP-A, -B/ METOP-A, -B	EUMETSAT-CNES/ -/-/-/EUMETSAT	AC- SAF/AC- SAF/ULB- LATMOS/L MD/LMD/ EUMETSAT	CO/CO/O ₃ , SO ₂ / CH ₄ /CO ₂ /CH ₄ , CO ₂	GRTF(A)/ GRTF(M)/ GRTF(P)/ GDM(A)/ GDM(P) / REA(A)
Imager	GOES-E, -W	NOAA	NOAA	FRP	GFAS(P)
MIPAS	ENVISAT	ESA	ESA	O ₃ profile	REA(A)
MLS	EOS-Aura	NASA	NASA	O ₃ profile	GRTF(A)/REA(A)
MODIS	EOS-Aqua, -Terra	NASA	NASA	AOD/AOD/FRP	GRTF(A)/ REA(A)/ GFAS(A)
MOPITT	EOS-Terra	NASA	NCAR	со	GRTF(A)/ REA(A)
OCO-2	OCO-2	NASA	NASA	CO ₂	GDM(P)/ GHGI(A)
ОМІ	EOS-Aura	NASA	KNMI	O ₃ , NO ₂ , SO ₂ / O ₃ , NO ₂	GRTF(A)/ REA(A)
OMPS	S-NPP, NOAA-20	NOAA	EUMETSAT	O ₃	GRTF(A)
PMAp	METOP-A, -B/ METOP-C	EUMETSAT	EUMETSAT	AOD	GRTF(A)/ GRTF(M)
SBUV-2	NOAA-19/ NOAA- 14, -16, -17, -18 and -19	NOAA	NOAA	O₃ profile	GRTF(M)/ REA(A)
SCIAMACHY	ENVISAT	ESA	KNMI	O ₃ , NO ₂ , CH ₄ , CO ₂	REA(A)
SEVIRI	MSG	EUMETSAT	ICARE/ EUMETSAT	AOD/FRP	GRTF(P)/ GFAS(P)
SLSTR	Sentinel-3	ESA-EUMETSAT	EUMETSAT	AOD/FRP	GRTF(P)/ GFAS(P)
TANSO	GOSAT	JAXA	SRON/ Uni. Bremen/ SRON-Uni. Bremen/S RON	CH ₄ / CO ₂ / CH ₄ , CO ₂ /CH ₄	GDM(A)/ GDM(A)/ REA(A) GHGI(A)
TROPOMI	Sentinel-5p	ESA-NSO	ESA-KNMI- DLR-/ ESA- KNMI-	O ₃ , SO ₂ /NO ₂ , CO, HCHO/ CH ₄	GRTF(A)/ GRTF(M)/ GDM(P)
			SRON-DLR		

- Only satellite data of atmospheric composition used for assimilation in the CAMS global system (in situ used for verification and assimilated in regional systems over Europe).
- All other data used for ECMWF NWP assimilated (about 70-75 streams) – not described here.

Status (A: assimilated; M: monitored; P: planned / research mode) depends on the different applications:

- Global real-time forecast (GRTF)
- Global delayed mode (GDM)
- Global reanalysis (REA)
- Global fire assimilation system (GFAS)
- Global surface net flux inversions of GHG (GHGI)



CAMS WORKFLOW

NEW / UPDATED

Atmosphere Monitoring

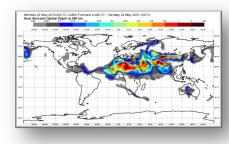






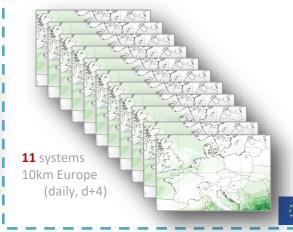
Earth ObservationSee next slides

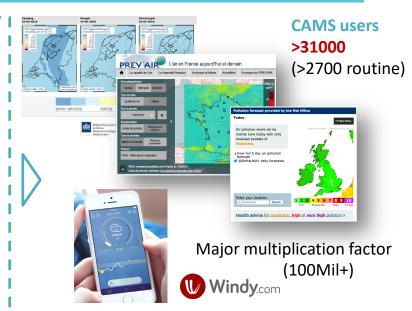




Detailed tropo. and **strato.** chemistry, 40km Globe (twice daily, d+5)

CAMS main operational data assimilation and modelling systems





















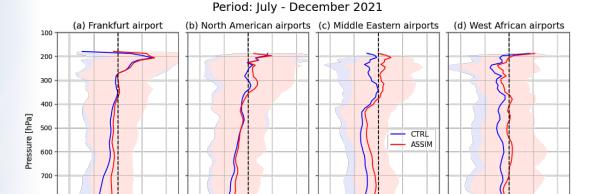
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Relative CO bias [%]

IMPACT OF NEW ASSIMILATED DATA



Relative CO bias [%]



Relative CO bias [%]

Old operations using MOPITT and IASI

New operations adding Sentinel-5p

Adding new data streams in the assimilation is a continuous effort in CAMS. Recently, S-5P CO data has been activated in the CAMS operational assimilation system. Benefits could be demonstrated using aircraft profiles (IAGOS).

Relative CO bias [%]



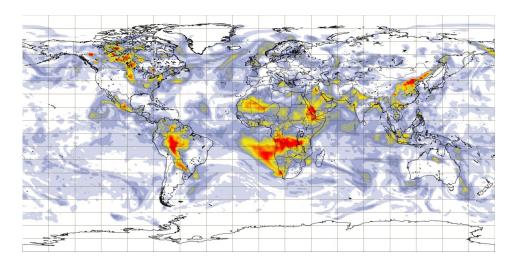






JUNE 2023: CAMS GLOBAL SYSTEM UPGRADE

Some of the key elements of the latest CAMS system upgrade include the addition of detailed stratospheric chemistry using the Belgian Assimilation System for Chemical ObsErvations (BASCOE) scheme, involving the addition of 57 chemical species including bromine monoxide (BrO) and monochlorine monoxide (CIO).



See details here:

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/ cams-operational-forecasting-anddata-assimilation-system-upgraded The upgrade also introduced changes to the modelling of dust aerosol, which will result in a redistribution of aerosol particles towards larger sizes. Finally, two secondary organic aerosols (anthropogenic and biogenic secondary organic aerosol) have been added. The upgrade has also updated prescribed emissions to more recent versions.

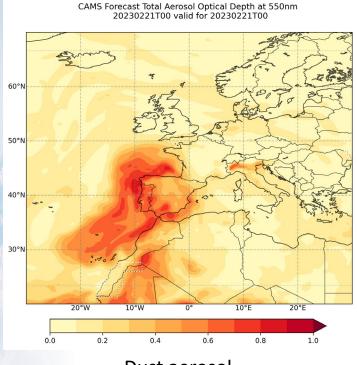






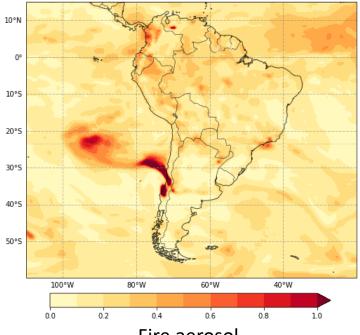


CAMS: EUROPE'S EYE ON EARTH



Dust aerosol

CAMS Forecast Total Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm 20230207T00 valid for 20230207T00



Fire aerosol

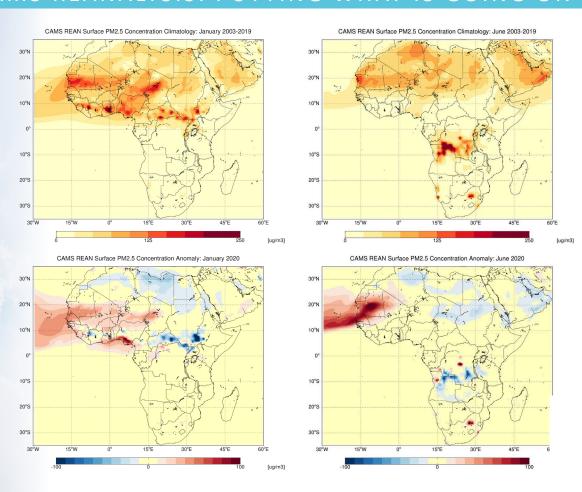








CAMS REANALYSIS: PUTTING WHAT IS GOING ON IN CONTEXT



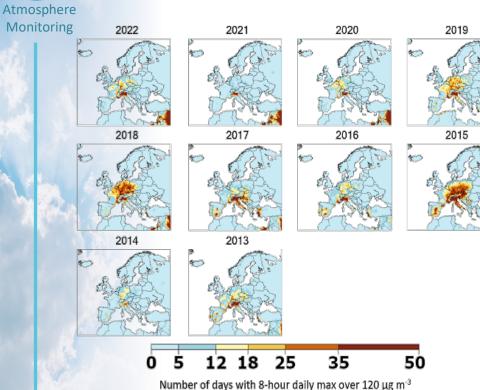
- CAMS reanalysis provides a consistent dataset for understanding long-term changes in global atmospheric composition and air quality.
- This example shows January and June monthly climatology of surface PM2.5 concentration calculated as the mean for the data from 2003-2019.
- Maps of anomalies for January and June 2020 highlight increased desert dust and decreased fire emissions.
- Support for WMO/GAW & BAMS annual bulletins.







CAMS EUROPEAN AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT 2022



See details here:

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/cams-releases-interim-assessment-report-air-quality-europe

CAMS has published in June the 2022 Air Quality assessment report based on "up-to-date" surface observations, offering a first detailed insight into last year's air quality situation.

In 2022, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic had subsided, and the year was less influenced by pandemic-related anthropogenic emissions changes compared to 2020 and 2021. However, the energy and security crises in Europe had a significant impact on air quality, surpassing any lingering effects of COVID-19.

The data is widely used including by data journalists (ex.: Deutsche Welle...)

See: https://www.dw.com/en/air-pollution-nearly-everyone-in-europe-breathing-bad-air/a-66657048?mobileApp=true)









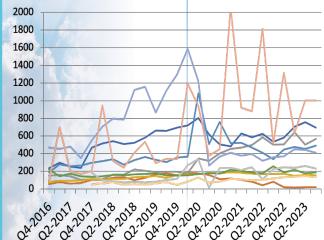
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CAMS DIRECT USERS (Q3 2023)

About half of CAMS products have over **400 routinely (often daily) active users**. The **ADS** has now **16925 registered users** (+8.6% vs Q2). **309 TB** of CAMS data was downloaded in Q3 (+34.9% vs Q2). Growth in registered users was **+3.8%** during Q3.

ACTIVE USERS DURING Q3 2023

Total: 2732 (-31 compared to Q2 2023; only "data" users counted, policy tool/website users not counted)

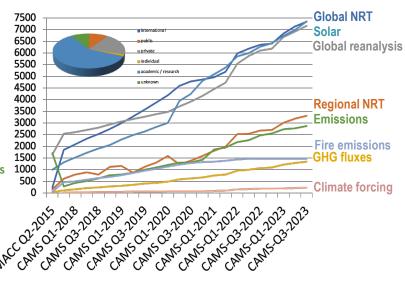


Policy website visitors

Global forecasts users
Reanalysis users
Solar radiation all-sky users
Regional air quality users
Emissions
Solar radiation clear-sky users
Direct dissemin. global users
GHG and climate forcings
Global fire emissions users

CAMS REGISTERED USERS END Q3 2023

Total: 31074 (+1125 compared to Q2 2023)











COMMUNICATION HIGHLIGHTS (Q3 2023)

Media

In Q3, CAMS experienced a record of **5083 mentions**, the Canadian wildfires release was by the largest share of the mentions for CAMS in the Quarter with 2,317, followed by wildfires in Greece with 1,956 mentions. All in all, the wildfires topic received the biggest share of mentions with a total of 4,273.

Partnership

Detailed performances of CAMS Air Quality Index bulletin broadcast on CNN

July-Sept. 2023	Estimated reach	Frequency	Number of impacts
Grand total	259,153,842	8,7	2,266,027,715
Total EMEA	38,587,923	7,6	294,395,232
Total Asia	174,914,103	8,6	1,502,541,536
Total LATAM	45,651,816	10,3	469,090,948



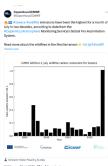
Digital

atmosphere.copernicus.eu

- 128k page views
- 68.7k users

X/Twitter

- **59.2k** followers LinkedIn
- 21.2k followers





Top social media posts









READY TO USE CAMS DATA?

- Just having a look
- (can also have a look at some of the CAMS data with some of our users)
- Training and experimenting with CAMS data using Jupyter Notebooks
- Downloading data and using it locally on your own machines (ADS)
- Using WEkEO





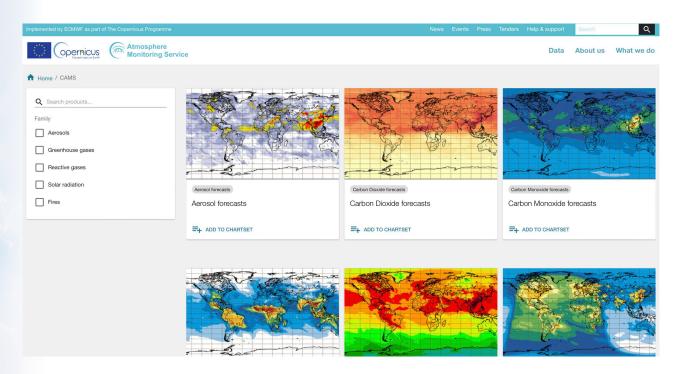




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JUST HAVING A LOOK

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/charts/packages/cams/





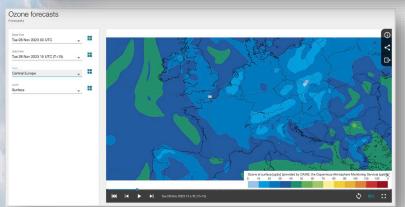


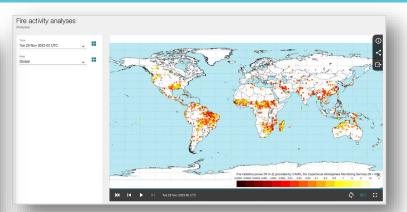


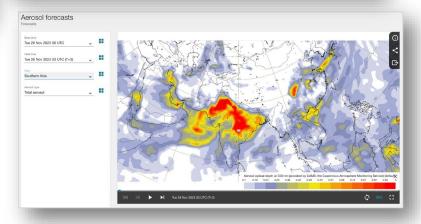


WHAT'S THE SITUATION TODAY?

















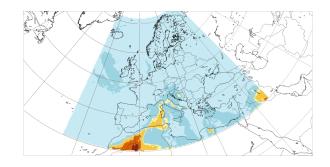
A NEW INTERFACE UNVEILED FOR EUROPEAN AIR QUALITY

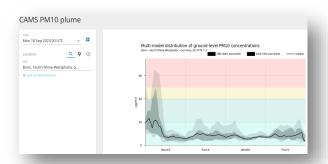
CAMS has introduced a revamped interface for the European air quality forecasts. The look and feel of the charts changes, with new intuitive navigation features in line with the global forecasts interface.

A new feature is that by clicking anywhere in the observed area of the map you can obtain a timeseries of the requested forecast for the selected location. These provide a visualisation of the spread between the forecasts of the 11 models in the ensemble, giving an indication of the uncertainty of the forecast for the selected location. Until now this feature was only available for selected cities.

This is available here:

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/european-air-quality-forecast-plots.





See details here: https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/new-interface-our-european-air-quality-

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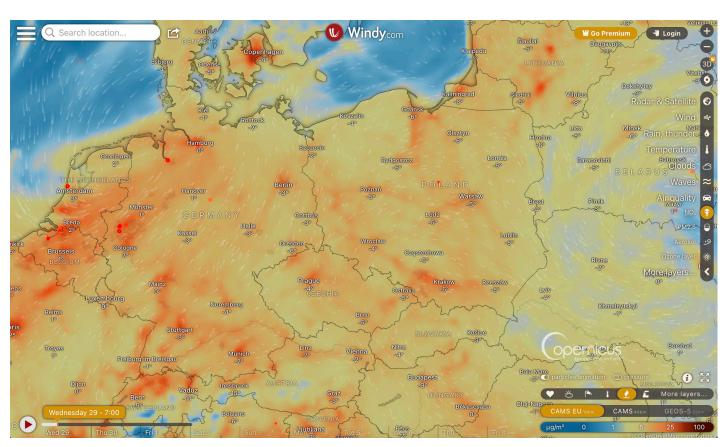






CAMS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON MANY PLATFORMS

https://www.windy.com

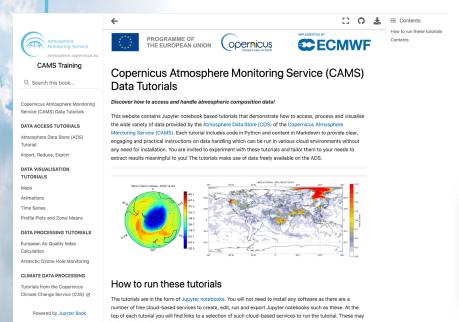




TRAINING ACTIVITIES

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CAMS works very closely with its partners on training about atmospheric composition (science, data, model, use of tools...).





CAMS also provides its own training resources (e.g., via Jupyter notebooks).

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/training



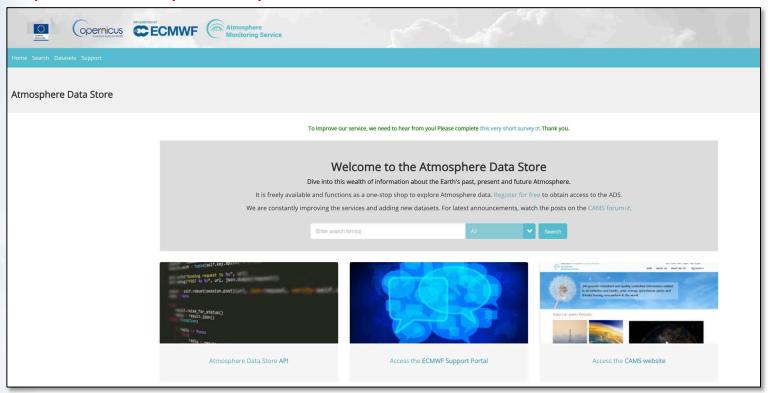






ACCESS TO DATA: THE ATMOSPHERE DATA STORE (ADS)

http://ads.atmosphere.copernicus.eu



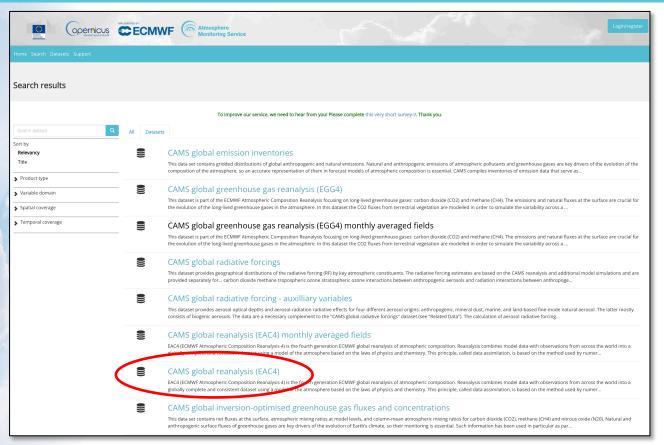








ADS: AVAILABLE DATA SETS



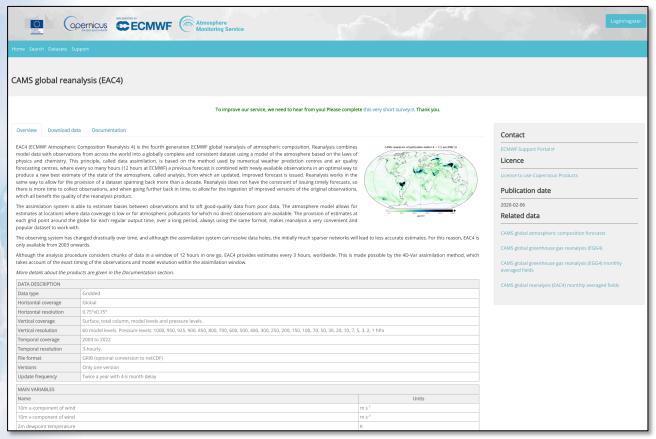








ADS: DATASET DESCRIPTION



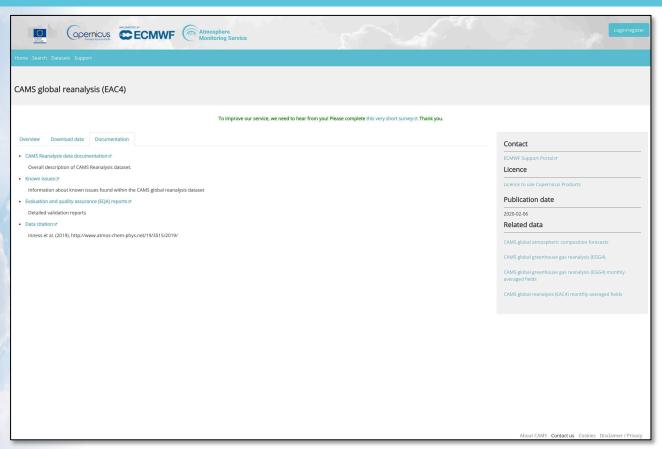








ADS: DOCUMENTATION





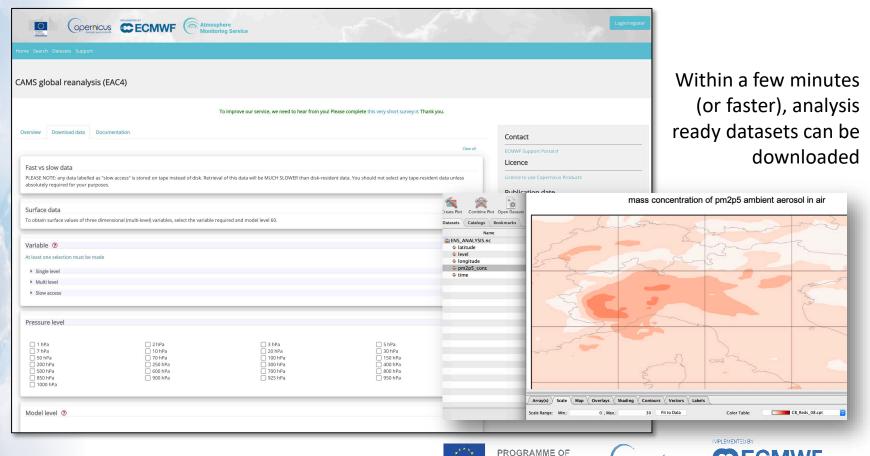






ADS: DATA DOWNLOAD

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Monitoring

AND IF YOU NEED VIRTUAL MACHINES... THERE IS WEKEO

https://www.wekeo.eu











USER SUPPORT

Atmosphere Monitoring

Help and support

We are committed to helping users make the most of our open data. As part of our service, we provide a range of channels for getting the necessary help and support.

24/7 Knowledge Base

The Knowledge Base provides documentation and answers to frequently asked auestions.

Forum

Become part of the community, work together and support each other.

Contact us

Can't find the answer you're looking for? Get in touch!

Login to the ECMWF Support Portal

Mailing lists

CAMS uses email mailing lists to inform users about changes to its forecast services, such as system upgrades and potential changes to the timing of the product availability.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

ECMWF SUPPORT GUIDELINES >

Quality Assurance

We continually check the accuracy of our products against independent observations in quarterly reports.

Documentation

provide documentation on our data products describing the underlying production systems.

Training

CAMS provides training to its users through workshops and on-line resources.

User Satisfaction

We run user satisfaction surveys every year.

- 2020 report
- 2019 report - 2018 Report
- 2017 Report
- feedback is key to us

Surveys

- Your









Monitoring

TWISTS AND TURNS OF THE 2023 OZONE HOLE

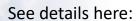
The 2023 Antarctic ozone hole has had a somewhat erratic behaviour since its unusually early start beginning of August. In September it became the **sixth largest ozone hole ever observed**, before returning to average ozone hole values in October, to then spike again at the end of the month. This highly variable pattern can be related to different factors, including the **temperatures and wind patterns in the stratosphere, global warming and the eruption of the Hunga Tonga volcano in January 2022**, that injected large amounts of water vapor in the

Southern Hemisphere ozone hole area

25 1979 - 2020 75%
2021 2022
20 2023 median
25%
5%
15
Area of Antarctica

Area of Antarctica

December



https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/twists-and-turns-2023-southern-hemisphere-ozone-hole





Ozone hole development 2023

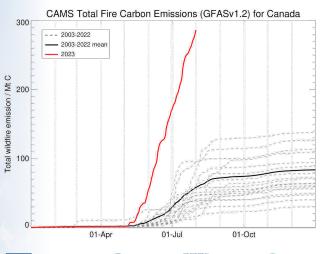


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RECORD-BREAKING BOREAL WILDFIRE SEASON 2023

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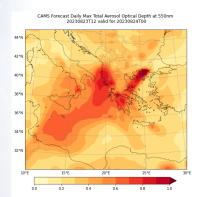
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RAMME OF UROPEAN UNION



ECMWF





CAMS has monitored record-breaking wildfires throughout the summer providing near-real-time information on active fires, their impact on air quality (including long-range transport) and the resulting CO₂ emissions.

CAMS particularly covered unprecedented fires in most Canadian states and territories and parts of Greece (Rhodos...).

The complementarity between the information provided by CAMS and C3S made Copernicus a goto resource. CAMS information was taken up in many top tier media and let to a number of interviews (including live ones).

See details here:

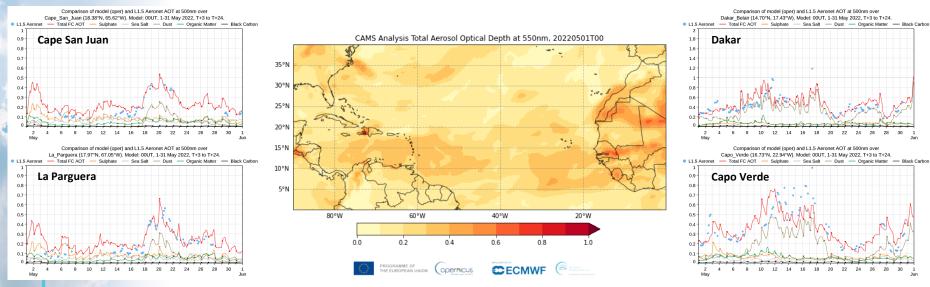
https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/record-breaking-boreal-wildfire-season

and: https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/august-wildfires-ravage-northern-central-greece



EX. SAHARAN DUST EVENTS (MAY 2022)

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CAMS operational forecasts and air pollution cases monitored by NRT in CAMS 'Weather Room'. Information shared with users via CAMS website, social media and press.



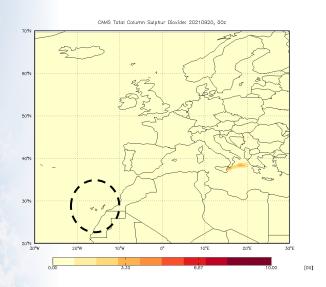




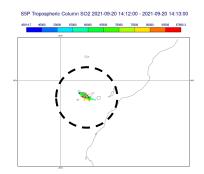


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EX. VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS (SEPTEMBER 2021)

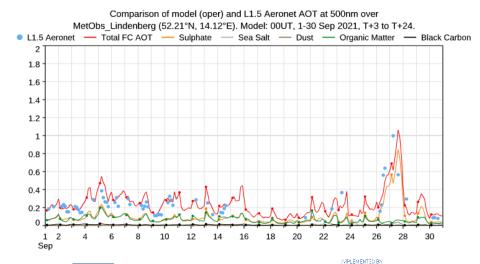


- Cumbre Vieja volcano on La Palma erupted on 19 September 2021 for first time since 1971
- First SO₂ detections from GOME-2 & S-5P assimilated in IFS at 06z on 20 September (layer height ~550 hPa)
- Initial transport to the NW across N Africa, Europe and Mediterranean



PROGRAMME OF

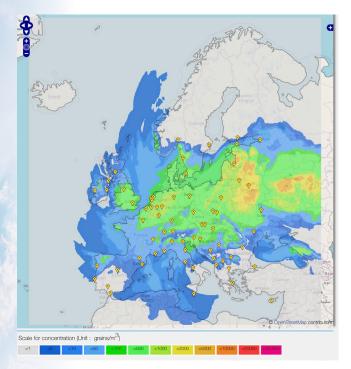
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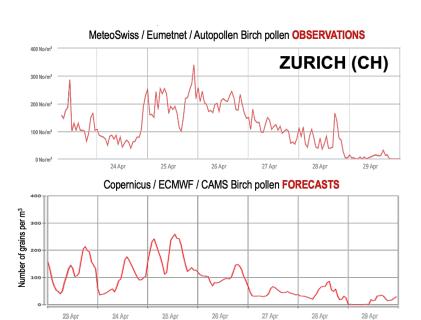




POLLEN FORECASTS & NEAR-REAL-TIME EVALUATION

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CAMS provides pollen forecasts for 6 species (alder, birch, grass, mugwort, olive, ragweed) with same technology as for AQ pollutants.









CAMS NEW FRONTIER: OBSERVATIONS BASED EMISSIONS

Main target is anthropogenic CO₂, but also CH4 and pollutants



A European contribution to CEOS, GCOS, GEO, and WMO efforts in support of the Paris Agreement.

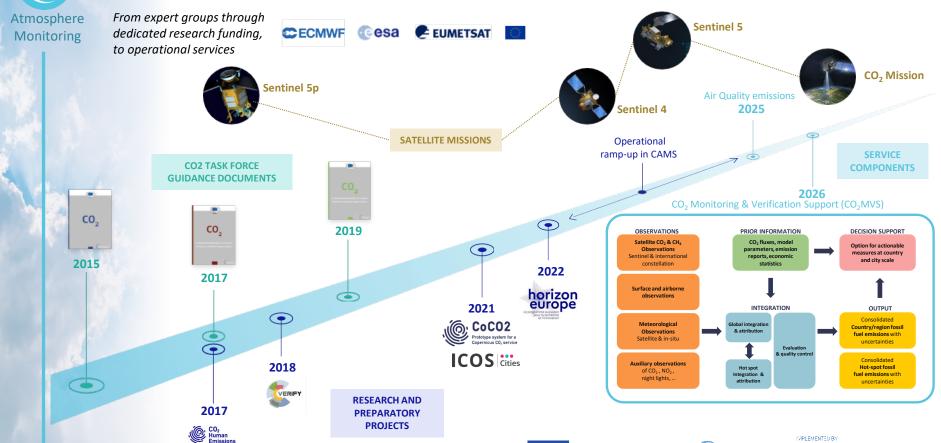








TIMELINE OF CAMS EMISSION SERVICES



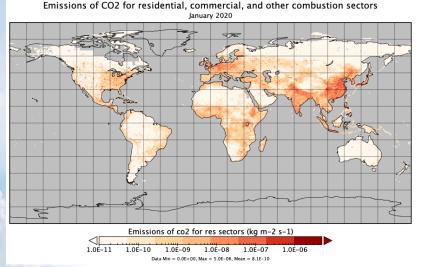


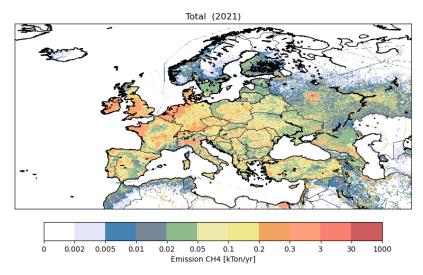






CAMS CURRENT PRODUCTS: EMISSION INVENTORIES





Global and regional emission inventories for greenhouse gases and many air pollutants based on existing global inventories using projections for latest years (global) and nationally reported emissions (regional).









CARBON MONITOR NOW CONTRIBUTES TO CAMS



Carbon Monitor provides one of the most advanced and CO₂ emissions datasets in the world regarding day-to-day variations, thanks to a comprehensive inventory approach to produce daily estimates. Estimates are based on a wide range of activity data, including electrical power generation, and industrial production indices for 62 countries or regions as well as mobility data for 416 cities.

In cooperation with CAMS, Carbon Monitor has produced Carbon Monitor Europe (CM-EU), a specific extension of the dataset for EU. **Data is presented on the CAMS website**. See details here:

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/carbon-monitorand-cams-team-provide-date-co2-emissionsestimates-europe



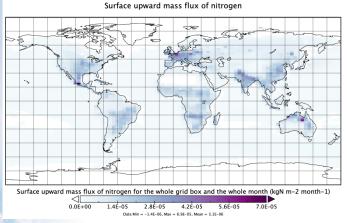


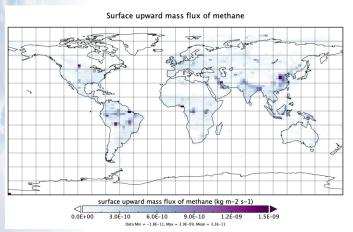


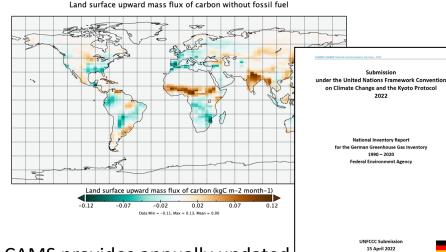


CAMS CURRENT PRODUCTS: ATMOSPHERIC INVERSION DATA

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atmospheric inversion flux data for CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O spanning several decades, currently at relatively coarse resolution. (For latest developments, see presentation by F. Chevallier)





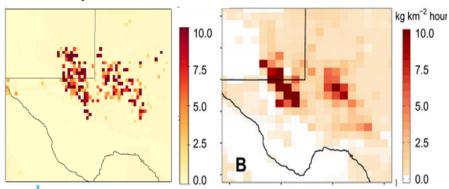




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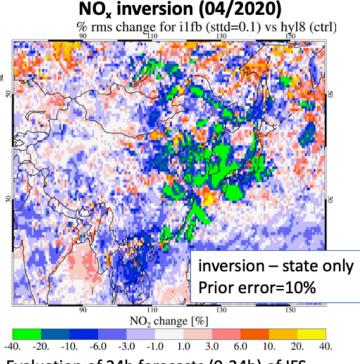
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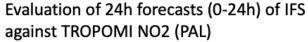
CH₄ inversion over Permian Bassin IFS posterior Zhang et al.



- CH₄ inversion results in agreement with previous studies.
- NOx inversion results show small improvements over Southeast Asia (ongoing prior errors sensitivity tests).

CoCO2 - Prototype system for a Copernicus CO₂ service









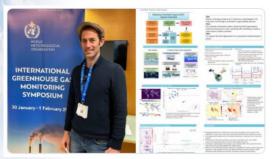




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WMO's GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS WATCH (G3W)





Together with delegates from the European Commission DG DEFIS, ESA and EUMETSAT, CAMS was actively involved in the discussions and shared the progress towards the European Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Verification Support Capacity. ECMWF and CAMS intend to play a key role in the WMO-led operational Global Greenhouse Gas Watch working with key institutions from USA, Canada, Japan, China and elsewhere.

See details here: https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/cams-supports-global-

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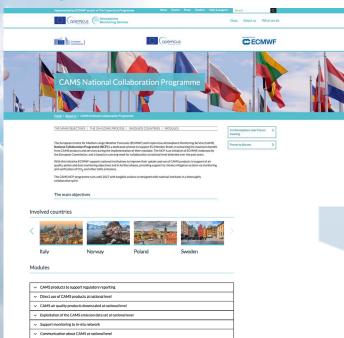




CAMS NATIONAL COLLABORATION PROGRAMME(NCP)

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Training and knowledge transfer



New approach to the Copernicus **national institutional users**

- to enhance the uptake of CAMS products at national level by co-designing joint activities
- to assess the quality and fitness for purpose of CAMS products over national domain (user feedback & user needs)
- to provide a gateway to reach the general public at national level and in national language (communication)
- Budget allocated: 16M€ shared amongst all the countries
- NCP web site with countries contributions
- 2 phases covering the period 2023-2027
 - 1st phase:18 months contracts
 - 2nd phase: renewed contracts with same or differerent topics

https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/cams-national-collaboration-programme









LOOKING BACK AT CAMS 1.0

Atmosphere Monitoring

BAMS Article

The Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service

From Research to Operations

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ABSTRACT: The Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS), part of the European Union's Earth observation program Copernicus, entered operations in July 2015, Implemented by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) as a truly European effort with over 23,500 direct data users and well over 200 million end users worldwide as of March 2022, CAMS delivers numerous global and regional information products about air quality, inventorybased emissions and observation-based surface fluxes of greenhouse gases and from biomass burning, solar energy, ozone and UV radiation, and climate forcings. Access to CAMS products is open and free of charge via the Atmosphere Data Store. The CAMS global atmospheric composition analyses, forecasts, and reanalyses build on ECMWF's Integrated Forecasting System (IFS) and exploit over 90 different satellite data streams. The global products are complemented by coherent higher-resolution regional air quality products over Europe derived from multisystem analyses and forecasts. CAMS information products also include policy support such as quantitative impact assessment of short- and long-term pollutant-emission mitigation scenarios, source apportionment information, and annual European air quality assessment reports. Relevant CAMS products are cited and used for instance in IPCC Assessment Reports. Providing dedicated support for users operating smartphone applications, websites, or TV bulletins in Europe and worldwide is also integral to the service. This paper presents key achievements of the CAMS initial phase (2014–21) and outlines some of its new components for the second phase (2021–28), e.g., the new Copernicus anthropogenic CO, emissions Monitoring and Verification Support capacity that will monitor global anthropogenic emissions of key greenhouse gases.

KEYWORDS: Atmosphere; Numerical weather prediction/forecasting; Reanalysis data; Air quality; Societal impacts: Atmospheric composition

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